

## Lohud staffers, readers chat on Yonkers barge



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*(Photo: Groundwork Hudson)*

For the upcoming Journal News/lohud Editorial Board coffee chat on Friday, Aug. 5, we are doing something different.

At the suggestion of a community member, we are organizing the event on the Science Barge, a floating greenhouse on the Hudson River in Yonkers, 99 Dock St., from 9 to 10 a.m. Just drop by.

The Editorial Board and members of lohud's news team have been holding a series of coffee chats in communities throughout Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties. Local residents, elected officials and community stakeholders often join us, and the discussions (and coffee) flow.



The Journal News and lohud.com held their #lohudcoffeachat at Coffee Labs Roasters in Tarrytown, July 15, 2016. *(Photo: Mark Vergari/The Journal News)*

Previous locations have included Tarrytown, New Rochelle, Mount Kisco, Monsey, New City, Peekskill, Scarsdale, Chappaqua, Port Chester and Pearl River. This will be our third coffee chat in Yonkers. Coffee for this event will be provided by Yonkers-based Manor Bagels Cafe.



Manor Bagels (Photo: Bob Walters)

The Science Barge is a prototype sustainable urban farm developed by NY Sun Works and acquired by the nonprofit Groundwork Hudson Valley in 2008. It operates as an environmental education center. The greenhouse grows an abundance of fresh produce including tomatoes, melons, corn, peppers, eggplant, and lettuce with zero net carbon emissions, zero pesticides and zero runoff, said Bob Walters, the center's executive director.

All of the energy needed to power the barge is generated by solar panels, wind turbines, and biofuels while the hydroponic greenhouse is irrigated solely by collected rainwater and purified river water. Now docked in downtown Yonkers just north of the Yonkers Pier, it is the only fully functioning demonstration of renewable energy supporting sustainable food production in New York, Walters said.

Hope to see you there!

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