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Is Breaking Up with Facebook Hard to Do?

By Emma Riehl

With all the negative press about Facebook, people are asking, "What's the alternative?" While some followers will never leave Facebook, others are looking for a place to go. Most ask, "If I leave, where do I go and will my friends come with me?" We all know the stories of networks such as Instagram that became overnight sensations. However, most social networks are built by early adopters who bring their friends along with them, and then grow slowly over time. This creates a personalized vibe and makes the space even more attractive. Take Nextdoor for example, the social network devoted to neighbor-to-neighbor communication in a tight-knit geographical area. Nextdoor is not a Facebook alternative based on its exclusive appeal to neighborhoods, but it serves as a solid metaphor for growth. Nextdoor launched in 2010. By social network standards, Nextdoor grew incredibly slowly. Despite that, Nextdoor became one of the few tech companies to be valued at \$1 billion without earning any revenue because the number of people networking on the platform eventually added up, one neighbor at a time.

Great movements develop over time because a social network's longevity and profitability depend on worthwhile, trusting relationships between its users and the network itself. Recently, Myopolis, a very viable alternative to Facebook, subtly and quietly opened their doors offering Citizens (like "friends") the chance to become pioneers of their community and build trust amongst one another. Citizens sound off on topics they care about and are heard by others who care about the same topics. The Leaderboard is a popular component because it shows the leader in each category at the Local, State and National level. Early adopters will be at the forefront of the latest social movement. The problems Facebook experienced will likely be void because it is centered on the user's ability to filter out what they do and do not want to see and read. A cool bonus is that the original founder of every town in North America will be noted in Myopolis records as the Founder. Now is the time to be a BIG fish in a smaller pond until Myopolis is an ocean. At that point, we will see if Myopolis can stay ahead of the problems Facebook faces today. One can hope.

A woman with dark hair, wearing a black and white striped dress, stands with her arms crossed against a green background. Behind her is a black silhouette of a city skyline. To her right, the text "You are the Leader. Found Your City!" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, the "Myopolis" logo is displayed, with the "o" in "Myopolis" replaced by a green heart shape.

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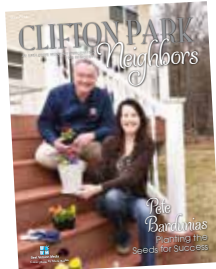
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ON THE COVER

Pete and Eileen
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Dear CLIFTON PARK RESIDENTS

Happy May!

It seems like the better weather and fun of summer is finally within reach! May is a transition month. It's that weird time in between winter and summer when we feel like we're just waiting for something. Waiting for things can be hard. We are wired these days for instant action; but these transitional times are important too. It is during these times that the seeds begin to grow. Even though we can't see them, they're doing important work beneath the surface of the earth and soon something amazing will bloom for all the world to see.

This is much like running your own business. As any entrepreneur will tell you, there are times of immense frustration – when you know that something great is right within your reach, but you have to just hurry up and wait, feeling like you're going nowhere. However, it's all the things happening “beneath the surface” during this transitional time that will really make the difference and the next step is that beautiful bloom – success! This month's feature, Pete Bardunias, works with local businesses through every step of their development to help ensure their success here in the Capital Region. Check out the story behind the man we know as the face of the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County on page 6.

High school upperclassmen are also going through a transitional time as they search for the right college. This process is stressful for any student, but if they are also an athlete and are looking to continue their chosen sport in college, it can be an added layer of stress. This month's Family Corner offers a few tips to make the college athletic recruitment process a little smoother during this important life transition.

Also included this month is the story behind our Non-Profit Spotlight, the Fast Break Fund; important information on what you might expect during cataract surgery and a little history behind Memorial Day in our area.

If you're feeling bored waiting for summer to appear, check out some of the many fun events listed on our events page to help pass the time, or visit Saratoga Arts for a culture break for your brain.

Hope you all have a wonderful month, a peaceful Memorial Day and a very happy Mother's Day! Our blooms are coming!

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All About Eyes Ask an Ophthalmologist

By Allen W. Zieker, M.D., Board-Certified Ophthalmologist and Director of Cataract Surgery at Ophthalmic Consultants of the Capital Region

Q. What are possible complications due to cataract surgery?

A. Before we discuss the possible complications that could happen with cataract surgery, it's important to stress that the possibility of serious complications developing as a result of cataract surgery is very low. In fact, fewer than five out of 100 people have complications from cataract surgery that could threaten their sight or require further surgery. The majority of common complications are often easy to treat and don't have a lasting effect on your vision.

