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The Inside Scoop on Discovering Chappaqua

After living in Chappaqua for 23 years, it’s hard to imagine calling anywhere else home. Between raising my two wonderful kids here and running (since 2003) the Inside Press, a print and online publishing company—its flagship pub, Inside Chappaqua & Millwood—regularly highlights the fun and fabulous options here—I can honestly tell you that I’m filled with joy and gratitude every single day. I am also always ‘discovering’ something new here, too, whether it is the opening of an exciting new arts venue like the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, a new hiking trail or new shopping or dining option. It is with these sentiments that I’m pleased to present to you the Discover New Castle guide. I hope it will prove useful and handy to long-time residents and also to any visitor considering calling New Castle home too. The guide has been produced in collaboration with Town Hall and all its articles can be found on a Town Hall website called Discover Chappaqua. Discoverchappaqua.com intends to continue to support, advocate for and promote our beautiful town, and I applaud those efforts.

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Opportunities for Seniors

New Castle is proud to note that many residents remain in the community long after the kids have ‘grown and flown.’ The Recreation and Parks Department oversees senior programming to help promote and enhance the quality of life of adults 60 years and over living in the community. Recreation programs, fitness classes and a comprehensive array of supportive services are offered regularly, and encourage both continued independence and involvement in community life. Popular classes at the New Castle Senior Center on Senter Street include artistic pursuits like Watercolor & Drawing and Passport to Active Living daily workouts. Games such as Bridge, Mah Jongg and Poker are another great way to socialize and have fun, and all ability levels are welcome. Music-loving seniors appreciate the free Open Rehearsals of the Chappaqua Orchestra. Lectures, also free, cover topics as far-ranging as classical music to health and fitness. There is even a weekly Pizza ‘n Cinema meet-up featuring vintage and classic films. Senior transportation is available and affordable, and the Senior Watch, a voluntary program open to all, offers peace of mind to those who may not have family or friends available on a regular basis. Further information including the Senter Street Spotlight bi-monthly newsletter: mynewcastle.org/departments/parks-recreation-2/senior-programs

New Castle Town Camps

Summer is everyone’s favorite season. Longer days, sunshine and warmth, and lots of great outdoor activities make for very happy campers—figuratively, but also literally. New Castle Town Camps are the very definition of happy kid campers. Open to all town recreation residents, there are camp groups for all ages: Tot Camp, designed with young three to five year old children in mind, offers half-day enrollment. Camp Adventure, loaded with fun activities for first through fourth graders, meets at Bell Middle School but includes off-site activities like field trips as well. On-the-Go Camp, for fifth through eighth graders, offers exciting daily excursions to all kinds of kid-approved fun destinations; and the C.I.T program for ninth and tenth graders prepares young teens to move from camper to counselor. There is also a Summer at the Art Center camp for children aged four through seven with a special interest in art. mynewcastle.org/departments/parks-recreation-2/summer-day-camp
Volunteering for New Castle

New Castle offers many volunteering opportunities for residents to share their time and skills. The volunteer options allow residents to play an active role in developing town policies, events, and programs. Here are ways to get involved in helping make New Castle the best it can be:

**Every Person is Connected**
EPIC promotes the inclusion of community members with disabilities through implementing programs, advising the town board, and developing opportunities for those with special needs. The board informs residents with disabilities on the town’s recreational, educational, and social opportunities, and aims to improve their quality of life. Contact: EPIC@mynewcastle.org

**Arts & Culture Committee**
This committee supports the growth of the arts in New Castle through promoting and proposing events and programming, such as art exhibits, music, dance, theater, and film. The organization meets twice a month and collaborates with the town and third parties to enhance the community's events and programs dedicated to the arts. NCACC members also research arts programming of interest in neighboring communities and gather feedback on past and future events. Contact: arts@mynewcastle.org

**Beautification Board**
The board supports and develops programming that enhances the appearance of New Castle, often collaborating with the Parks and Recreation Department. The Beautification Board sponsors the annual Clean-Up Day in April as well as the “Adopt a Bench” program, which commemorates loved ones and special events. Board members also choose holiday lights and décor for the downtown area during wintertime. Contact: BAB@mynewcastle.org

**Community Preparedness Committee**
The committee facilitates emergency preparedness for severe weather conditions and power outages. Members advise the town board, educate residents on preparing their homes for emergencies, and coordinate volunteer neighborhood emergency teams. Contact: prepare@mynewcastle.org

**Health and Wellness Task Force**
Health and wellness are high priorities for the citizens of the Town of New Castle. This committee provides the community with educational resources about public health matters and providing support on a wide variety of health and wellness matters.

**New Castle for Inclusion & Diversity Committee**
The committee promotes the town’s inclusion and diversity goals through programming in New Castle. To create community awareness about differences in others and encourage respect for these qualities, the organization hosts fundraising events and community celebration. It published a book list (prepared by the Chappaqua Library) which celebrates diversity. Contact: inclusion@mynewcastle.org

**New Castle Conservation Board**
Studies and advises the Town Board and other Town departments, boards and commissions on developing sound open space planning and assuring preservation of natural and scenic resources within the Town of New Castle. For more information, please contact Dennis Corelli, Town’s Environmental Coordinator at dcorelli@mynewcastle.org

**Sustainability Advisory Board**
This board’s many tasks include waste management, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and educating residents. A committee advises the board on local construction projects to promote more sustainable practices. Visit mynewcastle.org/sustainability-advisory-board

Finally, **Friends of ChappPac** is also a new and vital board supporting the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center. To learn more about ChappPac, and volunteering, see page 31.

For more information about any New Castle advisory board, please visit mynewcastle.org/departments/advisory-boards
New Castle is a community dedicated to sustainability, and has a board dedicated to reducing our carbon footprint and being a role model community in helping to save the planet for future generations. Three prime examples of our community’s commitment to sustainability are the Take It or Leave It Shed, the Reusable Bag Initiative and an Electric Shuttle.

The Take It Or Leave It Shed
The shed was first opened over a decade ago by volunteers and the Department of Public Works. Located behind the Shell station on South Greeley Avenue, the Take it or Leave it Shed is open May through October on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon to coincide with the outdoor season of the Chappaqua Farmer’s Market.

You never know what you’ll find at the shed, but it is guaranteed to be free.

Only New Castle residents can donate to the shed (ID is required) but residents and non-residents are allowed to reap the benefits of the items left behind. Items must be dropped off before 11:30 a.m., and there is a maximum of two carloads of items per family per week, so don’t be tempted to use the shed as your own personal dumpster!

For more information and a list of acceptable items for the shed, visit www.mynewcastle.org or call the Department of Public Works at (914) 238-3968.

Reusable Bag Law
In 2017, New Castle showed the world that every day is earth day when the Reusable Bag Law was officially passed. New Castle became the first town in New York State to adopt a ban/fee hybrid bag law. Under the legislation championed by the New Castle Sustainability Advisory Board, the law eliminates distribution of single-use plastic carryout bags at all stores and requires a 10-cent charge for paper shopping bags at the types of stores that use the most bags–grocery stores, convenience stores and pharmacies.

Every week New Castle saves tens of thousands of bags from entering our waterways and food stream, and littering our parks and roads. This initiative has been so successful that it has served as a model for other Westchester towns seeking to pass similar laws. For more information about this and to see how the Advisory Board is working on changing state and county-wide laws on this issue, visit mynewscastle.org or SAB@mynewscastle.org.

The Electric Ride
The Town of New Castle was named the first small community in Westchester County to be designated a Clean Energy Community by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. A $100,000 grant to the town was used to purchase an electric shuttle which connects Chappaqua Crossing with the Chappaqua Train Station.
Recreation and Parks

The Recreation and Parks Department in New Castle is proud to offer something for everyone. Offerings include the finest art workshops in Westchester County along with a wide range of children's programs from infants to toddlers and preschoolers, as well as a very successful dance program. Looking for camp? The town has a variety of Summer Camps for children ages 4 through 8th grade and also Specialty Camps such as Soccer, Lacrosse and Basketball.

Annual events include the adorable Halloween Ragamuffin Parade, a free Fishing Derby and a very challenging 10K & 5K Road Race which traverses the hilly terrain of New Castle. In cooperation with the Chappaqua-Millwood Chamber of Commerce, residents enjoy a series of summer concerts at Recreation Field. There are also a fair share of youth sports here in town as well; youth athletic programs include Baseball/Softball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Field Hockey, Flag Football, Wrestling and Basketball.

For more info, call 914-238-3909 or visit mynewcastle.org

Exploring the Great Outdoors

One of New Castle’s greatest draws is its natural beauty with its very own network of parks and sanctuaries—a glorious 549 acres of parkland spread across seven separate parks and two preserves. Town parks and preserves include Amsterdam, Burden, Gedney, Glazier, Millwood Park, Recreation Field, Sunny Ridge, Warburg, and Whippoorwill, with facilities including hiking trails, ball fields, and playgrounds.

Parks ideal for walking, exercise, and quality time with family, friends or your canine pal include Gedney, Whippoorwill and Millwood parks. Gorgeous Gedney (many call it ‘Chappaqua’s Jewel’) is especially popular for dog walking along its beautiful pond, where you might spot a turtle swimming along with ducks and swans. It also has a year round comfort station, a popular children’s playground, plus hills families love for snow days sledding! Millwood Park is a popular haven too with a sprawling ballfield, two tennis courts, and a playground area.

