

## Bright year, even brighter Scarsdale village coming Nov. 30

To the Editor,

As the holidays approach, let's take a moment to consider all the positive changes we have witnessed in Scarsdale Village over the past 12 months, and the community-building that has blossomed around us. The past year has brought a breath of fresh air to our village streets, and we feel we have much to celebrate.

Our renewed community spirit will be on full display at Light the 'Dale, the annual holiday and tree-lighting event in Boniface Circle in Scarsdale Village, Friday, Nov. 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. Be sure to join your friends and neighbors that evening to experience the first magic and wonder of the season. With even more singers, more food and more lights than last year, it's a feel-good moment you won't want to miss. And like last year, parents can submit their kids' names for the opportunity to light the tree and menorah by sending an email to [lightthedale@gmail.com](mailto:lightthedale@gmail.com) and including your child's name, school and age. At 5:30 p.m., Mayor Dan Hochvert will pick one lucky winner to flip the switch.

While efforts to revitalize our village are ongoing, clearly things are heading in the right direction. Most evident are the vacancies that are being filled, as we welcome fabulous new merchants to our town, including Rudy's Music, where you can purchase guitars for beginners, professionals and collectors; Bango Bowls, where you can savor delicious poke and acai bowls; and Nordic Edge, where you can experience the invigorating and rejuvenating effects of cryother-

apy. As consultants for The Acceleration Project (TAP), we have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and working with new and prospective merchants, and helping them integrate into and become a part of our community.

Scarsdale residents have been clamoring for an independent bookstore for the past few years and Bronx River Books has not disappointed. Owners Mark Fowler and Jessica Kaplan personally recommend books, order anything you request and host fabulous events and gatherings such as book clubs, salons and guest authors. This is just the type of community gathering space TAP's research indicated we have all wanted, so definitely stop in, introduce yourself and feel the glow.

Via Forno is the latest addition on the dining scene. A full service restaurant and excellent wine bar serving brick oven pizza and Italian bistro fare, it exudes warmth and welcome. Laughter and chatter fill the restaurant as the community has found a place to gather, eat and drink, and watch a game at the bar.

Plans are underway for another eatery, Saponi II, to occupy the former Wuji space.

And DeCicco's is upgrading and expanding into the former bank space to offer more prepared foods and dining opportunities. Stay tuned for info about these exciting developments.

The newly formed Scarsdale Business Alliance (SBA) has been instrumental in the village's revitalization. It was created this past year to foster cooperation and

innovation in the local businesses. The members' enthusiasm, resourcefulness and tenacity demonstrate their commitment to making Scarsdale a more vibrant and exciting shopping and dining experience for all. In a few short months they have put together some very positive and effective events with more planned for 2019.

To further its mission, the SBA announces its first-ever Holiday Shop & Dine the 'Dale weekend, Thursday, Dec. 6, through Saturday, Dec. 8 (with extended evening hours until 8 p.m. on Thursday), showcasing shops and restaurants located in Scarsdale Village, Golden Horseshoe, Five Corners, Colonial Village, Scarsdale Commons, Garth Road and Scarsdale Avenue. As part of the event, customers who make a purchase at a participating store or dine at an SBA establishment will be entered into a raffle. Be sure to shop and dine on those days. SBA is already planning a Health & Wellness Fair plus a Food & Wine Expo for the spring.

With many new additions and exciting events, coupled with projects planned for the near future, we can't help but feel hopeful for our village and thankful to be a part of it. As the holidays approach, please continue to support our Scarsdale businesses by shopping and dining in the 'Dale. Happy and safe holidays to all.

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