

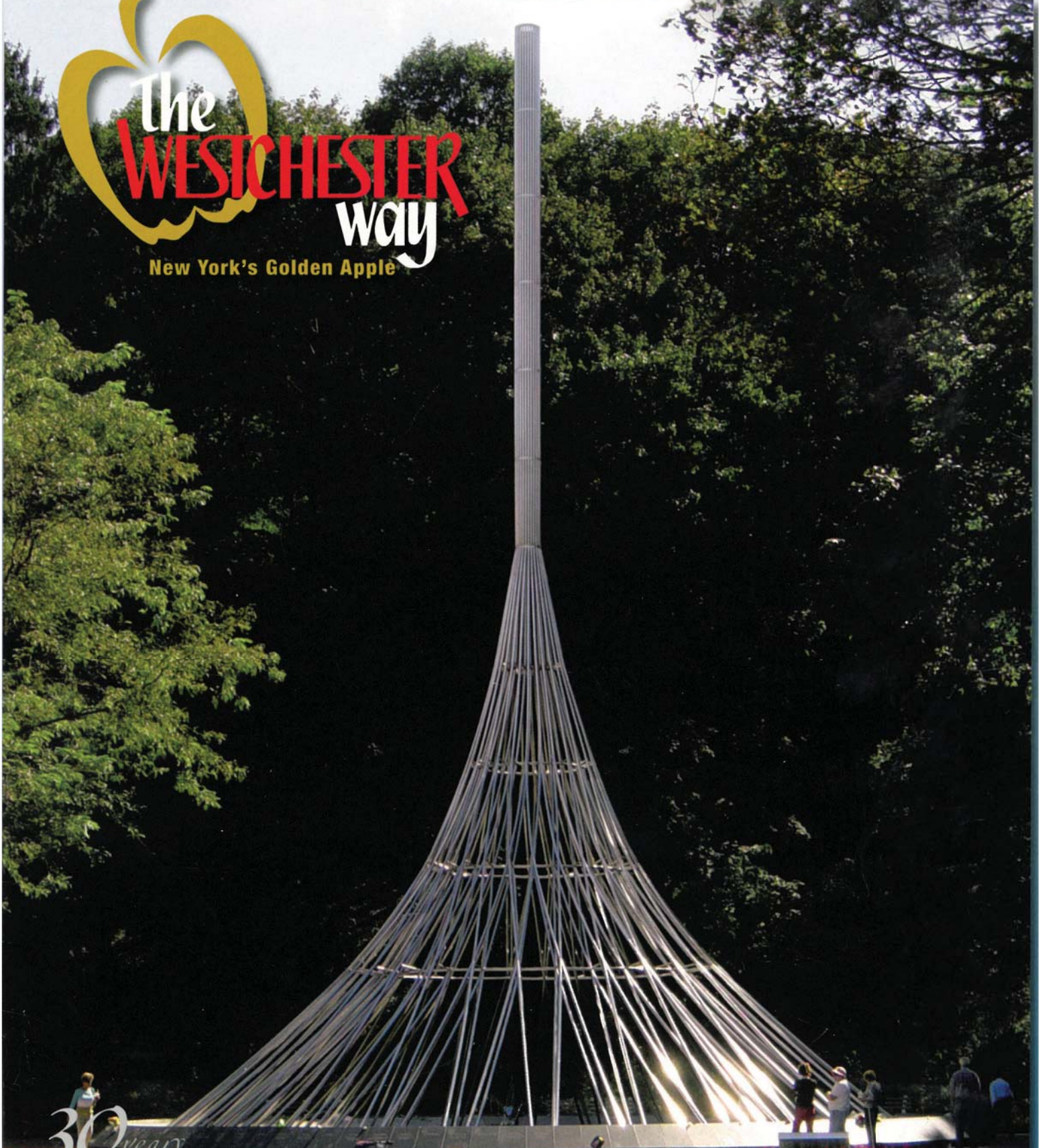
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# Welcome



Andrew J. Spano, County Executive

Welcome to Westchester County, New York's Golden Apple and the gateway to the historic Hudson River Valley region! Even if you've visited Westchester before, there are plenty of new offerings that make a return trip worthwhile, including:

▶ **The Rising** (as featured on the cover), an impressive memorial remembering those Westchester County residents who died on September 11, 2001. It's located in Valhalla at Kensico Dam.