As with any surgery, your overall health is an important factor in cataract surgery success. Additionally, the risks of complications are greater in people who currently have eye conditions, such as diabetic retinopathy, uveitis (an inflammation of the middle layer of the eye called the uvea) and very significant near-sightedness.

The most common problem that can occur after cataract surgery is a condition called posterior capsule opacification (PCO) or secondary cataract. PCO occurs in approximately 35% of patients nationally but about 19% in my practice because I utilize special techniques to decrease the opacification.

PCO occurs when there is a thickening of the back (posterior) of the lens capsule that holds your artificial lens in place. This thickening of the capsule causes your vision to become cloudy. If it is going to happen it usually develops within about one to six years after cataract surgery.

If you do develop PCO and have cloudy vision, it's typically corrected with a 5-minute laser eye procedure.

There are other eye complications due to cataract surgery, which can occur in **less than 2%** of surgeries and usually can be adjusted with time or an additional procedure.

The most important factor in your cataract surgery is your choice of cataract surgeon. The more experience your cataract surgeon has, the less likely you are to have complications due to surgery.

Schedule a cataract consultation before you choose a cataract surgeon. Be sure to ask how many cataract procedures he or she performs annually, discuss qualifications and make sure the surgeon has experience implanting all types of intraocular lenses (IOL) so you can select the best IOL for you.

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How to Handle College Recruitment

By Brianna Cochran

The time has come. You and your child have both realized it's time to start the college athletic recruitment process. But where to begin? It's challenging enough to fathom the next stage of your child's life after high school, but how do you expect a 16-year-old to know how to flawlessly navigate talking to coaches about their future? You can't. There will be flaws, and there may even be tears. Whether or not you and your child feel ready to take on the process, there will be moments of uncertainty and anxiety, but hopefully lots of smiles along the way, too!

As a tip, once they have given college athletics some thought and decide to pursue it, it may be beneficial to work with your child to create a highlight reel from game film to promote the skills and qualities of your athlete. One of the first things your athlete will have to start thinking about is what division or league they are ambitious to play in. After considering the level of play they want to participate in, they should think of what kind of school would be a good fit. Start with the size of the school, the location and what they might like to study. Once they've created a list of schools they are interested in, your athlete should search around for the coach's contact information from the school's website.

Emailing coaches can be anxiety provoking. Similar to applying for a job, the email they send to the coach inviting them to come watch a game or take a look at a highlight reel is an important first impression. It's even more nerve racking waiting to hear back. It can be emotionally taxing for you and your athlete so it's important to stay positive and keep an open mind.

The entire process can be stressful and there will likely be conflicts and hard decisions. Remember to remind your athlete to take a deep breath now and then and encourage them to pursue their dreams; and remind yourself to

breathe as well. The process overall is a great experience to watch and help your child realize their passions and grow into capable young adults. Considering schools that your athlete would be happy to attend with or without being on a college athletic team is beneficial. It's important that in addition to college athletics they like the school they attend. If your athlete finds themselves being offered a spot on the team at their top choice school or even any school they wanted, congratulations! There is a massive sense of accomplishment that comes from engaging in the recruitment process and ending with the desired result. Plus, they just conquered a big decision-making test and chose something for their future!

Even though the college recruitment process can sometimes be discouraging and riddled with uncertainty, it can be exhilarating and full of newfound confidence as well! Your athlete that loves the sport they play will have to make some tough decisions, but it's all a learning experience on their way to young adulthood. ■



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A photograph of a man and a woman on a wooden playground structure. The man, Pete Bardunias, is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and khaki pants, and is climbing a rope. The woman is standing next to him, wearing a brown jacket over a patterned top and jeans. They are both smiling. The background shows trees and a grassy area.

Pete Bardunias

Planting the Seeds for Success

COVER STORY

By Jenna Caputo

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You may have seen Pete Bardunias bopping around from one local Chamber of Southern Saratoga County (CSSC) member to the next. A tireless advocate for local business, Pete is well known for his promotions that have supported many Capital Region establishments on the road to success. He has become the face of business in southern Saratoga County, but there's a lot more to his story.

Growing up in Mahopac, NY, Pete was an active child, busy not only with his academic studies but also with his various hobbies. He had a passion for music, and over the years, learned trombone, keyboards, organ and vocals. A boy scout and amateur scientist, he also loved to fish and was an avid boater, passing the USCG boating safety course at age 10. His love of the water seemed to run in the family, as both of his grandfathers were fishermen. His grandparents had a profound influence on him. "Just being with them was always exciting in my view, even watching Lawrence Welk reruns," he says. "They taught

my brothers and myself the true meaning of family values, plus instilling a strong work ethic. All of my grandparents were products of the Great Depression and learned to be very self-sufficient despite quietly toiling in difficult circumstances for painfully little money. They always seemed to have what they needed and never complained about being in tough situations."