And whether you are rollerblading or just looking for the perfect place to push a stroller, your best best is the 26-mile North Country Trailway maintained by the Westchester County Department of Parks. A popular section of the trail starts in Millwood. Public parking is just off Route 133, near Millwood Town Plaza. Take the well paved path north to the trailway bridge where you’ll be surrounded by natural beauty. Walkers, bikers, hikers and in line skaters are all welcome. Use caution where the road crosses public roads. For trail maps and parking information, visit westchestergov.com

In addition, The Saw Mill River Audubon Society maintains eight local wildlife sanctuaries. Trail maps are posted at each site and the trails are open to the public from dawn to dusk. Two in particular, Pruyn Sanctuary and Pinecliff Sanctuary, are ideal for a leisurely country walk. The Pruyn Sanctuary (pronounced Prine), 92 acres off Route 133, has three miles of wide open trails. Public Parking is available at both entrances, the garden entrance at the Pruyn home (off Route 133, two miles east of Millwood or just before the train entrance at the end of Woodmill Road. Following the Fern and Pruyn trails will take you on a dirt road with sections of boardwalk through a pond, arboretum, and a butterfly and hummingbird garden. There’s enough terrain change to make this an interesting walk requiring moderate endurance. The Pinecliff Sanctuary is at the end of Pinecliff Road in Chappaqua. It offers a quarter mile of wheelchair accessible boardwalk—allowing everyone the chance to experience nature. Benches and interpretive signs dot the path taking you through a pond and red maple swamp, an especially rich habitat of local birds. Stroll through in ten minutes or repeat the loop, or try the additional half mile of upland trails which connect to the boardwalk. sawmillriveraudubon.org
New Castle Police Department

The Town of New Castle Police Department is a full service accredited law enforcement organization of 37 sworn officers and 16 civilian employees under the leadership of Chief James Carroll. Chief Carroll recently took over as Chief after 25 years of ongoing and dedicated service; he began as a Police Officer in 1993, and worked next as a Field Training Officer, and then made Sergeant followed by Lieutenant before taking on the mantle of Chief. He and his entire force are dedicated to the safety and welfare of all New Castle residents. In addition to responding to 911 calls, the NCPD offers a full range of non-emergency services; some examples include: Child Safety Seat Inspection, Vacant House Check, Senior Watch Program, and Nixle Communication. Additionally, the New Castle Police Department partnered with Chappaqua resident and DORCs (Distracted Operators Risk Casualties) co-founder Ben Lieberman, to implement the now nationally-recognized “Hands off the Phone and On the Wheel” initiative. The Town of New Castle enjoys a high quality of life with low crime rates, and is well known as a great place to raise a family. mynewcastle.org/departments/police

Chappaqua Fire Department

The Chappaqua Fire Department is the very definition of what it means to be a good neighbor. In fact, the department’s slogan “Neighbors Helping Neighbors Since 1910” was adopted in 2005 as their mission statement; a code-of-conduct promise to serve day-in and day-out 24/7/365. Chief John Maduras commands this municipal service, overseeing a fully volunteer staff of men and women, all of whom are highly trained in all aspects of Fire Suppression, Rescue, Fire Prevention and much more. They ask little in return other than that residents do their part to prevent fires and stop them from spreading. To this end, the CFD website is full of helpful tips and information. It is also the place to become involved; the CFD is continuously accepting applications for membership. chappaquafd.org

Millwood Fire Company

The Millwood Fire Company, a 100% volunteer company of nearly seventy members, proudly serves and protects the citizens of Millwood, New York a hamlet of the town of New Castle, as well as large portions of Chappaqua and Ossining. Responding from two stations, the MFC protects a fire district of approximately 10 square miles; primarily residential, the area also includes a handful of commercial developments, as well as a regional electrical substation, a regional water filtration plant, several public schools and several group homes. Under the leadership of Chief Jan Schwark, the Millwood Fire Company is always looking for men and women who are willing to put forth the effort and take a step forward in community service. No prior experience is required, and full state approved training will be provided. Anybody over the age of 16 and in good health is welcome to fill out an application. millwoodfire.org
For more than 80 years, the Chappaqua Volunteer Ambulance Corps, aka CVAC, has provided emergency care to those who visit, live, or work in New Castle. Volunteers are members of the community who can and do give freely of their time. Motivated by a combination of community spirit, a desire to give back, camaraderie, and an interest in emergency medicine, CVAC members share a common passion for helping the community. They respond to over 500 calls annually, attending to all forms of medical emergencies in the New Castle district. Whether it’s an at-home accident or illnesses, or an on-the-road vehicular accident, CVAC is quickly dispatched and equally quick to the scene. After triaging the situation, CVAC usually transports the patient to a local hospital Emergency Room for further medical care. CVAC also reaches out with programs to educate the community on First Aid and CPR. There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work that goes into making sure CVAC is ready to respond to medical emergencies in the community. To find out more, and/or to volunteer (no experience or background in emergency care is necessary or required; training is free and provided by CVAC):
chappaquaambulance.org

Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps

OVAC, the Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps, is comprised of both volunteer and career members who provide care 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Currently, there are 25 active members, and more than 40 lifetime members who have all given over ten years of service to the Ossining Community. Members come from a variety of backgrounds and walks of life, and range in age from 16-year-old High School students to retirees. Though diverse, they are bound by their desire to be of service to their neighbors. Monthly training is part of the required duties of membership; EMT classes are offered in neighboring communities in conjunction with the Phelps Pre-Hospital Training Department. OVAC members also train others, offering First Aid and CPR courses as needed for anyone interested. In addition to the primary responsibility of answering emergency medical care calls, volunteers participate in community events such as parades, standbys at church bazaars and street fairs, and make presentations in community schools. ossiningvac.org

First responder contact info
If it’s an emergency, dial 911!
For any non-emergency, keep this list handy.

Chappaqua Police Department, 914 238-4422
Chappaqua Fire Department, 914-238-4205
Millwood Fire Department, 914-941-2222
Chappaqua Volunteer Ambulance Corps, 914 -238-3191
Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps, 914 941-9196
New Castle Animal Control, 914 238-6889
The Chappaqua Central School District: 
A Community for Learning

The Chappaqua Central School District is a nationally renowned suburban school system characterized by highly motivated students, well-educated and forward-thinking staff, and an actively involved parent community. The District offers a rigorous, interdisciplinary academic program and remains committed to providing an excellent education for all students in a supportive environment.

In order to continue Chappaqua’s record of success, the District has embarked on a Strategic Coherence Planning process. This extensive review will assist in aligning and focusing the systems that define Chappaqua’s schools with the reliable acquisition of the identified vital student skills and attributes believed to be the most critical to success beyond Greeley. Social-emotional learning and curriculum alignment will continue to be high priorities moving forward.

As 2016 Capital Bond projects are completed, students are thriving in the new spaces as they grapple with solving challenging real-life problems using the Chappaqua Design Process and critical thinking skills through a collaborative approach. Each elementary school has a Global Learning Center and MakerSpace, each middle school has a STEAM Center, and the high school has an iLab, MakerSpace, STEAM Center, Global Learning Center, Multi-Media Studio, two Instructional Centers, and a Visual Arts Lab. All of these student-centered learning environments support small and large group instruction, independent study, and team collaboration. Students can roll up their sleeves and actively participate in problem-based learning, divergent thinking, and knowledge creation. As a result, students perform well on the Regents exams, SATs and other measures of academic achievement. All six schools consistently rank among the top schools in the county, state, and the nation.

In addition, strong partnerships with Google, Microsoft, and Apple have enabled staff to leverage technology in new ways to provide feedback, personalize instruction, and monitor student progress. The goal is to graduate students who are thoughtful, creative, curious, proactive, imaginative, inventive, and can formulate hypotheses, effectively communicate their ideas, interact well with others, and are personally reflective. These are the students who will be ready for college and the work world.

While the District fully embraces its long history of offering a strong curriculum for core subjects as well as a wide range of Advanced Placement and elective courses that challenge and empower students, extra-curricular activities and athletics also play a key role. They provide students with many positive experiences that help them to become well-rounded individuals. Whether it’s pursuing their passions, discovering hidden talents, meeting people they might not otherwise encounter, or stepping outside of their comfort zones as they pursue something new and completely different, students receive a complete and comprehensive K-12 educational experience.

For more information, please visit ccsd.ws or call 914-238-7200.

Schools

Douglas G. Grafflin Elementary School (K-4, 441 students)
650 King St. • 238-7204 • dg.ccsd.ws

Roaring Brook Elementary School (K-4, 395 students)
530 Quaker Rd. • 238-7205 • rb.ccsd.ws

Westorchard Elementary School (K-4, 409 students)
25 Granite Rd. • 238-7206 • wo.ccsd.ws

The three elementary schools foster a love of learning in a nurturing environment that promotes mutual respect and encourages social responsibility. The emphasis is on higher-level thinking skills with the development of essential skills to provide a strong foundation for students to become life-long learners.
The schools are organized in heterogeneous classes with comprehensive support services and technology integrated into the curriculum. The instrumental music program (lessons and group instruction) begins in fourth grade, with students selecting from a variety of string, woodwind, and brass instruments to play as they embark on their exploration of band or orchestra participation.

Elementary teachers nourish students’ emotional lives and guide their social development, instilling in them an appreciation of self-worth, of individual difference, and of global interdependence. They help students learn how to manage freedom and to act ethically so that each may become a responsible, contributing member of a global society, and are supported in their work by a variety of special area teachers as well as teaching specialists. While responsible for covering the District’s challenging curriculum, teachers are encouraged to use their individual talents and interests for the benefit of their students. The end result is a caring and nurturing child-focused environment with student projects and artwork covering just about every inch of the hallways.

Robert E. Bell Middle School (5-8, 623 students)
50 Senter St. • 238-7202 • bs.ccsd.ws

Seven Bridges Middle School (5-8, 584 students)
222 Seven Bridges Rd. • 238-7203 • sb.ccsd.ws

Each school recognizes that young adolescents have unique developmental needs on cognitive, social, emotional and physical levels. The middle school program addresses these needs and builds upon the attributes and unique skills and abilities of every student while providing them with a strong academic foundation.

The middle schools also embrace a team-teaching philosophy, with staff meeting daily to discuss student needs, curricular and instructional issues, and to communicate with parents and support personnel. Students apply creativity and are committed to learning and growth. They are good writers and speakers who express themselves well in many media, and are open-minded and at ease collaborating and cooperating with others. They study core subjects and take courses in technology, computers, art, music, physical education, health and family and consumer science. Foreign language instruction begins in the 5th grade when students have the option of taking Latin, French, or Spanish.

In addition to exploring mini-courses designed to promote critical thinking and analytical skills, there are extensive after-school programs, which include modified sports and clubs and organizations that address other interests of young adolescents.

Horace Greeley High School (9-12, 1,266 students)
70 Roaring Brook Rd. • 238-7201 • hg.ccsd.ws

Greeley students are self-motivated and highly engaged as they are taught to think critically and collaborate to solve problems in all courses. In addition to core subjects (most students take English, social studies, math, science, and foreign language classes through their senior year), students are committed to the fine and performing arts and have an opportunity to take any number of the dozens of electives offered—including shared online courses, a science research course, independent study, and the senior experience internship program. Over two-thirds of the student body participate in more than 85 clubs and organizations, publish two student newspapers, and compete on over 70 sports teams.
Chappaqua PTA advocates for every student and provides a wide range of programs and events to all children.

