Mark Your Calendars!

Join us on Sunday, March 21, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. for a conversation with Mara Gay, a New York Times Editorial Board member who writes about politics and New York. She’s also an MSNBC political analyst, appearing regularly to discuss national politics. Mara’s journalism career began at White Plains High School, where she served as editor-in-chief for The Orange.

Mara will be interviewed by Bill Falk, editor-in-chief of The Week, a weekly news magazine with editions in the United Kingdom and United States. Previously he worked at Newsday, where he was part of two reporting teams that won Pulitzer Prizes. Bill has been a resident of White Plains since 1992.

He'll be talking with Mara Gay about what it's like working as a journalist today including topics such as reporting during a pandemic, fake news, and sharing opinions in a polarized political climate.

Click here to register. For more on the event, click here.

This program is sponsored by the White Plains Library Foundation.

Take care,

Brian Kenney
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COVID Angels Volunteers Needed

The City of White Plains is launching a COVID Angels Volunteer Project to assist White Plains seniors with navigating the technology needed to obtain an appointment for getting the COVID-19 vaccination.

Mayor Tom Roach said, "My office has received many, many calls from seniors who have been unable to secure a vaccination appointment. The White Plains COVID
Angels Project is designed to be a source of assistance to seniors who have limitations accessing vaccinations and to alleviate some of the stress that has become associated with navigating the vaccine process.

The City of White Plains Youth Bureau and Recreation & Parks Department will be managing the project and are asking for volunteers to assist them in making calls and securing vaccination appointments online for our senior citizens.

For further information, contact 914-422-1378 or wpangels@whiteplainsny.gov.

Activist Academy
Sunday, March 7th
4:00-5:00 p.m.
Join us for a lively presentation and Q&A with internationally acclaimed YouTuber Jessica Kellgren-Fozard on the topics of disability rights, advocacy, and education! Learn how to be an advocate, how to identify ableism, and historic and modern progress towards meaningful accommodations and equality. This event is open to teens and their parents, and attendees will earn 1.5 hours of community service. Registration is required. Click here to register.

"Remember the Ladies": Genealogy for Women
Monday, March 15th
7:00-8:00 p.m.
So often genealogy research focuses on the males, but 50% of our family tree is made up of women. Learn how to uncover your maternal ancestors’ stories and where she might be hiding in the record collections. For information on attending, click here.

Candid.
Introduction to Finding Grants
Tuesday, March 9th
1:00-2:30 p.m.
Discover how to identify potential funders and how to make the first approach with this presentation from Candid. This presentation is for non-profits. Click here to register.

The Power of Visibility: Contributions to History by Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Women
Wednesday, March 31st
7:00-8:30 p.m.
In honor of both Women's History Month and March 31st being International Transgender Day of Visibility, The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center invites you to an informative and interactive event highlighting the contributions made to history by women of trans and GNC experience. From the Zuni leader We'wha to Biden nominee Dr. Rachel Levine, utilizing archival multimedia footage we will present both about the individuals themselves and the context of history which made their journey notable. Join us for an evening of learning and discussion as we celebrate these historic women. Click here to register.

Virtual Tech Help
Tuesday, March 9th
2:00-3:30 p.m.
Need help with a general computer issue or have questions about a particular piece of technology? Ask Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney in this virtual assistance program. Whether a beginner or advanced user, all are welcome. Click here to register.
APPLY FOR U.S. CITIZENSHIP!

Free Virtual Citizenship Clinic
April 6th from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

If you have a green card, are 18 years or older and believe you qualify to naturalize please call 914-666-3410 to register for our free Citizenship Clinic.

Free citizenship screening and naturalization application assistance performed by attorneys and specially trained volunteers.

Clinic provided by:

Around the Web

Facts on Coronavirus.
Students using more eBooks from public libraries.
On the psychology of grief, fandom, and fanfiction.
Announcing the winners of the PEN/Bellwether Prize and the PEN/Robert J. Dau Short Story Prize.

Dr. Seuss Enterprises will shelve 6 books, citing "hurtful" portrayals.

Photo of The Week
Above: Downtown view from Church Street. by Peter S.

We want your photos! In each issue of This Week on Martine we feature one patron submitted photo that was taken in White Plains. To submit your photography for a chance to be featured, visit our submission page, upload a photo, and fill out our form with a short description of the photo and your name.