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### Back in action

Abby Ward of Dobbs Ferry and Lara Greene of Irvington vie for the ball on Oct. 10. Dobbs Ferry defeated Irvington, 1-0, as high school sports resumed for the first time since March. In addition to girls' soccer, the abbreviated fall season includes boys' soccer, field hockey, girls' tennis, and cross country.

## Villages and Town weigh EMS mutual aid options

By Jackie Lupo

REGION — When representatives of Greenburgh EMS and police sat around a virtual conference table with members of the villages' volunteer ambulance corps and fire departments on Oct. 13, there was tension in the air.

They were all determined to make emergency medical services in Greenburgh and its six incorporated villages work better, but not everyone embraced the proposal that the Town of Greenburgh buy an additional ambulance, at taxpayer expense, to cover the villages' needs for mutual aid. There was also criticism of the decision process that often results in the Greenburgh EMS being dispatched as the default mutual-aid ambulance rather than a volunteer ambulance corps (VAC) crew from a closer village location.

Elmsford Village Administrator Michael Mills said that previous efforts by the Town and villages to establish a mutual aid ambulance run by Greenburgh had failed. "It's come to the point where some of us really need to explore this service," he said, stressing that the aim of those negotiations was not "to replace anybody. There are a lot of questions that need to be asked and answered."

In recent months, the questions have become more critical because of a combination of factors: the coronavirus pandemic, a drop in volunteerism in general, and a lack of manpower, which is hobbling the Dobbs Ferry Volunteer Ambulance Corps in particular. In August, Dobbs Ferry VAC vice president Joe Rooney told the Enterprise that the corps, which subsists entirely on dona-

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## Landing seeks \$2.2 million reimbursement

By Kris DiLorenzo

DOBBS FERRY — The Landing Homeowners Association (HOA) wants to be reimbursed about \$2.2 million in property taxes paid since it applied to change the status of its 103 units from single-family homes to condominiums two years ago.

If it succeeds, the HOA would be reimbursed about \$750,000 from the Dobbs Ferry School District, \$250,000 from the Village of Dobbs Ferry, and \$100,000 from the Town of Greenburgh, for both 2018 and 2019, according to Greenburgh Town Attorney Tim Lewis. The Town of Greenburgh serves as the taxing authority

for the Village of Dobbs Ferry and the Dobbs Ferry School District.

Referring to itself as "The Landing on The Water at Dobbs Ferry Condominium," the HOA filed a note of issue with the Westchester County Clerk on Sept. 14, requesting a trial without jury — a tax certiorari proceeding — in Westchester County Supreme Court in White Plains. The notice also cites the school district as a respondent.

"The Real Property Tax Law requires that when a property owner, such as The Landing, files a petition against the Town, as the assessing unit, it is required to also mail a copy to the school district and the Village," Dobbs Ferry Schools

Superintendent Lisa Brady explained. "The school district then has the right, if it chooses, to intervene in the proceeding and become a party. That's what the school district did in this case and thus it became a respondent."

Andrew Schriever of Cuddy & Feder LLP in White Plains represents The Landing. Greenburgh is represented by Town Deputy Attorney Joseph Danko and the school district by Marc Sharff of Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP in Poughkeepsie.

"The petitions do not include the potential dollar amounts of refunds,"

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