Each year the Chappaqua PTA, with the help of parents and families, coordinates and funds many popular programs including R21P&K, Cultural Enrichment, Young Writer’s Workshop, Learning to Look, the Special Education Committee, Parent Education Programs with sought after speakers and relevant topics for parents, STEMfest, Science Olympiad and Hour of Code events. Each year, PTA members take charge of a myriad of diverse enrichment programs for students at each of New Castle’s six schools.

From the spring before kindergarten to graduation day and beyond, the Chappaqua PTA provides programs and events designed for every stage of a student’s development. With grade level playground get togethers and socials, the PTA provides opportunities for kids to socialize and build peer relationships.

Cultural enrichment programs during the school day support the curriculum and help students develop strong classroom citizenship and help them resist and stop school bullying. Spooktacular, Fall Festival, Used Toy and Book Fair and the Craft Fair provide family events that connect kids with the wider town community. In ASE and ASP programs kids can develop athletic skills, try out arts and crafts, explore nature, jump into coding or Lego tech or even dabble in stocks.

With theater programs in elementary and middle school and talent shows at the middle schools, students gain a chance to be brave and explore the arts. The Chappaqua PTA even helps children look beyond their school years and into their future with 8th grade Career Day, Greeley Alumni night, Speed Interviewing at Greeley and PHG101—a look at life after Greeley.

The Chappaqua PTA also provides relevant, up-to-date information to parents, curated by both school and grade. The Chappaqua PTA website at chappaquapta.membershiptoolkit.com/home is a vital communication platform with timely information in an easy access and easy to use format for every family; parents can find information here from each school as well as the Chappaqua PTA and its subcommittees.

This is just a small sampling of all the Chappaqua PTA and its school PTAs provide to students. The Chappaqua Central School District administration, teachers and parent volunteers help make all the programming possible. To get involved, please contact chappaquapptapresident@gmail.com.
The mission of the Chappaqua School Foundation (CSF) is to enhance the education of Chappaqua’s students by fostering innovation and funding meaningful initiatives beyond the scope of the school budget. CSF connects Chappaqua Central School District educators’ creativity, imagination and dedication with community support, engagement and investment. The result: CSF empowers educators to improve the quality of education by making innovation possible throughout the district. Since 1993, CSF has invested nearly 4 million dollars through the funding of over 340 educational grants positively impacting every school, every grade and every student in the District. chappaquaschoolfoundation.org

Horace Greeley Scholarship Fund

Sending a child to college can be a significant financial challenge. Since its founding in 1946, the Horace Greeley Scholarship Fund (HGSF) exists to make up “the difference” between the actual costs of college and all other financial resources available to students and their families (i.e. loans, scholarships, work-study, student and parent savings) by giving grants to Greeley students and alumni to cover these financial deficits. HGSF is a nonprofit organization whose Board of Directors is composed of community members. It is funded by caring neighbors and members of the New Castle community who want to ensure that every student can realize their dream of a college education. hgsf.org

Chappaqua Summer Scholarship Program

The Chappaqua Summer Scholarship Program (CSSP) was founded in 1968 when two longtime Chappaqua friends despaired over the educational crisis in New York City. Now entering its 51st year, CSSP offers a bridge between the Chappaqua community and students from under-sourced high schools in the Bronx. It is an academic enrichment home stay program during the month of July when 24 rising sophomores, juniors and seniors stay with two different host families and take courses in STEAM, Shakespeare studies, creative writing and film making. Afternoons are spent taking tennis and swim lessons and engaging in community service and other workshops and activities. CSSP notes that students have attended many wonderful colleges and universities, and have gone on to join the workforce in a multitude of professions. CSSP recently hosted its first annual college transition day for CSSP students entering college in the fall; an active Alumni Association has been formalizing a mentoring program between CSSP alumni and students in college. chappaquasummerscholarship.com
The Library’s mission is to provide information, programming, and access to resources and materials for the community’s educational and recreational needs. Our catalog, online resources, and downloadable books, movies and music are available to patrons 24 hours a day either through our website, chappaqualibrary.org, or our mobile app.

The library is open seven days a week during the school year: Monday-Thursday 9-8, Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 1-5. The library is closed on Sundays in the summer.

Your Library–24/7!

- Free wi-fi, public computers and wireless printing
- Study and conference rooms
- A wide assortment of books (including audiobooks and large print), popular and classic DVDs, and music
- Art gallery with curated exhibits
- Museum passes
- Extensive adult, teen, and children’s programming, with book discussions, lectures, concerts, storytimes, movies and more
- Online research databases
- Downloadable e-books, audiobooks, movies and music
- Extensive online archive of filmed library programs

The friendly and knowledgeable library staff will help you with all your research needs. The Chappaqua Library is part of The Westchester Library System, a consortium of 38 libraries in Westchester County with a shared online catalog and daily delivery service. Your library card gives you borrowing privileges at each, plus the ability to reserve an item and have it delivered locally for your convenience.

Board of Trustees
The Library is governed by a five-person board of trustees, elected by the voters of the Chappaqua Central School District. All meetings are open to the public, and generally take place at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

Friends of the Chappaqua Library
This non-profit organization promotes financial support for the Library through various fundraising events, donations, and membership fees. Meetings to discuss programs and funding are held monthly at the Chappaqua Library. The Friends hold an annual used book sale, which promotes reading throughout the community. They also sponsor the Young Writers Contest every spring for middle school and high school students.
The Chappaqua Library hosts many exciting and engaging programs throughout the year, all free and open to the public. Following are some highlights of recurring and ongoing events:

**Big Truck Day**
Held annually every spring, Big Truck Day is exactly what it sounds like. Come see an exciting display of “big trucks”—including, but not limited to, Chappaqua and Millwood firetrucks, Chappaqua Volunteer Ambulance Corps van, Chappaqua Transportation school buses, motorcycles, and assorted construction vehicles—right outside, in the Chappaqua Library parking lot! The event is free of charge and open to the public, and all ages are welcome!

**Computer Help**
Confused by your computer or smart phone? Our knowledgeable students can help you figure them out. One-on-one sessions let you focus on what you need.

**Foreign Policy Discussion Group**
Meeting at the Library once every other week for 16 sessions, this group listens to an expert guest speaker discuss world affairs. Discussion and questions follow. The topics offered vary from session to session and year to year.

**Friday Hangout**
Held every Friday during the school year (September through June, except for school vacation days), the library hosts a different drop-in program each week for students in grades 7-12. Past offerings have included author visits, book discussions, poetry readings, arts-and-crafts projects, and healthy snack cooking demonstrations.

**Great Books**
Read thought-provoking essays, poems and excerpts from longer pieces of literature and philosophy by great thinkers throughout the ages, classic to contemporary. Participants use the “shared inquiry” method of discussion to deepen and explore their understanding of the readings.

**Jazz at Lincoln Center**
Wynton Marsalis is your guide in this film series that explores the many facets of jazz.

**Museums at the Library**
This open house-style event, held every spring, features booths from local museums where participants can learn about each museum and take part in creative and fun hands-on activities. Science, art, nature, history, music and more; all ages welcome!

**Rising Stars Concert**
Held annually in April or May, this music festival features young student performers. Classical and contemporary works from West to East are performed, followed by light refreshments. Co-sponsored by the Organization of Chinese Americans of Westchester/Hudson Valley.

**Teen Study Hours**
The Library extends its hours until 10 p.m. for high school students during exam weeks in January, May & June. Cooperative study groups encouraged!

**Yale Alumni Lecture Series**
Expert teachers present their most popular lectures. Recent offerings have included The Six Films That Changed America and Psychology and the Good Life.

**Other Events**
Themed film series, author talks, poetry readings, writing workshops, gardening lectures, book signings, health and wellness programs, and more!

For dates and registration information, go to the Events tab on the library’s website, chappaqualibrary.org.
Founded in 1966, the New Castle Historical Society (NCHS) is a non-profit educational organization that seeks to research, discover, collect, and preserve the history of the Town of New Castle. The NCHS is located in the Horace Greeley House and is open to the public for tours and research.

The Town of New Castle’s diverse history is evident in its many parks, buildings, roadways, trails, businesses, and organizations. Residents and visitors alike will quickly find that New Castle is home to many captivating historical narratives. These narratives range from the days of the Wappinger Confederacy’s use of the land, to the early Quaker settlement of the area, to stories from the Colonial Times, the Revolutionary War, and the 19th and 20th centuries.

At the NCHS, residents and visitors alike may experience the past by touring the Horace Greeley House and the many local history exhibitions on display, by performing historic research in the collection and archive, or by taking a self-guided walking tour of Horace Greeley’s former farm and downtown Chappaqua. 100 King Street, Chappaqua, NY 10514, newcastlehs.org

NCHS Annual Highlights

Historic Tin-Punch Workshop – January
Each January, workshop participants step back in time to become tinsmiths, also known as tinkers. Each participant makes several tin-punch decorations to take home.

Victorian Valentine’s Tea -February
A New Castle favorite every year! Participants make Victorian crafts for Valentine’s Day, and practice penmanship and etiquette, before sitting down to a formal Victorian Tea in the dining room of Horace Greeley House. Light refreshments will also be served. Held annually every February (exact date will vary year to year) for students in grades 2-4.

“Castles of New Castle” House Tour - May
Each year the NCHS hosts the “Castles of New Castle” House Tour every May. Local homeowners graciously open their interesting, beautiful, and historic homes to the public—all to support the historical society.

Ice Cream Social at the Greeley House – June
During the last week of school, the historical society hosts a “Make-you-own Ice Cream Social” at the Greeley House to celebrate the start of summer.

Live Music & Picnic in the Park – September
The NCHS’s Fall Benefit features a live band performing under the canopy of trees in the Chappaqua Station lawn and circle. Guests are encouraged to dance, dine, and get to know their neighbors. All proceeds from this elegant, early evening community picnic benefit the NCHS.

Community Sing, Holiday Crafts, & Tree Lighting - December
Held every December (specific date varies from year to year)

Annual Schedule of Activities:
- New Castle Community Sing presented by the Chappaqua Orchestra at Robert E. Bell Middle School (3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.),
- Old Fashioned Crafts Workshop, Greeley House (4 p.m.–6 p.m.) Children of all ages are invited to create old fashioned crafts and to help us decorate the community tree.
- As darkness falls (5 pm), the Horace Greeley High School Madrigal Choir leads the community in heart-warming-carols, and the lighting of the holiday tree commences.