▶ **Empire City Gaming**, featuring thousands of video gaming machines, located at the venerable Yonkers Raceway in Yonkers. Harness races still post five days a week, as they have since 1899! [www.yonkersraceway.com](http://www.yonkersraceway.com).

▶ A prestigious golf event, the **HSBC Women's World**

**Match Play Championship**, will arrive July 19-22 at the Wykagyl Country Club in New Rochelle, bringing 64 of the world's top LPGA players to the area. [www.hsbcgolf.com](http://www.hsbcgolf.com)

▶ New York State's **Empire State Games**, the largest amateur state-sponsored athletic programs in the nation, takes place throughout Westchester July 25-29th. Nearly 6,000 athletes will participate in 27 different Olympic-style sports.

▶ A new **Sheraton** hotel has opened in Tarrytown with 150 rooms. A **Doubletree** hotel will also re-open this year in Tarrytown with 250 rooms. Several other properties have been extensively renovated, and many have introduced the newest in comfort bedding.

▶ The Westchester County Office of Tourism is offering a new **Two-Day Movie Location Tour** Itinerary that includes visits to several film locations. Download it online at [www.westchestertourism.com](http://www.westchestertourism.com). Additionally, the new second edition of the *Art Galleries: Westchester County* brochure lists nearly 50 venues for enjoying works by great artists. See the brochure order form on page 64.

▶ There are many new **Travel Packages** available in Westchester County this year which include first class accommodations and visits to local attractions, such as *His and Hers Weekday Getaway*; *Family Fun*; *Taste the Arts*; *The Westchester Way*; and *Historic Holidays*. Get booking details at [www.westchestertourism.com](http://www.westchestertourism.com)

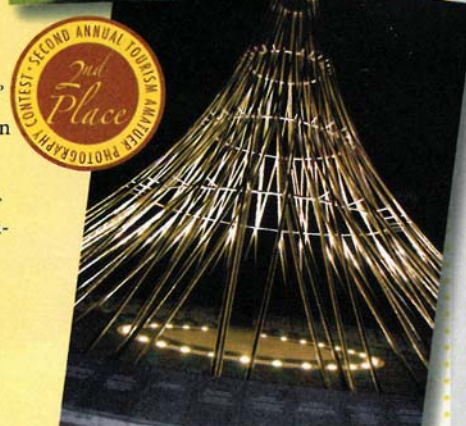
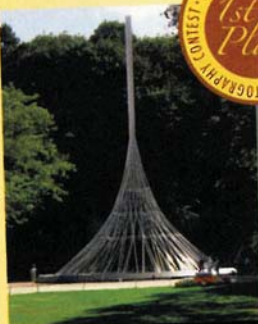
We hope to see you soon, taking a getaway, **The Westchester Way!**

Cordially,

Andrew J. Spano  
County Executive

## On the Cover

"The Rising" September 11th Memorial at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla. Photo taken by Hugh Bell of Chappaqua, the first place winner of the second annual Tourism Amateur Photography Contest. Marisol Sanchez of White Plains was the second place winner for the night time view of "The Rising," pictured right. Michelle Piccolo Hill and Linda Tuxen tied for third place. Their photos and the work of several runners-up are shown throughout this guide. The Westchester County Office of Tourism congratulates the winners and thanks the contest prize sponsors: FujiFilm USA, Monteverde at Oldstone Manor Restaurant in Cortlandt, and PLATES Restaurant in Larchmont.



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