During the blizzard of 1978, a new family with a daughter Pete's age moved in next door. "Being 12 at the time, of course I wasn't very interested, but a few years later it was a very different story!" laughs Pete. "We hung out at the bus stop and eventually became friendly. One thing led to another and I asked her to go steady in March of 1982. She's been my 'steady' ever since!" Eileen was on the drill team in high school while Pete was in the marching band. His love for music extended outside of school as well, even at that young age. He gained an interest in 20th Century popular music partly due to taking organ lessons from the big band composer, George Fragos, who wrote the hit 1941 song, "I Hear a Rhapsody," among others. Pete enjoyed it so much that he even led his own big band

during high school and college, playing parties as well as weddings.

Pete's love of science continued and he decided to pursue his passion in meteorology. Knowing that meteorology is actually a hybrid of multiple scientific specialties and that his ultimate goal was to break into television/radio broadcasting, he chose a more general science approach, graduating from Fordham University with a BS in Physics. However, advancement up the ladder was slow, and since he and Eileen were serious so early on, he decided he needed a more lucrative career.

He spent a little time in the insurance business, then utilized his technical skills in computer tech support, even advising the designers of the sanitation system on Space Station Freedom, which later became the International Space Station. He spent six years at GE Capital in a technical position assisting their insurance operation, then decided to go into business for himself. Working part-time running a direct mail/database services company, part time as Mr. Mom to their son, Jonathan (now 18 and a freshman at Hudson Valley Community College), and part time at the local marina, he was a very busy man but loved being involved in various businesses and making a difference at each one. He became a volunteer board member and leader of the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce, eventually closing his own business to become first their Executive Director, then the first full-time President in the chamber's history. He was also a founding board member of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce before an opportunity arose for a President position at the CSSC. Eileen worked at GE, so a transfer was possible if they decided to go for it.

"I remember looking Clifton Park and Halfmoon up on a map, and smiling when I realized it was a place where we had stopped with our boat on an Erie Canal voyage in 2007. We hadn't initially planned on docking here but had



Pete with the CSSC Ambassadors

a problem with the boat. Had it not been for the hospitality of the folks at the Crescent Boat Club we might never have given this community a second look!" he remembers. It was meant to be, even though at the time, everyone thought he was crazy. The Chamber was hurting financially and two other local chambers were circling around, hoping to take it over. But Pete felt his science background offered him a unique perspective and insight to the various businesses here in the epicenter of New York's Tech Valley. He came to his interviews with a PowerPoint presentation on what he thought they needed to do to get back on track and prosper, including his idea to partner with the local marine industry.

The CSSC now has over 46 nautical members and is the third largest chamber in the Capital Region with over 1,050 members, revenues approaching \$700,000 and a broad base covering communities all across Saratoga County and nearby Glenville. Pete says that in its 51 year history, "The CSSC has been at the forefront of major economic development issues and initiatives, everything from

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Pete tries hard to fulfill his reputation as the most approachable executive in the chamber business. He's also known for his crazy stunts to help promote our area and local businesses, including sticking one of the CSSC's Ambassadors in a washing machine to advertise an appliance store, going around the harness track at Saratoga Casino for a video shoot and getting the CSSC's flag displayed at the South Pole!

While his passion for working for local businesses takes up much of his time, ever the Renaissance Man, Pete still enjoys playing around with his other hobbies. His little known talents include catching lobsters in the Long Island Sound; fixing up old cars, boats and small tractors; gardening and history, especially loving the military and industrial history of America. He's also a very good whistler! "I must drive my staff crazy when I forget myself and get carried away!" he jokes. He still loves the outdoors and when he's not exploring the Capital District, he and Eileen head out on the boat for excursions on upstate lakes and rivers or out snowshoeing in the winter. He enjoys baseball and football and is very strong in his faith. "Eileen and I both had a strong spiritual upbringing, having grown up Catholic and becoming born-again Christians in 1989, which strongly influences our desire to be a faithful, steadfast force for good in our community and among family and friends. My passion is to always do something meaningful, whether it be in discussions with the EPA officials in Washington over the future of the Hudson River, or in casual conversations with residents of one of the river towns at Don and Paul's Coffee Shoppe in Waterford. Everybody matters... always."