Other Programs, Events, and Services
The NCHS offers guided tours of the Horace Greeley House, a public research room, educational programming, digital resources, and a gift shop. Please check the website for more information: newcastlehs.org
Notable Neighbors In New Castle: Past & Present

David T. Abercrombie
William Ackman
Jenny Allen
Adam Arkin
Alan Arkin
Anthony Arkin
Matthew Arkin
Neil Benjamini
Blanche Bates
Peter Berg
Kevin Berke
Adam Belanoff
Joe Berlinger
Robert Berlinger
Bill Berner
Daniel Berolzheimer
Bibi Besch
Dave Bickler
Dan Biederman
Tina L. Brozman
Dan Bucatinsky
William Jennings Burch
Carl Burger
Knox Burger
Kevin Burke
Curtis Buseman
Alfred Bussalle
Ed Butowsky
Courtlandt Canby
Dr. Joseph Casbarro
Carrie Chapman Catt
Bennett Cerf
Rosemary Clooney
Jon Cobert
David Cole
Steve Cohen
Bill Clinton
Hillary Clinton
Renee Cox
Mary Nicholas Cox
Candy Crowley
Andrew Cuomo
Barbara Dana
Howard Da Silva
Barbara Dee
Mike Diament
Ludic Palma Di Cesnola
Mildred Dunnock
Michael Eisner
Richie Ernberg
Leo Esaki
José Ferrer
Allison Field
Frank Field
Jonathan Fink
Linus Richard Foy
Peter Frampton
Arlene Francis
Ace Frehley
Eric Fromm
Jean Craighead George
Sheila Garrigue
Tom Gilgert
Bob Giraldi
Lev Gleason
Sam Gold
Myra Gordon
Ralph Gomory
Earl G. “Butch” Graves, Jr.
Horace Greeley
Frederick Guinsberg
Henrietta Guinzberg
Victor Guinzberg
Arlo Davy Guthrie
Nora Guthrie
Woody Guthrie
Dashiel Hammett
David A. Harris
Daniel Harrison
Rowanne Hart
Gerald L. Hassell
Lillian Hellman
David Dai-I Ho
Susan Hockfield
Abbie Hoffman
Eleanor Holm
Robert Houston
Lloyd Howard
Steny Hoyer
Ian Hunter
Mary Beth Hurt
Paul F. Iams
Kenneth T. Jackson
Stu Jackson
Raymond Edward
Johnson
Herman Kahn
Heather Paige Kent
Jonathan Klein
Alexis Kraislovsky
Phillis Kraislovsky
Rush H. Kress
Steve Kroft
Peter Kunhardt
James Kwak
Michael Lasker
Richard Laster
Matt Lauer
Sandra Lee
Brian Leiser
Brigadier General Samuel K. Lessey, Jr.
Paul Levitz
Jason Lichtenenthal
Dan Lindau
John Lindenthaler
Allen Luddien
Ferdinand Lundsberg
Ray MacDonnell
Richard McKeeley
Clare Tree Major
Benoit Mandelbrot
Tommy Manville
Lynn Mapes
Catherine Wood Marshall
Paul Martin
Graham Masser
William F. May
Jordan Mechner
Dr. Paul Merica
Daniel Meyer
Edward Meyer
Lawrence Meyers
John Morris
Kelli O’Hara
Daniel O’Keefe
Laurence O’Keefe
Mark O’Keefe
John R. Opal
Matt Ostrowski
Ira Ozer
Theodore Papas, Jr.
Frank R. Pierson
Scott Powell
Jane Bryant Quinn
Marc Randolph
Louis L. Rana
Robert L. “Nob” Rauch
Bingham Ray
Vincent Reggio
Gerry Pritman
Corey Robin
Billy Rose
Brett Rosenberg
Morton Rosenthal
Andy Rubin
Jason Scott Sadofsky
Arthur J. Samberg
Fred Sanders
Jay O. Sanders
Peter Saul
Eugene Savage
Simon Schama
Margo Schlinger
Paul Schrader
Michael Jeffrey Shapiro
Ariel Velasco Shaw
Barclay Shaw
John Scott Sherrill
John and Elizabeth Sherrill
Frank Shiner
Sylvia Sidney
Otto Soglow
H. Allen Smith
Kenneth G. Standard
Eric Stangel
Justin Stangel
Peter Stangl
Ben Stiller
Peter Strausz
Bert Sugar
Henriette Suhr
William Suhr

List courtesy of the New Castle Historical Society

Hillary Clinton, former Secretary of State/Senator/First Lady
Andrew Cuomo
Martin J. Sullivan
Eugene Savage
Gerard Swope
David Swope
David Swope, Jr.
Rene Syler
Julie Campbell Tatham
Christine Taylor
James Renwick Thomson
Nicole Tocantins
Terry Tocantins
John Turtz
Mara Van Fleet
Matt Van Fleet
Jeff Van Gundy
Jeanne Van Leeuwen
Kevin Wade
Ralph Walker
Betty White
Chris Williams
Dar Williams
Vanessa Williams
Kimberly Williams-Paisley
Hugo Winterhalter
Jenna Wolfe
Blanche Yurka

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The League of Women Voters of New Castle

A community-based grassroots nonpartisan political organization, the League of Women Voters of New Castle …

• Is a voice for all, working to connect people directly with government.
• Does not support or oppose any candidates for office or political parties.
• Educates.
• Advocates for change.
• Has been serving New Castle for nearly 70 years!

The New Castle League’s most visible activities are the Voters Guides for the fall election, distributed to all residents in New Castle free of charge, and Candidates’ Nights. Candidate information is made available online at vote411.org. The League holds several forums every year on topics of national and local interest, including its biannual “Conversation with the New Castle Town Supervisor.” Past forums have focused on health care, climate change and campaign finance reform. The League is open to both men and women. Even high school students have a place in the League. Every year the New Castle League sends a student to the State League’s four-day Students Inside Albany conference to learn about State government. Finally, the League works to influence governmental policy after study and consensus among its members, taking a position on an issue and advocating for change. The League welcomes new members. lwvnewcastle.org.

Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts Opportunities!

With over 500 active Girl Scouts and adult leaders with troops at each of the six Chappaqua schools, Chappaqua’s Girl Scout troops are organized by grade level and school attended. Girls begin as Daisies in Kindergarten or in Grade 1, or later as Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors or Ambassadors. Annual events include the Campfire Sing, International “Thinking Day,” Father-Daughter Dance, Cookie Sales, Veterans Day Tribute, Thank a First Responder Day, and an Annual Camping Trip. Girl Scouting remains true to its mission: “Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.” Girls enjoy local field trips, engage in meaningful service projects and develop leadership skills and social responsibilities as they advance. Visit chappaquagirlscouts.org or girlscoutshh.org

Scouts BSA (Boy Scouts of America) in Chappaqua currently divides into three “Troops,” from 6th through 12th grade led by parent Scoutmasters. Cub Scouts at Chappaqua elementary schools divide into “Packs” up to fifth grade; today, girls are welcome to both the Scouts BSA and Cub Scouts programs. Scouts BSA offers a wonderful alternative or supplement to organized sports experiences for children and teens, building lifelong skills. Each Scout can participate to the degree he or she wishes. Your child can also join any time—and will always be welcome. There is always room for more Scouts! Each Troop ‘wins’ by developing leadership, teaching respect for others and nature, providing service to the community—and going on awesome trips! For more information or to join, please visit scouting.org
All Aboard

The daily ritual for many Chappaqua families is getting the kids ready for school but also getting mom and/or dad ready for work. In addition to wonderful schools and other amenities, a major reason many families choose to call New Castle home is the ease of the commute into the city. With so many working in midtown and downtown, it’s an added bonus that Metro-North Railroad offers daily service from the Chappaqua Station to Grand Central Terminal in less than an hour. In addition, having the convenience of the station here makes it a snap to take a day or evening off to enjoy everything the city has to offer including Broadway and year-round events. In addition, there’s no waiting list for resident parking.

Metro-North Railroad is the second largest commuter railroad in the nation and operates more than 85 trains to and from the Chappaqua Station on weekdays—and more than 60 on weekends. All three main Metro-North Lines (the Hudson, Harlem and New Haven Lines) run north out of Grand Central, which has been completely restored and redeveloped as a retail hub.

West of the Hudson River, Metro-North’s Port Jervis and Pascack Valley Lines provide service to Orange and Rockland Counties. So for almost anywhere you need to go from Westchester County—Metro-North can get you there!

Fun and Fresh: Chappaqua Farmers Market

The Chappaqua Farmers Market (CFM) celebrates its 9th season with shoppers from all over Westchester discovering New Castle’s gem of a market right in front of the historic Chappaqua Train Station.

The market is committed to bringing locally raised and produced foods to the community, creating a connection between shoppers and small scale food producers in the Lower Hudson Valley. Every Saturday morning, CFM brings a sophisticated vendor mix, Provencal vibe, stress-free parking to the shady, promenade location. CFM is open 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Farmers and food-producers are all located within a 200-mile radius of CFM, to lessen negative environmental impact while ensuring fresh products. The market offers farm-fresh produce, much of it organic, pastured-meats and poultry, eggs, fish, dairy, bread and prepared foods like wood-burning pizzas made with market ingredients. At the heart of the market, on the green, you can find live music and children’s activities every week as well as regular cooking demos. CFM acts as a de facto “town square” by offering a venue for community groups, entertainment, and serendipitous meetings, and by drawing residents and visitors to downtown Chappaqua.

chappaquafarmersmarket.org
For many, faith and religious practice play an integral role in achieving a meaningful family life, and in fostering a sense of community and purpose. New Castle is welcoming and accepting of all our Houses of Worship and celebrates the diversity of culture and experience that they bring to our area.

New Castle is also proud to have a very active Interfaith Council. Incorporated as a non-profit in 1981, the Chappaqua Interfaith Council provides opportunities for dialogue, learning, social interaction and public service—all motivated by shared core values such as love and a desire to help one’s neighbor, through faith in action. Among its activities is the annual Chappaqua Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and Dinner, held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This event pulls together hundreds of community members for worship and (free) shared food.

