

**CITY OF RYE  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Council Members  
**FROM:** Frank J. Culross, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Enclosures - Council Packet  
**DATE:** October 2, 2009

Enclosed with this memorandum are the following items:

- 10-1 Memorandum from Police Commissioner William R. Connors dated September 30, 2009 regarding an arrest made in the recent pattern of larcenies and burglaries.
- 10-2 Notification of a Press Conference to commemorate the purchase of the Bird Homestead to be held on Friday, October 9, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.
- 10-3 Press Release from the Committee to Save the Bird Homestead announcing the award of a \$1,500 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Daniel K. Thorne Intervention Fund grant program.
- 10-4 Meeting notice for the week of October 5, 2009.

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William R. Connors  
*Police Commissioner*

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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September 30, 2009

Memorandum for: Frank J. Culross, City Manager

Subject: **BURGLARY/LARCENY FROM AUTO ARREST**

Earlier this month, I reported that the City was experiencing a pattern of larcenies from vehicles, several of which escalated to burglary when suspects used garage door openers in unlocked vehicles to gain access to homes and remove property. We transmitted an advisory to residents via the Reverse 911 System.

I am pleased to report that an arrest has been made in this case. Information developed by our Detective Division, working closely with neighboring departments, led to the execution of a search warrant at a residence in White Plains, the recovery of property stolen from our victims, and the arrest of a White Plains resident for burglary and other charges.

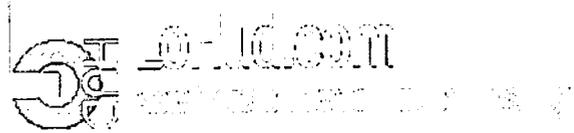
Our detectives played a critical role in a second case that developed on a parallel track and involved a number of larcenies from vehicles here and in other towns. That case originated in Connecticut and resulted in arrests by the New York State Police, but relied upon information developed by our detectives working with colleagues from Harrison.

Excellent investigative work was done on both cases by Detectives Robert Chittenden, John Wood, and Gary Olivier, under the supervision of Detective Lieutenant Joseph A. Verille III, with outstanding assistance and cooperation from the Darien, Greenwich, Harrison, Mamaroneck, Westchester County, and White Plains Police Departments. A copy of an article from the *Journal News* is attached.

Submitted for your information.

WRC/wrc

William R. Connors  
Police Commissioner



October 1, 2009

## Arrest may put an end to Sound shore burglary spree

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Authorities say they may have solved a burglary spree that has been plaguing the Sound shore area all summer, said Lt. Joseph Verille of the Rye police.

Mark Clancy, 41, of 774 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, was arraigned in Harrison on Tuesday on two counts of second-degree burglary, a felony, and a count of petty larceny, a misdemeanor, stemming from incidents in Harrison and Rye. He's being held without bail.

Clancy is accused of breaking into cars and using garage-door openers taken in some of those incidents to get into homes, Verille said.

"Sooner or later someone was going to get hurt," Verille said.

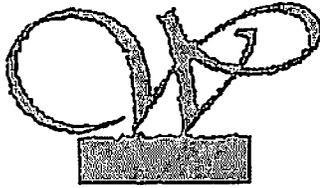
The proceeds were used to buy drugs, Verille said.

Officers from White Plains, Harrison and Rye found stolen merchandise when they searched his home Sept. 22, police said, including a wallet, a large wire spool and an empty golf bag. The probe involved Mamaroneck Village police who were pursuing a drug case, Verille said.

A man who was in the house when the search warrant was executed was not charged. Clancy is accused of using the man's car to commit crimes, Verille said.

Clancy and his mother were arrested in Harrison and Rye on cocaine possession charges in 1997.

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October 1, 2009

We are writing to invite you to a special press conference to commemorate and recognize the purchase of the Bird Homestead on Milton Road in the City of Rye. This important acquisition was made possible through a team effort of private contributors, volunteers, and the significant help of outside grants. Your participation was vital to making this project a reality.

The City of Rye, Westchester Land Trust, and the Committee to Save the Bird Homestead invite you to join us for an outdoor press conference on Friday, October 9, at 1 pm, 600 Milton Road, Rye, New York. We will recognize the important individuals and groups that made the closing a few weeks ago possible.

The Bird Homestead is now safe forever from the possibility of development. We couldn't have saved it without you!

Please RSVP to [info@westchesterlandtrust.org](mailto:info@westchesterlandtrust.org) or by calling 914-241-6346 x21.

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Mayor  
Rye, N.Y.

Ben Spinelli  
Executive Director  
Westchester Land Trust

Anne Stillman  
President  
Committee to Save the Bird Homestead

For Immediate Release  
October 2, 2009

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### **National Trust Awards Intervention Funds to Bird Homestead**

The Committee to Save the Bird Homestead today was awarded a \$1,500 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Daniel K. Thorne Intervention Fund grant program. The grant funds will be used to install emergency protective coverings on the roofs of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century barn and woodworker's shop at the Bird Homestead. These farm-related buildings are rare survivors in lower Westchester. They completely retain their historic character, but suffer from deferred maintenance.

The grant will assist with the installation of an EPDM rubber membrane over the deteriorated wood-shingle roofs. Russell Watsky, a roofing consultant, who has long experience with historic buildings, recommended this type of covering. It is much more durable than standard tarps, which are vulnerable to wind and sun. The approach is intended as quick, temporary stabilization to protect the structures, while the organization seeks funds through grant writing and donations to install proper cedar-shingle roofs and to conduct a historic structures report to guide further restoration.

The Committee to Save the Bird Homestead was among several grant recipients selected in a competitive process from applicants across New England and Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. "We are very grateful for the National Trust's support. Now that we have protected the Bird Homestead forever from the possibility of development, in cooperation with the City and the dedicated efforts of Mayor Otis, Westchester Land Trust, and many others, our priority is to protect the buildings from the elements," said Anne Stillman, president of the Committee to Save the Bird Homestead.

In announcing the grant, National Trust Northeast Office Director Wendy Nicholas said, "With these start-up dollars, the Bird Homestead in Rye, New York, joins projects in communities across the country actively ensuring that America's architectural and cultural heritage is preserved." Through its Intervention Fund, the National Trust offers small grants to nonprofit groups and public agencies to support historic preservation projects across the nation.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, chartered by Congress in 1949, is a nonprofit organization with more than 270,000 members. As the leader of the national preservation movement, it is committed to saving America's diverse historic environments and to preserving and revitalizing the livability of communities nationwide. The Northeast Office coordinates the programs of the National Trust within the ten northeastern states.

**CITY OF RYE  
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Department Heads  
FROM: City Clerk's Office  
SUBJECT: **Weekly Meeting Notice**  
DATE: September 25, 2009

Meetings scheduled to be held during the week of October 5, 2009.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2009**

*City Council Meeting*  
8:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers  
Mayor's Conference Room

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009**

*Traffic & Transportation Committee*  
7:30 P.M.  
Employee Lounge

cc: News Media  
Kerry Donahue