Pete keeps busy with his volunteer work on multiple boards and advisory committees outside of the Chamber as well as his blog for the Times Union. The blog has been



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Thanks to sponsor Hullspeed Coatings, a Saratoga County manufacturer, shuttle boats will run through Lock 2 in Waterford at the Canal Festival on May 19, presented by the CSSC in conjunction with the Village of Waterford. Ride aboard the boat for FREE and experience what it's like to go through a lock on the historic Erie Canal!

a great tool to help him spread information useful to the business community as well as to the general public in our area. He has been able to combine it with his love of history, using it to describe some of the historic anniversaries taking place in our area over the last few years.

Being so involved in the community, Pete urges people to connect with him through the various CSSC social media pages and/or his personal one. He is rightfully proud of the work he has accomplished since he began to call Clifton Park home. It has been a rewarding seven years and he loves interacting with the people in the community in general and in helping businesses to find success. He reminds everyone how important it is to be aware and active within your community regardless of whether you're a business owner yourself or if you just want to support local businesses. He urges everyone to remember that the "CSSC is a vigorous advocate for area business, as well as a leader in preserving and enhancing the identity and history of each community we serve. Anyone looking to expand their business by meeting potential clients, colleagues and service providers should get involved with the chamber. Likewise, services organizations, churches and non profits should consider joining us and working together on community support projects, and even private citizens can always volunteer to help out as well. My sincere message to *Clifton Park Neighbors* readers is to become familiar with and support the area's Chamber of Commerce, whether as a business member or someone who seeks out member businesses in our directory and patronizes them.

"This job is very much a vocation to me, much like a church pastor feels about his congregation. I have sat with business owners who have sunk their entire life's savings into their profession, or who have overcome personal and professional obstacles in order to succeed, and it's of paramount importance to me to do everything I can to help them each and every day. Especially in today's challenging environment for organizations such as ours, we can't do it without your support!"

For more information about the CSSC, visit www.southernsaratoga.org. ■

Do you know a neighbor who has a story to share? Nominate your neighbor to be featured in one of our upcoming issues! Contact us at jcaputo@bestversionmedia.com.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

By Pete Bardunias, President/CEO, the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County



Clifton Park's new downtown area is getting a much needed boost with the development of a new corporate plaza along Route 9 just north of the Route 146 intersection. One of the new occupants is the **Ballston Spa National Bank (BSNB)**, which has moved its branch from Exit 10 to this spectacular new building constructed by Abele Builders. Here, BSNB President/CEO Chris Dowd, cuts the ceremonial ribbon surrounded by staff and well wishers including Ed Abele (light blue shirt, near center), Saratoga County Chamber Executive Vice President Denise Romeo (center), Chamber of Southern Saratoga County President/CEO Pete Bardunias, Clifton Park Town Supervisor Phil Barrett, Halfmoon Deputy Supervisor Paul Hotaling and Chris Rhodes representing Senator Jim Tedisco.

Reaching Milestones, a leading provider of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services in the southeastern United States, has opened a new location in Clifton Park at 517 Moe Rd (www.reachingmilestones.com, 518-855-1001) dedicated to improving the lives of children with special needs through this unique program. Clinical Director Stacey Francesconi, MS, BCBA, LBA was joined by (L-R) Christina Pfeil, BCBA board-certified behavior analyst, Mariah Lesure, RBT-registered behavior technician and Administrative Coordinator Elizabeth Devane. This groundbreaking new facility provides services of importance to corporate executives as well as military families seeking to relocate here, such as the American Military Families Autism Support (AMFAS) and the Navy Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP). This will open opportunities for many to experience life in Tech Valley!



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Fast Break Fund

By Brianna Cochran

The Fast Break Fund (FBF) organization believes that exposure to recreational sports help children challenge themselves and learn teamwork, responsibility, socialization and physical fitness. The non-profit organization is focused on improving the lives of underprivileged children and also children with special needs throughout upstate New York's capital region. The idea came from Tony and Larry Hynes, brothers who have fond memories of their experience of growing up going to summer camp because of the support of family and friends. Originally, FBF began working with coaches and teachers to identify student athletes that wanted to attend summer camps but may need financial assistance.

Throughout the year FBF hosts a number of programs for children with special needs in soccer, basketball, baseball and golf. The organization also runs a scholarship program for underprivileged children to attend summer camp. The program uses the referrals of mentors in the community to mention children as potential scholarship recipients. The children are required to go through a simple application process and are evaluated based on need. Although academic success is not a deciding factor, teachers' attitudes and evaluation of the child are considered in the process. If a child is selected to receive a scholarship for their camp, they are required to write a thank you note to be passed along to donors.