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Welcoming All Faiths

Bet Torah
60 Smith Avenue
Mount Kisco, NY
bettorah.org

First Congregational Church
210 Orchard Ridge Road
Chappaqua, NY
fcc-chappaqua.org

Our Lady of the Wayside
219 Saw Mill River Road
Millwood, NY
sainttheresa.org

Chappaqua Friends Meeting
420 Quaker Road
Chappaqua, NY
chappaquafriends.org

Grace Baptist Church
12 Orchard Ridge Road
Chappaqua, NY
gbcwpny.org

Temple Beth El
of Northern Westchester
220 South Bedford Road
Chappaqua, NY
bethelnw.org

Church of Saint John & Saint Mary
15 St John’s Place
Chappaqua, NY
sjsmrcc.com

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
210 Orchard Ridge Road
Chappaqua, NY
chappaqualutheran.org

Temple Shaaray Tefila
89 Baldwin Road
Mount Kisco, NY
shaaraytefila.org

Church of Saint Mary the Virgin
191 S. Greeley Avenue
Chappaqua, NY
episcopalchurch.org

Mt. Kisco Presbyterian Church
605 Millwood Road
(Rt. 133)
Mount Kisco, NY
pcmk.org

Upper Westchester Muslim Society
210 Orchard Ridge Road
Chappaqua, NY
uwms.org

Pleasantville Community Synagogue
219 Bedford Road
Pleasantville, NY
shalompcs.com
The Chappaqua Community is widely known for its philanthropic sensibilities. Giving back is second nature to many. Fortunately, there are many not for profits in the area worthy of our time, resources and attention. Here is a sampling:

Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester (BGCNW)
BGCNW continues to inspire and enable all young people—especially those who need us most—to realize their full potential as productive responsible and caring citizens. While celebrating its 80 birthday serving Westchester, more than 750 kids attend daily amazing programming to learn, explore, grow, exercise, play, eat, swim, improve communication and leadership skills, volunteer, advocate and be great. Highlights: the award winning Marlins Swim Team has won BGCA National Championships for 20 consecutive years. BGCNW kids are aggressively recruited from the top Colleges; more than 54,000 have learned to be water safe; the BGCA New York State Youth of the Year is BGCNW’s very own Marie Kazibwe. Open 7 a.m.-9 p.m., Mon-Fri, with weekend hours. bgcnw.com

Break The Hold (BTH)
The BTH organization is committed to “Break the Hold” on mental illness and provide education about suicide prevention. BTH provides school and community-based advocacy programs that promote emotional wellness, resilience and suicide prevention. The program focuses on educating communities throughout Westchester to be better informed about suicide, raising awareness of the warning signs of those most vulnerable to suicide and empowering young people to have the courage to speak up. bthbreakthehold.org

Chappaqua Garden Club
The Chappaqua Garden Club is a nonprofit dedicated to the conservation of local gardens. The Club is devoted to the beautification of public spaces, educating the children and adults in the community, and practicing organic and sustainable gardening techniques. The club’s community outreach includes hands-on gardening and planting projects. Volunteers provide weekly flower arrangements for the Chappaqua Library and visit elderly residents and the Victoria Home in Ossining for garden therapy. chappaquagardenclub.com

Children’s Environmental Literacy Foundation (CELF)
The mission of the Children’s Environmental Literacy Foundation (CELF) is to establish sustainability as an integral part of every student’s K-12 learning experience. Through professional development programs and consultation services for educators, CELF encourages the connection between curriculum, campus and community in order to grow a generation of engaged students who will work for a healthier, more stable, and resilient planet. celfeducation.org

Dawn’s Ray of Hope, Inc.
Established in May 2011 by the friends and family of Dawn Re, a longtime Chappaqua resident who lost her brave battle with cancer in February 2011, to continue Dawn’s legacy of raising money to aid in the fight against cancer. Various events, including an annual all night “Dusk to Dawn” softball tournament and community barbeque, raise funds donated to support cancer patients and the organizations that provide assistance to them. dawnsrayofhope.org

Evan’s Team
Created by Chappaqua residents that use fun, creative and community based activities to tackle serious issues. Examples of these efforts include a 5K obstacle course on Westchester Medical Center’s campus, Golf, Tennis & Dodgeball event and a raffle for a convertible. Money raised has funded an advocacy group to combat distracted driving (dorcs.org, combated.org) and to help families of trauma victims. One example is they created a Family & Friends Center for Westchester Medical Center ICU (Aug 15th ribbon cutting). evansteamny.com
Feeding Westchester
Feeding Westchester’s mission is to end hunger in Westchester County. As the heart of a network of more than 300 partners, we source and distribute food, and other resources, to towns across Westchester helping to ensure that none of our neighbors are hungry. We feed Westchester. Together we can solve hunger. Volunteer, take action, and donate. feedingwestchester.org

Friends of Greeley Theatre
Founded in 2008, as a means to support Greeley Theatre. Allows for purchasing of equipment and other necessities to produce three annual productions: the Fall Musical, the Winter Comedy, and the Spring Drama. FGT relies on generous contributions to subsidize enhancements and expand opportunities in drama, music, and other theatre-related arts. fgtheatre.org

Friends of Karen
Provides emotional, financial and advocacy support, at no cost, to families in the New York Tri-State region who are caring for a child battling cancer or another life-threatening illness. Friends of Karen carefully matches each family with one of its skillful social workers who serves as their personal advocate. Friends of Karen has touched the lives of nearly 16,000 children. friendsofkaren.org

The Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center (HHREC)
The Center brings the lessons learned from the Holocaust to thousands of teachers, and through them hundreds of thousands of students. The High School and Middle School Human Rights Institutes create Upstanders, people who actively oppose behaviors like bullying, bigotry, and hatred. The Holocaust Survivors Speakers Bureau provide students with firsthand accounts of life during the Holocaust. Additional programming includes the Distinguished Lecture Series, Professional Development and Holocaust remembrance workshops. hhrecny.org

The Honorable Tina Brozman Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research (Tina’s Wish)
Founded in 2008, Tina’s Wish honors the memory of Tina Brozman, who passed away in 2007 after a two-year battle with ovarian cancer. The organization is dedicated to funding groundbreaking scientific research for the early detection and prevention of this deadly disease. “Know Early. Know Hope. This is our mission.” tinaswish.org

The Junior League of Northern Westchester (JLNW)
The Junior League of Northern Westchester (JLNW) is an organization of women trained for effective leadership in community activities and dedicated to the belief that volunteer service is an essential part of responsible citizenship. JLNW has been serving the Northern Westchester community since 1954 and has championed several causes throughout the years. JLNW’s signature event, Holiday Sharing Drive, has helped provide gifts and essentials for Northern Westchester families in need since 1981. For more information on JLNW’s Community Impact and Membership, please visit jlnw.org.

Making Headway Foundation
When a child is diagnosed with a brain or spinal cord tumor, the whole family requires a special kind of care and support. Making Headway Foundation was created in response to this compelling need and for the past 23 years they have been supporting these families in countless ways. During this time, Making Headway Foundation has helped thousands of families through unimaginably difficult times, providing a wide range of holistic programs, services, and investments in medical research. Making Headway Foundation provides Care, Comfort, & a Cure to families of children diagnosed with brain or spinal cord tumors. makingheadway.org
The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry
This nearly all-volunteer-run pantry located in the heart of Mount Kisco offers weekly food distributions to residents of 20 northern Westchester towns, providing enough nutritious groceries for more than four days’ worth of complete meals. Home delivery is available for residents with a documented physical or mental disability. A variety of complimentary educational and nutritional offerings, health screenings, and other support programming is also available. The Pantry is open Tuesdays (5-7 p.m.) and Wednesdays (9:30-11 a.m.). Volunteers and donations are welcome. mountkiscofoodpantry.org

Neighbors Link
The Neighbors Link mission is to strengthen the whole community through the healthy integration of immigrants. Its mission is achieved by filling a service gap for new immigrant families, offering education and empowerment programs, involving longer-term residents in volunteer opportunities and creating substantive partnerships with other local organizations. Neighbors Link strategies are to educate, empower and employ families include a Worker Center, English as a Second Language (ESL) education, legal services and advocacy, workforce development, parent education, early childhood programs and academic support for school-age children of immigrants. Neighbors Link is headquartered in Mount Kisco and operates throughout Westchester County. neighborslink.org.

New Castle United for Youth (NCUFY)
New Castle United for Youth is a community coalition which receives funding through a federal Drug Free Communities grant. NCUFY brings together all sectors of the New Castle community to promote positive and healthy choices by our youth including through youth and adult education about alcohol and other drugs. Working with our sector members, including the police, ambulance corps, schools, faith-based and other community organizations, NCUFY helps to sponsor positive events and activities which encourage and empower youth to make drug free choices. NCUFY also offers resources for parents seeking information on and how to talk with their children about topics such as vaping, safe celebrations, alcohol or marijuana use and impaired driving. newcastleunitedforyouth.org

New Castle is on the Pollinator Pathway!
The New Castle Pollinator Pathways Coalition is a collaboration of New Castle landowners, local organizations, and Town boards and committees and other volunteers who are committed to the stewardship of privately-held and publicly-held land to establish pesticide-free corridors that provides native plant habitat and nutrition for pollinators. Look for the signs in your neighborhood and around town: Want to learn more? Go to pollinator-pathway.org or contact NewCastlePollinatorPathways@gmail.com

The Renaissance Youth Center (RYC)
The RYC in the South Bronx makes a difference in the lives of over 4,000 students every week, transforming and guiding them through the obstacles of growing up in the inner-city, so they too can look to the future with hope and pride. RYC tutors, mentors, offers music, reading, science, dance, and sports programs, and most of all teaches participating kids that their dreams for a successful and healthy future are within reach. renaissanceyouth.org

SPCA of Westchester
Founded in 1883 in Briarcliff Manor, the SPCA of Westchester is a “no-kill” shelter that supports more than 4,000 animals a year through its many programs. It’s the only animal welfare organization in the county with a low-cost veterinary clinic and is responsible for all animal cruelty cases in Westchester County through its Humane Law Enforcement Unit. The SPCA is not affiliated with the ASPCA. spca914.org
(914) Cares focuses on helping our Westchester Neighbors who struggle to meet basic human needs: Food, Clothing, Shelter, Education and Medical Care, with the ultimate goal of eradicating poverty throughout the County. To do this, (914) Cares partners with other local non-profits to support placement of volunteers and coordination of donation drives. Its key programs include: Kids’ Kloset, Baby Bank, Empty Bowls Westchester and Donation Drives.

**Kids Kloset** provides under-served children donated clothing and related items. Eligible children receive Bags of Love with clothing packed into properly sized and well-coordinated outfits free of rips, stains and missing buttons.

**Baby Bank** provides basic necessities and essentials for babies, 0-2. The mission is to help local families in need keep their babies clean, happy and healthy.

**Empty Bowls** raises both money and awareness in the fight to end food insecurity with the ultimate goal of eradicating hunger throughout Westchester County.

