

# BEECHMONT BUGLE

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## New York Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences



Iona College and NewYork-Presbyterian announced the establishment of the **NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences**, to be principally located on the College's campus at 171 White Plains Road, Bronxville, New York. The NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences is expected to offer a new vision for collaborative health care education, modern workforce development, and community care.

NewYork-Presbyterian has supported the creation of the NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences with a gift of \$20 million. Iona College anticipates commencing classes at the Iona Bronxville campus in the fall of 2022.

NewYork-Presbyterian is ranked the #1 hospital in New York, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* Best Hospitals rankings. NewYork-Presbyterian is consistently recognized as

a leader in medical education, groundbreaking research, and innovative, patient-centered clinical care in collaboration with two renowned medical schools, Weill Cornell Medicine and Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. The NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences will provide Iona students with the opportunity to complement their liberal arts education with the knowledge and skills required to excel in the health care industry. Through the relationship with NewYork-Presbyterian, Iona will offer cutting-edge education in the health sciences with an eye toward meeting the demands of the health care industry

It is anticipated it will become a model for mission-based collaboration between higher education and health sciences.

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## Beechmont Association Needs Your Support

I would ask you to consider investing in and supporting **The Beechmont Association** as so many residents have done so generously in the past.

We need volunteers to help our Association function and replace many of the seniors who have so generously contributed their time and effort over the years and are now retiring. Remember we are only caretakers of our homes.

We welcome and encourage any residents to participate actively in the **Beechmont Association**, whenever their schedule permits. To volunteer, send us your name, address, email address, and telephone number by email to [Vstanionis@verizon.net](mailto:Vstanionis@verizon.net). Be persistent.

Membership in the Iona athletic facility (Hynes Athletic Center) is also available to all **Association** members at **Iona alumni rates**. (**Google: Hynes Athletic Center Membership**). When applying for membership, present your Beechmont Association membership card for 2022.

Please remit your check for \$50 dues for 2022, made out to **The Beechmont Association**. Please mail it to our treasurer, Susan Schlecker at 55 Melrose Drive in the enclosed envelope. We are not a political organization, a social organization, or a club, but have a narrow mission to accomplish. We need all residents to support our mission as stated below.

### THE BEECHMONT ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Beechmont Association was organized in 1904 for the purpose of improving and beautifying Beechmont and protecting the community interests of its residents.

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**Dr. Steven J. Corwin, president and CEO of NewYork-Presbyterian said:** "The pandemic has highlighted the critical need for health care professionals to be equipped with the training, skills, and flexibility to adapt and rise to new challenges. We are pleased to collaborate with Iona College to develop the next generation of outstanding health care professionals to help us lead the way in serving our communities and providing the very best care to our patients."

The NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences will build upon Iona's existing health science programs, including:

- Nursing (BSN)
- Occupational Therapy (MS)
- Psychology (BA, MA)
- Social Work (BS)
- Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology (BA)
- Communication Sciences & Disorders (MA)
- Marriage & Family Therapy (MS)
- Mental Health Counseling (MA)

Plans to develop additional health science programs include the following:

- Nurse Anesthesia (MSN)
- Clinical Nurse Specialist (MSN)
- Medical Technician (BS)
- Nursing Administration (MSN)
- Nursing Education (MSN)
- Physical Therapy (DPT)
- Speech Therapy (MS)

In addition to the New York-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences, the Iona Bronxville campus is expected to become a vibrant hub of activity hosting world-class seminars, speakers, performing arts, athletics, and art.

Iona's campus is located approximately three miles from the Bronxville campus.

## Beechmont Lake

According to Mayor Bramson, New Rochelle DPW continues to press the contractor to complete the Lake project and impose penalties for failures to meet scheduled benchmarks. Given the history of delays, Bramson is reluctant to guarantee a completion date, but be assured that any dead vegetation will be replaced, weeds will be removed, and the entire site will be properly maintained before the project closes out.

The access road to the forebay was always part of the project design and is necessary to permit vehicles and

equipment to periodically remove debris and silt. There are no plans at the moment to extend the Beechmont path north through the Pinebrook median, but Mayor Bramson and Councilwoman Sara Kaye are both supportive of this concept and hope it can be pursued as part of a future City complete streets initiative.

Regarding the two houses 8 Montgomery Circle and 89 The Esplanade, the City is pursuing all legal avenues available to ensure compliance with relevant codes.

## College Professor Finds Missing Dandini in Plain Sight

An Iona College professor specializing in the works of the old masters identified a long-lost masterpiece hiding in plain sight. "I'm used to wandering into churches, and I find it very peaceful. I was there at least three times before I noticed the painting one day when the lights were on brightly," says Iona College Visual Arts Professor Thomas Ruggio. "I knew it was a 17th century painting. It's something you expect to find in Italy, but it was really out of place in a church in New York."

After sending a few photos to David Pullins, Associate Curator of European Paintings at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Paola Betti, an art historian, Ruggio's suspicions were proven correct.



The work, created by the Italian baroque painter Cesare Dandini (1596-1657), from a famed Florentine arts family, depicts the Holy Family of Christian tradition, including an infant St. John. This particular painting is called Holy Family with the Infant St. John and is valued at about \$800,000.

Ruggio said. "We've got Joseph and we have the infant St. John, the Virgin Mary and the Christ child," For years art historians thought the painting was missing. But for the last six decades it was in New Rochelle at the Holy Family Church. "The former pastor Monsignor Fitzgerald went over to I believe London and was going through different galleries

because he wanted to get paintings for over the door here and on the other side of the church," said Monsignor Dennis Keane with Church of the Holy Family. "He purchased two of these paintings in a gallery, but we don't know the name of the gallery." The monsignor and his parish council agreed to loan the masterpiece to the Iona College library where it will hang for the next three months

## Beechmont Path

In the April 1971, landscape architect. Kaneji Domoto, suggested to The Beechmont Association that a "path" be



constructed along the center of Pinebrook Boulevard. It would extend from Beechmont Lake to the Leatherstocking Trail on Pinebrook. Domoto studied with Frank Lloyd Wright in Taliesin and

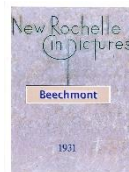
had a 50+ year career. He realized multiple projects in Usonia, a cooperative in Pleasantville. Usonia was the historic community near Pleasantville, New York, that was planned by Frank Lloyd Wright. Domoto lived on Pinebrook Blvd in New Rochelle.

## Beechmont Booklets

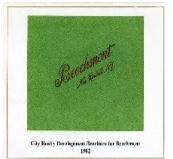
The **History of Beechmont 1902 – 2016** was compiled from various sources and is by no means complete. It is a 70-page booklet which includes development maps, color, black and white pictures, and historical images of documents.



**New Rochelle in Pictures, 1931** was first published by a local newspaper. The pictures of Beechmont homes alone were used in forming the new booklet **New Rochelle in Pictures, Beechmont, 1931.**



The third booklet was the **City Realty Development Brochure 1902** produced by City Realty the developers of Beechmont.



These booklets are available to all new residents and old and can be obtained by sending your name and address by email to [Vstanionis@verizon.net](mailto:Vstanionis@verizon.net).