Most funds are raised through sponsorship from corporate and individual donors. Each year, FBF raises money from their annual letter

drive and a yearly golf event, as well as writing and receiving grants. The organization is able to support about 160-200 children each summer and has touched the lives of thousands of families throughout the Capital Region. They believe that through participation in recreational sports,



children learn valuable skills that last a lifetime. The families that participate in FBF activities and programs enjoy the physical fitness and teamwork elements of sports while fostering an environment of inclusion, not competition. Many of the families express their gratitude for their experience with the FBF and often connect later in life with their appreciation.

The organization continues to prosper while fostering community relationships and spreading kindness. The Hynes brothers used their generosity and motivation to "pay it forward" to create FBF and have helped many children and families since.

For more information, please visit
<http://www.fastbreakfund.org/>. ■

Know of a great local non-profit? Let us know so we can spotlight them here. Send submissions to jcaputo@bestversionmedia.com.

Remembering Our Veterans

By John L. Scherer, Clifton Park Town Historian

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. On 5 May 1868, General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union soldiers and sailors, established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war-dead with flowers. He declared it should be May 30. The holiday was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of 20,000 Union and several hundred Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.

In 1919, shortly after World War I (1917-1918), the Towns of Clifton Park and Halfmoon jointly erected a monument to commemorate those who served in the World War from both towns. Located in the hamlet of Clifton Park, this tall granite monument with large bronze plaques on both sides was placed in the middle of Route 146 at the intersection of Route 9 in front of the Clifton Park Hotel.

The World War I monument straddled the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Town line. The bronze plaque on the east side facing Halfmoon listed those from Halfmoon that served in the war. This included 51 Army, 2 Navy and 1 Marine. Three of the Army Veterans gave their lives. The bronze plaque on the west side facing Clifton Park listed those from Clifton Park who served in the war. This included 43 Army and 4 Navy. One Army Veteran gave his life. The monument was dedicated on Memorial Day in 1919.



Dedication of the World War I monument, Old Route 146 and Route 9, looking south down Route 9, Memorial Day, 1919. The building on the left is now Snyder's Restaurant. A parlor organ is set up on a temporary stage to provide music for the occasion.

The World War I monument appears in many old photographs of the Route 9 and Route 146 intersection and I had often wondered what became of it. One day several years ago, I attended an event at the American Legion, Mohawk Post 1450 on Grooms Road in Halfmoon, and discovered the monument in front of the building. The Halfmoon plaque faced east and the Clifton Park plaque faced west toward Clifton Park. How had the monument come to reside at


this location?

Evidently, after Route 9 was widened to a four-lane highway, it became very difficult to plow snow around the monument. Stephen Hatalsky, Halfmoon's highway superintendent, refused to plow around the monument, contending the state should take over the job. The Mohawk Post American Legion suggested that the monument be moved to its headquarters on Grooms Road, which at that time was in an old school house east of their present location. Sorrentino's Market now occupies this building. Halfmoon supported this move, but initially there was too much opposition from Clifton Park.

Several years later, however, in 1973, Clifton Park finally approved the relocation of the World War I monument, and in September of that year it was moved to the American Legion building on Grooms Road. In 1985, it was moved again further west on Grooms Road to the new Mohawk Post American Legion building, where it currently resides. ■

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Tuesday-Sunday, May 1-6

COMPLEMENTARY EXHIBITIONS

Celebrating Rockwell Kent

@The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls

The Prints of Rockwell Kent:

Selections from the Ralf C.

Nemec Collection & A Life and

Art of His Own: The Paintings of

Rockwell Kent from North Country

Collections. Complementary

exhibitions celebrate Rockwell Kent

(1882-1971), the American painter,

printer and illustrator, who settled

in the Adirondacks in 1928. In

addition, there will be a selection

of ceramics also from Nemec's

collection, decorated with designs

by Kent. The artist painted many of

his works in his Adirondack studio

based on drawings, sketches and

notes taken during extensive travels

to Greenland, Tierra del Fuego and

other extreme locations.