**Donation Drives** helps individuals and groups coordinate and manage collection items for those in need. The goal is to have new or gently used items quickly and efficiently get into the hands of those who can most use them.

(914) Cares is proud to offer “one-stop shopping” for those members of any community who want to help those in need. To volunteer your time, donate funds or goods or otherwise find a way to incorporate philanthropy within your family, visit 914cares.org.
The Chappaqua Children’s Book Festival (CCBF) takes place annually in downtown Chappaqua on a Saturday in the fall. Over 140 prominent and beloved children’s book authors and illustrators come from all over the United States to attend and meet fans, sign books and participate in panel discussions and story time. Visitors arrive from throughout the tristate area. Sponsors providing literacy-themed children’s activities fill the blacktop and church field at Church of St. Mary, the Virgin. Five different food trucks offer snacks and lunch. The Great Chappaqua Bake Sale provides sweet treats for a good cause.

CCBF, which turned seven in 2019, is a purely volunteer effort and requires hundreds of volunteers during the festival and on the days beforehand. Local scout troops, community organizations and individuals are encouraged to get involved.

More information about CCBF can be found at ccbfestival.org and on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. No admission charge. Books are available for purchase. A list of its annual sponsors and information about becoming a sponsor are available at the website or by calling 914 263-5566.

The Rotary Club & Community Day

Rotary International is a worldwide service organization with over 1.2 million members in over 155 countries. Founded in 1983, the Chappaqua Rotary Club strives to “Be the Good” in many ways, whether cheering on disabled veterans during their annual bicycle ride, building affordable housing in town, serving a community breakfast, or making nearly 20 significant financial donations. A highlight of the year is Community Day, a fun-filled family day with food, rides, ponies, balloons, attractions, a blood drive, passport mobile, and informational booths for just about every community entity. Held each year in September at the Chappaqua Train Station, it coincides with the Chappaqua Farmer’s Market and is an event not to be missed. In the spring, the club honors a person or organization for their community service with the Joan Corwin Service Award at their annual “Charter Night” dinner. Chappaqua Rotary members gather Mondays over lunch to hear speakers and plan events. For more information about meetings and on how to get involved, write to eaig@optonline.net.
Chappaqua-Millwood Chamber of Commerce: Supporting Area Commerce

The Town of New Castle is comprised of a highly intelligent mix of creative, exciting and enterprising minds and individuals, families and partnerships with thriving businesses of all sizes and in all categories who are members of the Chappaqua-Millwood Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber supports this ever evolving business community, and aims to help them prosper.

Many Chappaqua-Millwood Chamber members have built and grown their businesses through effective networking, productive collaborations and professional skill-building with businesspeople residing or doing business in the Town of New Castle (Chappaqua-Millwood), as well as neighboring towns in Westchester County. The potential is here for anyone—and opportunities abound through active participation and membership in the Chappaqua-Millwood Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber’s mission is to foster the success of any business that aims to serve Town of New Castle residents. To fulfill this mission, the Chappaqua-Millwood Chamber creates programs and initiatives that inform and educate, as well as support and facilitate connections within the town and the community. Chamber members report that the skills, exposure and contacts gained through membership in the Chappaqua-Millwood Chamber have helped them start and expand new business ventures that may not have otherwise happened.

Among the many benefits of membership, the Chamber provides a host of member services which build businesses including: a full listing and description of a member business (including its logo) on the Chamber website; member-to-member discounts, educational programs and seminars, key networking events; special business-community activities, events and parties; and business-town advocacy efforts.

The Chamber makes it a priority to promote greater awareness and enthusiasm for anyone who does business here; intensive efforts on behalf of any member business includes online, written and word-of-mouth communications between a member business and the community, as well as your business and the town government via social media, traditional media, grass roots marketing and special events.

In New Castle, active Chamber leadership and board are here to help. chappaquamillwood.org

Summer Concert Series

Rec Field on Wednesday summer nights is the place to be when New Castle’s Department of Parks & Recreation holds their annual Summer Concert Series. The free series usually starts the first Wednesday after July 4th and concludes around the first or second week of August. Expect to see families dancing or relaxing on the lawn plus children participating in kids’ activities. The concerts cover a wide swath of musical genres including classical, Americana, jazz, R & B, Motown, 90s music and an ever-popular Bruce Springsteen band.

An annual summer tradition for the past 30 years, the concerts begin at 7 p.m. with the bands taking center stage on the Gazebo. Recently food trucks have been a welcome addition to the mix. Commuters love coming off the train catching live music and families love interacting with their neighbors and just taking in the beautiful summer nights with a lovely musical backdrop. Concertgoers recommend bringing lawn chairs and blankets and anything you wish to dine on al fresco. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held at the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center. To check on the location of a concert, please call the Recreation and Parks Department events hotline at 914 238-2540.
With chic boutiques, salons for pampering, toys and ice cream cones to keep kids happy, and restaurants to suit every palate, it is fun to shop and dine in downtown Chappaqua. Whether your tastes run to antiques or modern design, practical clothing or the latest fashions, you are sure to find what you need in one of the shops along the village’s tree-lined streets.

With the two-year Chappaqua Downtown Revitalization Project nearing completion, visiting town will soon be even more enjoyable. After tearing up portions of the road and sidewalk to replace crumbling infrastructure, including underground water mains, sewer lines, and stormwater drains, some over 80 years old, the town will look better than ever with new wider sidewalks, improved roadways, pedestrian plazas, beautiful plantings, seating walls, and other amenities to make the village even more inviting and pedestrian-friendly.

The downtown area runs from the top of Bedford Road (Route 117) down King Street and then branches out along North and South Greeley Avenues. On a beautiful spring day, take a moment to enjoy the lush star magnolias in bloom at the small park on the top of King Street before you head toward town. Within a few feet you can purchase clothes, get marketing or spiritual advice, pick up convenience store necessities, wines and spirits, do your banking, get your nails and hair done (and get your furry friends groomed as well), get your clothes dry cleaned, grab a sandwich, pizza, or cup of coffee, and you’ve just started out.

As you travel down the hill, older homes with lush green lawns sit side-by-side with houses repurposed by local businesses such as dentists and doctors, architects and antique shops, making for a pleasant walk. You’ll notice a myriad of professionals you can call on without straying beyond the boundaries of downtown Chappaqua.

For over 65 years now, spring is time for the First Congregational Church’s Barn Sale, so put aside items to donate while you do your spring cleaning, or head to the sale to buy new and gently used items at bargain prices. St. John and Mary Roman Catholic Church’s Spring Festival features games, crafts and wonderful food, and is also fast becoming a new Chappaqua tradition.

Although it is technically spring, the annual Memorial Day Parade marks the official start of the summer season. As a tradition for over 80 years, June brings St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church’s Strawberry Festival with all its crafts, music, games, and great food including scrumptious strawberry shortcake baked by the church’s parishioners. An end of school SummerFest, a newcomer on the scene has activity floats, gymnastic instruction, raffles and live music at the gazebo; it was already a big hit its first year. On Wednesday nights in July, the gazebo is in full swing with the Summer Concert Series. Bring a picnic dinner or buy from pop-ups hosted by local restaurants. And be sure to check out the weekly Chappaqua Farmer’s Market. Also, there’s festivity and deals galore at the annual and much anticipated summer July Sidewalk Sale!
The Northern Westchester Artists Guild (NWAG) is particularly busy in the summer, with outdoor art sales. Throughout the year they also sponsor Art Around Town where local businesses host an artist. Spend the evening going from store to store viewing art and enjoying drinks and hors d’oeuvre. The NWAG just opened a new studio space in town, too.

When the weather gets warmer, many restaurants place tables outside, so it is a great time to meet a friend or take the family out for a meal. The new wider sidewalks are sure to make dining al fresco on any beautiful day or eve even better.

As autumn approaches and the nesting urge takes hold, interior designers, antique dealers, picture framers, and home goods stores can help you find ways to redecorate, or you can simply pop into town for a bouquet of flowers to brighten up your home. Make room for new purchases by donating older items to local consignment shops, pick up a charming find at bargain prices, or get DIY advice at the local hardware store. The fall is also a great time to learn more about your community and Community Day, hosted by the Rotary Club (see below), is a great place to start. Food, fun activities for the kids, and booths sponsored by all manner of town groups and businesses will give you insight. The Chappaqua Children’s Book Festival and the Ragamuffin Parade at Halloween round out the fall fun.

Winter is a great time to find a good book at the Chappaqua Library or the wonderful independent bookstore to curl up with by the fire, or buy a sled or shovel for outdoor activity. Warm coats, snow boots and other outdoor gear are easy to find right in town. Beautiful cocktail dresses and finely tailored suits are also on the agenda, with sparkling jewels to round out your outfit. You might even spy one of the Clintons completing their holiday shopping and strike up a conversation. Wander into the charming Horace Greeley House, which houses the New Castle Historical Society, to learn about the town’s beginnings, or simply enjoy the beautiful fir tree outside, lit up for the holiday season. It is also the season for Wine Around Town, sponsored by the Chappaqua-Millwood Chamber of Commerce. Merchants throughout downtown Chappaqua host special sales along with free wine tastings and hors d’oeuvre.

It is only about a mile long, but you can find nearly everything you need from shopping to dining to services in Chappaqua’s downtown district. So, before you trek off to the crowded mall, try shopping local. You will be glad you did!

Editor’s Note: There has been much excitement and patronage of the supermarkets that have opened. (See our stories on Millwood/West End and about Chappaqua Crossing.) Many ‘Chappaquans’ continue to appreciate the small thriving food markets downtown too such as Chappaqua Village Market and, of course, all the vibrant dining in/take out options. Bon appétit!
Memorial Day weekend marks the unofficial start of summer. Pools are open, playgrounds are busy with active children and sports tournaments are in full swing at town fields. On Memorial Day, Chappaqua residents break from their recreational activities to take part in or observe the highlight of the weekend: the annual Memorial Day Parade. The parade is important to the community, as it is an opportunity to remember those who sacrificed their lives for the Country’s freedom.

The parade begins at the top of King St. and continues down the hill to Greeley Avenue and through town to the Chappaqua train station. An array of marchers partakes in the procession; including Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Brownies and Daisy Troops. The School District’s band students perform patriotic musical pieces like “Star Spangled Banner” and “America the Beautiful.”

Local sports organizations march while proudly displaying their team flags. Town association representatives, including the Chappaqua School Board, The Chappaqua Library and the Town of New Castle Senior Citizens walk alongside military vehicles and first responders. Town government representatives are often joined by other members of government such as Governor Cuomo and Bill and Hillary Clinton. The Clintons have marched in the parade for almost two decades.

