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## 2016 Wine & Food Festival Tickets on Sale

By Jerry Eimbinder

Tickets for the 2016 Wine & Food Festival, to be held June 9-11 in White Plains and Valhalla, are now on sale.

The three-event program features the Burger & Beer Blast on Thursday, June 9 at Kensico Dam Plaza, An Evening With Westchester's Tastemakers on Friday, June 10 at the Ritz-Carlton in White Plains and the Grand Tasting Village on Saturday, June 11 at Kensico Dam Plaza.

The Burger & Beer Blast, scheduled for 6 to 10 p.m., will have attendees vote to determine which one of the roughly 30 participating local restaurants takes home the top prize. There will be beef burgers, lamb burgers and cheeseburgers. Beer, wine and spirits can be paired with the burgers. There will also be music and dancing. Individual tickets cost \$75 and a 10-ticket pack sells for \$700.

Fifteen Westchester County chefs will team up to prepare food for the Evening



A scene from last year's Wine & Food Festival, a three-day celebration that will take place in June in Valhalla and White Plains.

With Westchester's Tastemakers on June 10 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Dishes will be paired with wine and spirits. Tickets cost \$125 (general) and \$175 for VIP status, which includes 5:30 p.m. entry.

An assortment of wines and food samples from 60 restaurants will be offered at the Grand Tasting Village, scheduled from 12 to 5 p.m. on June 11. Tickets cost \$75. Chef demonstrations will be held at 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m.

The festival is conducted by Westchester Magazine. A portion of the recipes will be donated to Friends of Westchester County Parks and the Food Bank for Westchester.

For more information and for tickets, visit [www.showclix.com/event/wineandfoodfestival2016](http://www.showclix.com/event/wineandfoodfestival2016).



## 34th Annual Free Camp & Summer Activities Fair to be Held in White Plains

The 34th Annual Camp & Summer Activities Fair will take place at the Crowne Plaza at 66 Hale Avenue in White Plains on the afternoon of Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7 from, 12 to 3 p.m.

Families that are looking for summer camps for their kids can meet more than 40 exhibitors, including camp directors. Families will also be introduced to other summer activities they might want to explore this summer, such as outings, cool venues, and unique classes. Kids will also have fun at this event, which features free games and prizes. The kids can expect

entertainment like free arcade/carnival games, photo booth and prizes both big and small.

Hundreds of families attended in the past. All enjoyed an efficient afternoon, speaking to experts and learning their options, while having bonding time with their kids. Families can register online to avoid the lines by going to [westchestercampfair.com](http://westchestercampfair.com). The event is hosted by NYMetroParents.com, Westchester Parent magazine (divisions of Davler Media Group) and the NY/NJ Chapters of the American Camp Association.

## Gullotta House to Host Two Mega Events Next Week

Gullotta House, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, The Look by Melissa and Operation Prom will present Charity Couture, a night of fashion and fundraising on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at The Briarcliff Manor, 25 Studio Hill Rd. in Briarcliff Manor. A \$100 ticket will provide hors d'oeuvres, champagne and wine, a fashion show, silent auction and shopping with eight high-end vendors such as Chanel, Hermes and Christian Louboutin.

On Sunday, Feb. 14 from 1 to 4 p.m., the Cortlandt School of Performing Arts will

present a live music and cocktail party to benefit the Gullotta House, which is also taking place at The Briarcliff Manor. The Valentine's Day gala will feature music by Ob-La-Di, Bla-da, the definitive Beatles Tribute Band, along with lavish hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, antipasto, a drink special, raffles, prizes and a silent auction in an elegant mansion. Tickets are \$50 per person in advance, \$80 each at the door.

To reserve online, visit [www.gullottahouse.org](http://www.gullottahouse.org) or call Ray or Carol at 914-402-4250.

## Via Vanti! Introduces Prix-Fixe Espresso Lunch

By Jerry Eimbinder

Via Vanti! in Mount Kisco began offering a daily \$11.99 prix-fixe lunch last Tuesday that includes a cup of soup, a main course and a free espresso. Customers can select a crispy pizzette, a grilled panini or a salad as the main course.

Three different pizzettes are available including the Michelangelo, a combination of Italian sausage, roasted red and yellow peppers, mozzarella

and gorgonzola. The panini choices are eggplant with mozzarella, lemon rosemary chicken with spinach, cheese and olive spread and sausage and pepper with smoked mozzarella. Four salads are also on the menu.

The espresso lunch is available from noon to 3 p.m.

Via Vanti! is located in the Mount Kisco train station at 2 Kirby Plaza. For more information, call 914-666-6400.

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