Time: Sunday 12-5pm, Closed Monday,

Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm

Cost: Museum admission varies

Wednesday, May 2

29TH ANNUAL MAY DAY

SPRING FLING

@Canfield Casino, Saratoga Springs

We are pleased to announce

the Saratoga County Economic

Opportunity Council, Inc. (EOC) will

host its 29th Annual May Day Spring

Fling at the historic Canfield Casino

located within Congress Park in

Saratoga Springs. All proceeds directly

benefit our emergency food programs

and our commitment to help others

toward economic self-sufficiency. The

Spring Fling promises to be a fun-

filled event, including live and silent

auctions as well as food and drink

by Longfellows Restaurant, Hotel

Thursday, May 3

A TASTE OF ALBANY 2018

@NYS Museum Terrace Gallery, Albany

A Taste of Albany is a culinary

showcase and benefit for Interfaith

Partnership for the Homeless (IPH).

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30 Capital Region restaurants and

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beer, distillery tastings, an auction,

a wine & dine pull and more. Held

annually, the event raises critical funds

to support the programs and services

of IPH. Contact A Taste of Albany with

questions, concerns or to purchase

tickets - atoa@interfaithpartnership.com,

518-434-8021.

Time: 5-8pm | Cost: Varies

Friday-Sunday, May 4-6

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@HMT at The Spa Little Theater,

Saratoga Springs

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coat of many colors who changed

the course of history. *Joseph* is the

irresistible musical about the trials

and triumphs of a boy blessed with

prophetic dreams. This tale emerges

both timely and timeless.

Time: May 4 & 5 - 7:30pm,

May 6 - 2pm

Cost: Tickets \$29 for adults and

\$26 for students/seniors 65+

Saturday, May 5

THE DERBY PARTY AT THE

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING

AND HALL OF FAME

@National Museum of Racing and

Hall of Fame, Saratoga Springs

Join us at this Kentucky-themed

fundraiser featuring delicious

samplings of local brews and spirits,

as well as signature Kentucky-inspired

dishes from local restaurants. While

exploring the museum and its

local connection, guests will enjoy

entertainment in the prestigious Hall

of Fame before a live airing of the

2018 Kentucky Derby. Guests are

encouraged to dress to impress, as an

award for the most fashionable Derby

attire will be presented. The Museum

is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

All proceeds from this year's event

support the museum's educational

mission and allow for exciting exhibits

and programs all year round. RSVP

to our Facebook event page here for

updates on the newest vendors and

participants! Questions? Please contact

nrmembers@racingmuseum.net or

call 518-584-0400, ext. 109.

Time: 3:30-7pm

Cost: \$30 Safe Driver (no alcohol) \$45

Museum Members, \$55 general ticket

Mondays, May 7 & 14

DROP-IN PJ STORYTIME

@Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public

Library, Clifton Park

Join library staff on Monday

evenings for a quiet story time for

working parents to spend with their

children. Children, ages 2-6, along

with their families are encouraged

to wear their pajamas. This is a

drop-in program; no registration is

needed. The program will take place

Mondays at 6:15pm, April 9 - May

14 in the Children's Library upstairs.

Time: 6:15pm | Cost: FREE

Monday, May 7

PRE-K NATURE HOUR

@Camp Saratoga on Scout Road,

Gansevoort

This monthly program is for our

youngest explorers (ages 3-6 years old)

where we use children's love of nature

to teach simple concepts. Adults are

expected to attend. This is an outdoor

program so please come dressed for

the weather. We will go on a short

walk, do a simple nature craft and have a healthy snack! Preregistration is required.

Time: 10:30-11:30am | Cost: FREE

Thursday, May 10 CARE LINKS FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

@The Vista at Van Patten Golf Club, Clifton Park

Join us for this luncheon fundraiser that supports the work of CAPTAIN Community Human Services' Care Links, a free program aimed at helping seniors 60+ remain independent and in their own homes as long as possible. Enjoy a three-course meal, partake in an over 40-item raffle, take a chance at the 50/50 and maybe win a door prize! Tickets are available online at www.captaincares.org by clicking on Events, or in person at Clifton Park Town Hall, Clifton Park Senior Center, Town of Halfmoon Senior Center & at the CAPTAIN CHS's offices in Clifton Park and Glenville. For more information, call 518-399-4624.

Time: 12-2pm, doors open at 11:30am to peruse raffle items

Cost: \$25 per person

Saturday, May 12

ALBANY TULIP FEST 2018

@Washington Park, Albany

The Tulip Festival is Albany's signature spring event featuring annual traditions rooted in the city's rich Dutch heritage. The event includes nearly one hundred artisans selling their handmade crafts, a fine arts show, delicious food, the KidZone family fun destination, two stages of world-class live entertainment and more than 140,000 tulips in 150 different varieties. It all takes place in historic Washington Park, the 81-acre "crown jewel" of the City.