The echo of drums and bagpipes can be heard alongside the exuberant cheers of residents lining the streets. Patriotism is exhibited through colors in the crowd; mostly everyone is dressed in red, white and blue and patterns of stars and stripes. Small handheld flags are waved by many of the patrons. Whether you are Democrat or Republican or Independent, young or old, the day is enjoyable for everyone.

The Memorial Day Parade concludes at the Chappaqua train station where the community gathers together to remember those who died bravely fighting for our country. Onlookers watch as officials and veterans speak during the Memorial Plaza Ceremony. Biographies of New Castle veterans are shared and dignitaries and veterans who are present are recognized.

The parade is a reminder that Memorial Day weekend is more than just a time to barbeque and relax with family and friends; it is an opportunity to pay tribute to those who died while fighting for the freedoms that are alive and well in our town today.
Chappaqua Crossing –
A One-of-a-Kind Community

The highly sought-after hamlets of Chappaqua and Millwood now boast an even greater reason to settle down in beautiful New Castle: Chappaqua Crossing.

Located on the stunning former campus of Reader’s Digest on Roaring Brook Road, upscale multi-use Chappaqua Crossing benefitted from the combined strengths of Summit Development and Greenfield partners working together with the New Castle Town Board to create, as Town Supervisor Robert Greenstein proudly shares: “a vibrant commercial center.”

Comprised of six separate buildings of varying sizes, the 120,000-square-foot center is anchored by a sleek Whole Foods Market, a new fitness club and a growing roster of retail, service and health care providing tenants. But Chappaqua Crossing is about more than retail and service options. Historic Wallace Auditorium, saved from demolition through a unique consortium of municipal and private support, was donated to the town in 2017, and renamed the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center (ChappPAC). Established to provide diverse arts and cultural programming for community members and people throughout the region, the 425-seat venue is one of Westchester’s best-kept live performance secrets. See next page for more details about ChappPAC, and how to support this New Castle jewel of a newcomer.

Ready to move in? The newly-revitalized, historic Cupola Building contains 64 apartments and provides a unique mix of market rate and affordable housing units, and the North Village of Chappaqua Crossing will feature 91 Georgian-style two- and three-bedroom residences to be built by Toll Brothers with amenities galore. chappaquacrossing.com
Chappaqua Performing Arts Center
(ChappPAC)

Founded in 2017, the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center (ChappPAC) was established to provide diverse arts and cultural programming for residents of New Castle and communities throughout the region. Located in the heart of Chappaqua at Chappaqua Crossing (the former Reader’s Digest campus), this amazing 425-seat venue was saved from demolition and brought back to life through a unique consortium of municipal and private support.

ChappPAC’s programming presents a diverse, imaginative and exceptionally entertaining mix of arts and cultural opportunities such as art exhibits, theater, comedy, author talks and perennial favorites such as “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” and an interactive “Elf” experience. Artists such as Tim Kubart and the Space Cadets have had children dancing in the aisles, while the sweet sounds of Vanessa Williams and the rocking music of the Allman Brothers have delighted adults. ChappPAC also is the home of the Chappaqua Orchestra, and has hosted master acting classes with current Broadway stars. ChappPAC offers a full slate of children’s and senior programming and also aims to provide programs and opportunities for under-served communities and people with special needs.

The Town’s Arts and Culture Committee oversees the facility and is the liaison between the Town and the needs of ChappPAC. The Friends of ChappPAC, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, is the entity sanctioned to work with the Town to provide financial support to ChappPAC for capital projects and programming at the theater. For information about ChappPAC and future programming, visit chappaquapac.org
For information about the Friends of ChappPAC, contact friendsofchapppac@gmail.com.

The Chappaqua Orchestra

Since 1959, the Chappaqua Orchestra has promoted live classical music in the Hudson Valley region by presenting a high-quality musical experience for diverse audiences through community outreach, educational and creative programming. The Chappaqua Orchestra is proud to note its:
- Together in Music concert which features children from the Special Needs community performing along with the orchestra
- Nationally recognized concerto competition, highlighted on The Violin Channel, as one of the premier competitions in the nation.
- Grace Notes prison concert program, bringing music and cultural enrichment to NY prison populations.

The Chappaqua Orchestra brings high quality orchestral and chamber music performances that reach audiences of all types. chappquaorchestra.org
Mountainside Chappaqua

For Westchester County residents, the drug epidemic hits close to home. In 2018 alone, there were 213 overdoses throughout the county. To combat this growing problem, Mountainside, a dually accredited drug and alcohol rehabilitation center, offers treatment services to those struggling with substance use disorders. With its expansion to Chappaqua, NY, Mountainside delivers outpatient addiction treatment that empowers clients to maintain their sobriety while living within their own community.

Because addiction takes a severe toll on overall well-being, Mountainside Chappaqua provides recovery education and resources designed to help individuals heal in mind, body, and spirit. Outpatient services include individual and group counseling, psychiatric services, medication-assisted treatment, and health and wellness education. Wellness Workshops will feature holistic practices—such as yoga, meditation, and personal empowerment—to complement clinical therapies.

Understanding that addiction can also strain interpersonal relationships, Mountainside provides critical support to those who have been impacted by another person’s substance misuse. Family counseling sessions and free Family Support Groups offer loved ones the guidance and coping strategies they need to embark on their parallel journey to recovery. Teens who are struggling with alcoholism or drug abuse can also receive the counseling and guidance they need.

Mountainside Chappaqua is one of four outpatient centers in Mountainside’s behavioral health network. Featuring flexible day and evening hours, the outpatient center helps clients maintain daily commitments without sacrificing their health. Mountainside Chappaqua’s dedicated team of clinicians, wellness experts, and medical professionals are committed to meeting people where they are in their recovery and guiding them toward meaningful change. Through evidence-based treatment and care, clients acquire the skills they need to overcome everyday challenges to sobriety.

Life Time Chappaqua

Combining modern architecture and design with a nod to local history, the resort-like Life Time Chappaqua at Chappaqua Crossing provides a highly-personalized, ultra-luxury approach to health and wellness with a host of exquisite amenities on two floors. The Team Members at Life Time are honored to serve the community and members with a broad array of health, wellness, nutrition, relaxation and entertainment services and programs.

Highlights of the Diamond Premier-level club include:
• Dedicated studios for exclusive group fitness, cycle, yoga and Pilates programming; one-on-one and small group GTX and Alpha Training
• More than 200 pieces of best-in-class cardiovascular and resistance training equipment
• Metabolic assessments and nutrition coaching
• Kids Academy, for children from three months to 11 years, with special programming and classes from yoga and martial arts to art, homework help and Spanish Immersion
• LifeCafe, nutrition-focused fast-casual restaurant featuring a full menu, Meals to Go and grab and go assortments, along with Peet’s coffee, proprietary nutritional supplements and more
• LifeSpa, full-service salon and spa for hair, body and nails
• Luxury dressing rooms with whirlpools, saunas, steam rooms and complimentary towels and lockers

Life Time Chappaqua is open to its members Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. A limited quantity of membership options is available for individuals, couples and families. For more information, please call 914.296.6000 or visit my.lifetime.life/clubs/ny/chappaqua.
Northern Westchester Hospital (NWH) believes that health care is about getting involved in health rather than just sickness. The hospital is supporting, coaching, and empowering Westchester residents to become partners in their care. From physical therapy to weight management to the new and innovative Center for Healthy Living, the NWH services offered at Chappaqua Crossing are designed to keep the people of Westchester healthy and out of the hospital, enjoying the activities they love.

Through the Center for Healthy Living, NWH offers the community free Healthcare Navigation services. A Healthcare Navigator can work with you to understand your health and wellness needs and can connect you with experts and services that can support you best. Some people are seeking physician referrals, others are looking for specific counseling or support, and others are in search of wellness classes. The Healthcare Navigator is available to help you in these situations and many more. To learn more, contact Lauren Selsky, Healthcare Navigator at (914) 666-1955 or lselsky@northwell.edu.

Rehab services at NWH’s Chappaqua Crossing site span several specialties from physical, occupational and speech therapy to cardiac and pulmonary rehab. The goal: to enhance and restore functional ability and quality of life to those with impairments, disabilities or those recovering from an accident, illness or surgery. NWH also offers a concussion management program at Chappaqua Crossing that uses a multidisciplinary approach to effectively treat adolescents and adults who have sustained concussions. Whether the goal is to speed recovery, decrease pain or return to activities—or a combination of these goals—NWH rehab services provide patients with the education, support and motivation that they need to succeed. For more information, visit nwhrehab.org.

Just next door is home to NWH’s innovative new Center for Weight Management which takes a clinical, evidence-based approach to weight management and helps you identify the core reasons you’re struggling with weight loss. The Center will help you overcome these obstacles and empower you to adopt lifelong healthy behaviors.

Northwell Health Physician Partners Surgical Services can also be found at NWH’s Chappaqua Crossing Campus, offering the community access to top-notch specialty surgery including, surgical weight loss, plastic surgery and Medi-Spa services, and Vein Center.

NWH’s clinical excellence, comprehensive services and compassionate care has earned the trust of patients, their families and referring physicians. To learn more about these services and many more, visit nwhc.net.
About World Cup Schools

Since the early 1990’s, World Cup Nursery School & Kindergarten has been recognized as the premier early childhood education facility in Westchester County, NY and World Cup Gymnastics is one of the most revered gymnastics programs in the state. In addition, World Cup U4Kids offers quality afterschool programs for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. With over 25 years of experience in working with young children combined with World Cup’s knowledge of their unique strengths and interests has given the staff the tools to develop programs in which children thrive… and have fun at the same time. World Cup provides the foundation for children’s future success in learning and serves as the cornerstone for promoting their physical well-being. worldcupgymnastics.com and worldcupnurseryschool.com

Chappaqua Children’s Workshop (CCW)

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Mount Kisco Child Care Center (MKCCC)

Established in 1971, MKCCC provides high quality, affordable care and early education to a diverse group of children in a safe and healthy environment. MKCCC, a non-profit organization, cares daily for 145 children, ages three months to 11 years in a modern, state-of-the-art facility. An 8-week, full-day summer camp is offered for school-aged children in Kindergarten–5th Grade. MKCCC’s award winning curriculum includes a Feed Me Fresh garden-to-table nutritional program and intergenerational programming with My Second Home. With over 20,000 square feet of living space, the Center features growth and learning opportunities in a cozy setting with the warmth and security of home. In addition, 7,500 square feet of outdoor play space is perfect for everything from picnics to gardening. mkccc.org

Oak Lane Child Care Center

Year-round, full-day program founded in 1972 by a group of working parents from the Pleasantville Cottage School. The organization began as a community of families and staff working together to create the best environment for the children, and officially opened in Chappaqua in 1982. Oak Lane offers four classes in its Center. The Toddler classroom accommodates children who range in age from 18 months to 3 years. In three Pre-K classrooms—two for children between the ages of three and four, and one for children four-turning-five. Nutritious meal plan provided by our on-site chef. oaklaneccc.org

A Note about PRESCHOOL and KINDERGARTEN

Many move to Chappaqua with their youngest in tow, or soon to be in tow, seeking excellent preschool options too. Prior to elementary school, the district offers full day kindergarten. Fortunately, quality preschool choices abound too from the many programs found in area houses of worship to private and not for profit options. Be sure to schedule visits and meet with the preschool director and take a tour to find the best fit for your child and for your family.

