Bernie Williams is Featured Guest at Annual Pattern Reception on Nov. 9th

Yankees legend will speak about baseball career, give musical performance

Over 16 seasons as the All Star center fielder for the New York Yankees, Bernie Williams helped lead the team to the World Series six times, and to World Series titles in 1996, 1998, 1999, and 2000. In 2003, Williams launched a second career as a musician. An accomplished guitarist in genres ranging from rock, to Latin, to jazz, Williams has released a pair of highly praised, award-winning albums. On November 9th, Williams will be the featured guest at Pattern’s annual reception, where he will share his music, talk about his baseball career, and take questions from guests.

“We are so thrilled that multi-talented Yankees legend Bernie Williams will be part of our annual reception,” said Jonathan Drapkin, Pattern’s CEO and President. “Pattern is celebrating our 51st anniversary, which just makes Bernie’s participation even more special,” added Drapkin, referencing the fact that Williams wore Number 51 throughout his Yankees career. The team officially retired Williams’ number in a ceremony last year.

Middletown Mayor Joe DeStefano and Sheila Appel, the US Regional Director of Corporate Citizenship & Corporate Affairs for IBM, will receive awards at the reception. DeStefano is being honored for his role in spearheading Middletown’s downtown revival; the city was recently awarded the $10 million prize for the Mid-Hudson Region in NY State’s Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Appel’s award will recognize her career-long efforts to support innovative education programs, highlighted by her widely praised work with the establishment of Hudson Valley P-TECHs.

Don’t Miss It!

Pattern’s Annual Reception

Wednesday, November 9 at 5:30
Anthony’s Pier 9, New Windsor

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A Crushing Burden: Pattern Report on Rockland Taxes Released

Rockland County is the smallest county in New York, but it has one of the largest tax burdens of any county in the nation. Pattern for Progress was commissioned by the Rockland Business Association (RBA) to produce a report on the causes of the high tax bills in Rockland, and recommend ideas for stabilizing or reducing property taxes. On September 28, the RBA hosted a press conference where Pattern President Jonathan Drapkin, Sr. Research Planner Elijah Reichlin-Melnick and RBA President Al Samuels unveiled the 75-page study, entitled “A Crushing Burden.” The report, which can be viewed at

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found that exceptionally high salaries for public employees such as teachers and police officers, a rapidly increasing number of residents on Medicaid, and Rockland’s proximity to New York City had played a major role in creating a “perfect storm” of high taxes.

Newburgh Rising: Pattern Unveils new “Creative Neighborhood” in city

Business owners, politicians, tech professionals and Pattern staff came together on August 23rd to outline plans for a “Creative Neighborhood” at the heart of downtown Newburgh. Anchored by major institutions including SUNY Orange, and home to a growing list of new businesses such as Atlas Industries, the neighborhood boasts a wealth of historic buildings ripe for revitalization, green space and vistas, and access to transportation and waterfront amenities. “This is a really good place to live and work,” said Pattern CEO Jonathan Drapkin, a sentiment echoed by elected officials from the city and county. Rhinebeck Bank announced the creation of a $3 million loan fund for businesses moving into the Creative Neighborhood.