Cost: FREE

Saturday, May 12

2018 HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

@Saratoga Springs

The Saratoga Springs Preservation

Foundation will host its annual Historic Homes Tour on Saturday, May 12, 2018, featuring unique homes in Saratoga Springs. Visit www.saratogapreservation.org for more information.

Time: 10am-4pm | Cost: FREE

Sunday, May 13

6TH ANNUAL KELLY'S ANGELS
MOTHER-LOVIN' DAY 5K

@Orenda Pavilion - Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs

Kelly's Angels, Inc., is seeking runners and walkers for its 6th annual Mother-Lovin' Day 5K.

The signature fundraising event raises funds to help local children who have lost a parent to cancer. Runners, walkers and supporters

will come together on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, in picturesque

Saratoga Spa State Park. The family-friendly event attracts families from all over the Capital Region who wish to celebrate mom while raising money for "fun grants" for Capital Region children. Register online at https://www.zippyreg.com/online_reg/index.php?e=1080

Time: 9-10:30am

Cost: Varies, Individual Entry Fee is \$30

Wednesday, May 16

HOME MODIFICATION FOR
TOMORROW

@Clifton Park Senior Community Center, Clifton Park

Lunch and Learn presentation by Certified Aging in Place Specialists, Ben Cangelieri (Co-owner/President, Schrader and Co. Construction Services) and Lauren Harrington (Director, Umbrella of Colonie), who will provide practical solutions on how to remain in your home indefinitely. Sponsored by Shenendehowa Neighbors Connecting, a Village in development. Come celebrate Older Americans Month – this year's theme, "Engage at Every Age." Bring your own lunch; dessert provided.

Time: 12-2pm | Cost: FREE

Thursday, May 17

WWAARC 5TH ANNUAL CHARITY
GOLF TOURNAMENT

@Saratoga National Golf Club, Saratoga Springs

Join us for what is sure to be a great afternoon at Saratoga National Golf Course! Proceeds will support the programs and services that WWAARC offers to nearly 1,000 people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families. 11:00AM – Registration and BBQ Lunch on the Veranda; 12:30PM – Shotgun Start – Scramble; 5:30PM – Cocktail Reception in the Grand Ballroom. Fee includes greens fees, cart, lunch and cocktail reception – complimentary "goodie bag" distributed to all golfers at registration.

Time: 11am | Cost: \$200/golfer

Friday-Sunday, May 18-20

ST. SOPHIA 2018 GREEK
FESTIVAL

@St. Sophia's, Albany

Join us as Albany Goes Greek for 3 days with continuous LIVE Greek Music & Greek dancers in traditional costumes, authentic Greek Casual Dining, Greek Pastry Shop featuring homemade pastries, various Greek foods under the tent, souvenir and jewelry shops, amusement rides for young children and Church Tours. Please note, the 2018 details for the festival have not been announced yet. We will update our event listing as information is released. Stay tuned! For more information, call 518-489-4442 and "like" us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stsophiaalbany>, or visit our website <http://stsophia.net/>

Cost: TBD

Saturday, May 18

VILLAGE OF WATERFORD
CANAL FESTIVAL

@Waterford Harbor Visitor Center, Waterford

Join us for this annual event as we welcome new and returning

vendors to line the banks of the Erie Canal. The event features boat rides, vendors, dance reviews, free fun for kids (bounce house, pony rides, face painting), kayak rentals and new events including a fishing contest and hydrolift demo! The Waterford Canal Festival is a celebration of New York's rich maritime history. This year we celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the completion of the Erie Barge Canal, connecting Waterford to Tonawanda.

Time: 10am-6pm | Cost: FREE

Saturday, May 19

THE WESLEY FOUNDATION GALA: AN EVENING IN SPAIN

@Saratoga Golf & Polo Club, Saratoga Springs

Celebrate an evening inspired by Spain at Saratoga Golf and Polo Club to raise funds for The Wesley Community - an organization that serves more than 700 Saratoga area seniors and those with long-term disabilities. The night will offer delicious food from Chef John Ireland at Saratoga Golf and Polo Club, décor from Fine Affairs, music from The Accents, a photo booth by Niki Rossi Photography and so much more. The presenting sponsor of the event is The Adirondack Trust Company. Honorary Chairs of the event are Jim LaVigne and Mary Gavin. Don't miss this exciting evening to support The Wesley Community's Resident Activities Room renovation project. Cocktail party attire is suggested and stylish Spanish-inspired attire is also welcome. Last year's event sold out, so make your reservations soon!