Child Care

This area offers places and people who bring peace of mind to busy working parents who may not have their own sitter, or who may need additional care for their child or children. Here are a few affordable options that many in the community rely on and value enormously.

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Millwood and West End: Nature, Fitness and Great Shopping, too

The hamlet of Millwood, which just celebrated its 200th Anniversary in 2018, boasts extensive shopping, many choices for both casual and fine dining, and New Castle’s largest and most popular year-round recreation area, the 126-acre Gedney Park, which offers fun and memory making opportunities for the entire family.

Every April, Gedney Pond is stocked with over 500 rainbow, brook and golden trout for fishing throughout the spring, summer and fall. There’s even an annual fishing derby, where anglers age six to 60+ can catch their own dinner and compete for prizes. Come winter, you will find the best sledding hill in town there, and if you don’t have a sled, you can buy one at the large sporting goods store just down the road. There is also a large playground and ballfields. A gazebo and picnic tables interspersed throughout the park are great for snack time or a picnic lunch.

Four miles of well-marked hiking trails meander through wetlands and woods, providing shade for spring and summer hikes, breathtaking colors when the leaves change in autumn, and a fun trek in snowy winter weather. A handicapped accessible paved path runs from the parking lot to a fishing pier on the pond. The path to the monument remembering those lost on 9/11 is also handicapped accessible. A ceremony to remember the three town residents as well as all the others lost that day is held there each year.

The park is also dog-friendly, allowing your furry friends to be off-leash along the trails and to even swim in the pond and streams during designated morning hours; they are permitted on-leash at all times.

The 22-mile North County Trailway runs through Millwood providing a safe and scenic paved path where you will often find friends biking, roller blading or strolling, and see New Castle’s bicycle cops making sure no stragglers need help. A portion of the path runs parallel to Millwood Plaza, a shopping center anchored by the new family-owned DeCicco & Sons grocery store. You can also do your banking, pick up prescriptions or sunscreen, toys and gifts, wine, stop for lunch, or get your nails done there. Millwood also has its own post office in that convenient location. A short walk around the corner brings you to Millwood Town Plaza with an eco-friendly cleaners, jeweler, specialty foods store, a spa and hair salon, and fine dining options.
Across the street, Millwood Park has tennis courts and more ballfields, conveniently located near a family-owned deli, which has been serving customers throughout the area since 1961; other stores and businesses in the hamlet have been run by the same families for 40 years or more.

A lumberyard, hardware store and garden center are a boon for all you DIYers. Whether or not you are an experienced gardener, you can join a team at the InterGenerate Community Garden to grow vegetables for yourself and for those who cannot afford fresh produce.

Want someone to do the work for you? It’s easy to find a plumber, veterinarian, tech center, movers, a limo service, and other business in Millwood as well as the nearby West End neighborhood. For those lucky enough to live in the Hidden Hollow neighborhood, there is a sandy beach and swimming pond for its residents. In the West End of town, beautiful Stillwater Lake offers swimming and boating for neighborhood residents. Additional recreation choices in the West End include ballfields at Amsterdam Park, hiking and cross-country skiing at Sunny Ridge Preserve, and the Hudson Hills Golf Course, a public course high in the hills with lovely scenic views.

Chappaqua boasts four private swim & tennis clubs. The cost to join doesn’t vary too radically—there’s a bond and an annual fee—and all offer rental memberships so prospective members can try them out. Each club welcomes visitors to come and see and consider joining.

Birchwood Swim & Tennis on Quaker Road has been a cherished family club for more than 50 years. Birchwood offers eight Har-Tru tennis courts, large pool and diving well for adults and older children, a children’s pool, ping-pong, playground equipment, expansive open grass field, paddle tennis courts and its own Clubhouse Grill, run by a family of restaurateurs. Each year the club runs a robust swim and dive program and holds summer tennis clinics and camps, as well as adult competitive leagues at all levels. Paddle tennis leagues and events run throughout the winter. birchwoodswimandtennis.com

Chappaqua Swim & Tennis Club is a beautiful, flower-filled club just off Hardscrabble Road with a Division 1 swim team, Red-Cross-certified swim lessons, tennis staff headed by Lukas Beman of Club Fit and an excellent snack bar. There are several paddle tennis courts for winter racket fun and CST holds an annual fundraising swim under the auspices of Swim Across America to raise money to fight cancer. cstclub.com

Seven Bridges Field Club, one of the oldest swim clubs in the area, is a family-oriented, year-round club nestled in a tranquil setting at 160 Seven Bridges Road. Summer fun includes a swim team, barbecues, potluck dinners, frog catching, movie nights, an annual clambake and more. For tennis lovers, there are five Har-Tru courts and private lessons with the pro are available by appointment. Two lighted paddle tennis courts are available throughout the winter months. Seven Bridges does not charge any guest fees. sevenbridgesfieldclub.org

Willowbrook Swim & Tennis Club on Millwood Road in Mount Kisco is one of northern Westchester’s premiere swim and tennis clubs for families. Members can enjoy the large heated pool, deep end for diving, kiddie pool for tots, basketball court and eight Har-Tru tennis courts. The Division 1 swim and dive team offers a fun experience for all. Additionally, club members can golf twice a month at Anglebrook Golf Club, a private club in Lincolndale. willowbrookst.org
For many New Castle families, life revolves around active sports schedules for their children and sometimes, for mom and/or dad, too. Sports participation can be a positive and health enhancing family bonding experience creating cherished memories, new friendships, and lifelong lessons about good sportsmanship. In New Castle, choices abound including baseball/softball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country/track and field, field hockey, football, lacrosse, swim & dive, tennis and volleyball.

Various organizations such as the American Youth Soccer Organization and the Greeley Youth Lacrosse Association are examples of local organizations which support New Castle children and their families engaged in these sports:

**American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) – Chappaqua Chapter**
The Chappaqua chapter of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO). Their mission is to develop and deliver a high-quality youth soccer program which enrich the lives of children 4-18 years of age. The program promotes a fun, family environment built on the foundation of their Six Philosophies: everyone plays, balanced teams, open registration, positive coaching, good sportsmanship and player development. Coaches and referees are made up entirely of volunteers. chappaquaayso.org

**Greeley Youth Lacrosse Association (GYL)**
Greeley Youth Lacrosse is a privately funded youth lacrosse organization whose mission is to provide girls and boys youth lacrosse programs that inspire participation while protecting the integrity of the game and to provide the New Castle community with the opportunity to participate in the game of lacrosse. GYL strives to help players develop their skills in a safe and fun environment while placing higher value on sportsmanship and learning, rather than solely on winning. Through positive and effective leadership every child has the opportunity to discover, learn, participate and develop a love and passion for the game of Lacrosse. greeleyyouthlacrosse.com

For additional information or resources about youth sports, contact the Chappaqua Central School District or the Town of New Castle Recreation and Parks Department. Town Hall is also an excellent resource for information about adult sports including New Castle’s baseball leagues.
The Northern Westchester Artists Guild is a nonprofit organization of artists whose mission it is to share art by the community for the community. This was the genesis of Art Around Town.

Art Around Town has become an annual tradition in the hamlet of Chappaqua. It is “a vibrant celebration of art, music and community” per Julia Bialek of the Inside Press.

Merchants and artists are matched and the anticipation of the event begins. The annual art festival opening night celebration is held at the end of May/early June during the golden hours of spring. Food and libations abound. The town becomes alive with activity. There is singing in the streets. Work stays exhibited for the month of June at the host shops and restaurants. Downtown Chappaqua miraculously morphs into a strolling art gallery! Art invigorates our communities, our town and our merchants.

Art Around Town inspires the imagination of every community member, from child to senior. It brings the community together in charming downtown Chappaqua. nwartistsguild.org
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**The New Castle Community E-newsletters**
The New Castle Community weekly e-newsletters are free and contain reports from both the Town Supervisor and Town Administrator. These weekly newsletters are a great resource for residents to find out about new developments, local events, sports and recreation opportunities, town board meetings etc. Sign-up is available at [mynewcastle.org](http://mynewcastle.org). The e-newsletter is sent via email each Friday.

**Code Red**
Utilized by the town as a mass communication system in the event of an emergency, Code Red can deliver phone calls, emails and text messages. Code Red covers emergencies such as evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices and missing child reports.

**Nixle**
Used by the New Castle Police Department, Nixle enables real-time, two-way communication through text, email, voice messages, social media, and the Nixle mobile app. Text alerts can be sent by simply texting your zip code to 888-777. Nixle texts cover things such as power outages or accident scene information.

**New Castle Community Media Center (NCCMC)**
NCCMC broadcasts public, government and educational material on six channels on cable and covers zoning board meetings, environmental and architectural review board meetings and even town parades. [nccmc.com](http://nccmc.com)

**Inside Press Magazines**, including *Inside Chappaqua & Millwood Magazine* since 2003, ‘sharing the heart of your community.’ Produces six magazines a year mailed directly to resident homes. All articles are shared online, [insidepress.com](http://insidepress.com)

**Additional Local Media include:**
- Chappaqua/Mount Kisco Patch [patch.com/new-york/chappaqua](http://patch.com/new-york/chappaqua)
- Examiner Media [theexaminernews.com](http://theexaminernews.com)
- The Journal News, LoHud [lohud.com](http://lohud.com)
- Westchester Family [westchesterfamily.com](http://westchesterfamily.com)
- Westchester Parent [nymetroparents.com/region](http://nymetroparents.com/region)
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