

HISTORY

The Crossroads of History and Beauty

The Jay Heritage Center tells a tale as old as time. **By Laragh Cronin**

The beautifully preserved Jay Estate in Rye has watched over the Long Island Sound for 272 years. Today, the Jay Heritage Center, an educational nonprofit dedicated to preserving John Jay's childhood home, watches over the property in return. Here, you can learn about America's first chief justice of the Supreme Court as one of the negotiators of the Treaty of Paris and his leadership in abolishing slavery in New York State. The Center also works to tell the lost stories of the enslaved and emancipated people who worked on the property. "We are reminding the world that African Americans left an imprint on our land and had an impact in the evolution of our country," says Suzanne Clary, president of the Jay Heritage Center.



Visitors can watch interactive plays, tour historic gardens and conduct archaeological digs, among other activities. (In addition to its Colonial-era history, the site is of archaeological significance.) Clary believes that location-based learning improves retention, especially when it comes to history. "We put a 4,000-year-old artifact in the palm of [a visitor's] hands that came from beneath the ground on which they are standing," she says. "These tactile and visual catalysts make people want to learn more about our shared heritage."

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BY THE NUMBERS

\$32.81

The hourly wage a Westchester home renter would have to earn to afford a typical two-bedroom rental at Fair Market prices, based on the 30%-of-gross-income guideline. The actual Westchester hourly wage mean in 2017 was \$18.25 (page 25)



7 a.m.

The hour at which Westchester real estate developer Martin Ginsburg starts his workday (page 72)

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The entrée order number for the amazing beef carpaccio at Vietnam's Central in Scarsdale (page 88)



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The number of treatment rooms available for booking at Oasis Day Spa in Dobbs Ferry (page 54)



Going to the Dogs

Pace University leads the way with a new animal-based therapy program for incarcerated mothers.

By Carol Caffin

Following the remarkable success of animal-assisted therapy (AAT), therapy dogs are now helping incarcerated mothers in Westchester hone their parenting skills while learning to deal with feelings such as fear, guilt, depression, and trauma.

Parenting, Prison & Pups (PPP) is a two-year research partnership — the first of its kind anywhere — between Pace University's Dyson College, Department of Criminal Justice; The Good Dog Foundation, a nonprofit that trains and certifies therapy-dog teams and provides AAT; the Metropolitan Correctional Center, under the Federal Bureau of Prisons; and the

Westchester County Department of Correction (WCDOC). While animal-based programs have been used by correctional institutions before, PPP is the first to employ a structured curriculum.

"The [PPP] program is a way for us to reach women and help them become better parents for their children," says PPP director Kimberly Collica-Cox, PhD. "What we are really looking to do is to stop the cycle of intergenerational incarceration, and we believe that this program can help achieve that."

Animal-assisted WCDOC classes are scheduled to begin in September 2018.