Time: 6-10pm

Cost: \$125/person, \$200/couple

Saturday, May 19

RESET YOUR RHYTHM

@Hannah's Healing Wellness Studio, Saratoga Springs

Reset Your Rhythm class, formally known as our Reiki Yoga Music class, runs every 3rd Saturday in

the studio at 9am. If you have been struggling with chronic pain, fatigue, anxiety and restlessness, loss of full mobility and not as flexible as you used to be then you'll want to check out this class. This class is designed to put your body in very simple, yet healing yoga positions where you are seated or laying down. Register at HannahsHealingWellnessStudio.com
Time: 9-10:15am | Cost: \$40

Saturday, May 19

SARATOGA BREWFEST

@Saratoga Polo Association, Greenfield Center

The 8th annual Saratoga Brewfest is returning on Saturday, May 19th for the biggest and best Brewfest yet! Make your way to the winner's circle as you race through the best selection of craft beers you've ever seen in Saratoga. With more than 160 craft beers from 80+ breweries available to sample, there's no telling which brew will be the front-runner. Buy tickets and see participating breweries at <https://americaontap.com/event/saratoga-brewfest/>.

Time: 2-5pm

Cost: \$40 until 5/13, \$45 from 5/14-5/18, \$50 at the door

Saturday, May 19

NORDLYS GLOBAL VOICES SERIES - CAFFE LENA & SPAC PRESENT AROOJ AFTAB

@Cafe Lena, Saratoga Springs

Saratoga Performing Arts Center and Caffè Lena announced a three-part concert series, Nordlys Global Voices Series, as part of a new programming collaboration featuring original and traditional musicians from non-English-speaking nations. Launched by the two beloved Saratoga venues, the series concludes with Pakistani neo-Sufi musician Arooj Aftab. Born and raised in Lahore, Aftab studied in Boston before settling in Brooklyn, where she performs her soulful music, which has been described as having a languid, dreamlike quality.

Time: 8-10pm | Cost: \$25

Sunday, May 20

2018 SPRING AUTO SHOW

@Saratoga Automobile Museum, Saratoga Springs

Spend a beautiful spring day outside viewing cars from 1886, all the way up until 1993. Whether you know cars or not, this family-friendly event will be enjoyed by all. The 2018 Spring Auto Show will have a special display of Antique Automobile Club of America vehicles to be judged by our Hagerty Youth Judging Program. Have a kid that loves cars as much as you do? If they're between the ages of 8 and 14 sign them up to be one of our Hagerty Youth Judges.

Time: 7am-3pm

Cost: \$10 admission,

FREE for kids 12 and under

Thursday, May 24

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE CAPITAL REGION 2018 CHEF'S CHALLENGE

@Excelsior Springs, Saratoga Springs
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region, a non-profit mentoring program for children facing adversity, is once again presenting the Chef's Challenge. Big Brothers Big Sisters is planning to raise over \$45,000 at the Chef's Challenge 2018. The Chef's Challenge features seven restaurants, each making a signature dish to compete in the People's Choice food competition. Each dish will be paired with a signature cocktail or beverage. Guests will try each dish and vote for their favorite; the winning restaurant will then compete in a head-to-head competition at the next Chef's Challenge event. The head-to-head challenge this year will feature Chef Thomas Gulbrandsen from Excelsior Springs and Chef Derek Adams from Warehouse Grill & BBQ. Tickets to the event can be purchased online.

Time: 6:30-8:30pm | Cost: Varies



Saratoga Arts Events

Contributed by Emma Huneck, Saratoga Arts

There Is a Lot Going On at Saratoga Arts This Spring! You won't want to miss...

At The Library

"All Around the World"

Works by Suzanne Hicks on display at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library from May 1 - May 29, 2018.

Are You or Your Kids Looking to Get Creative?

Saratoga Arts offers a variety of classes, workshops and summer camps for kids and adults alike! Our spring classes and workshops are in full swing and it's not too late to sign up and make some art. Our summer camps are perfect for kids ages 5-14 who love art, theater or books and run for 10 weeks all summer. For more information about classes, workshops and summer camps, visit our website at www.saratoga-arts.org/education or by calling 518-584-4132.

On Display in The Arts Center Gallery

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If the person you wish to reach is not on the list above, please call 518-371-6651 to speak to a receptionist who will direct your call to the appropriate individual or department. The Town's office buildings are open from Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm, excluding holidays. The Town Clerk's Office is open until 7pm every Thursday. The Building and Parks and Recreation Departments are open at 8am Monday through Friday.

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