



Ellen Schwartz

AWARD-WINNING AGENT JOINS IRVINGTON FIRM

A longtime top producer with a prolific real estate track record, has joined Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty in Irvington, New York. Ellen Schwartz, a 21-year industry veteran whose total sales top \$200 million, was previously affiliated with Compass. She brings a wealth of real estate expertise and experience serving buyers and sellers across the Sound Shore and northern Westchester.

A former New Rochelle resident, Schwartz spent 18 years operating out of brokerages based in Scarsdale. Now living in Katonah since 2017, Schwartz has gained similar expertise in northern Westchester, serving clients in Katonah, Bedford and neighboring Ridgefield, Connecticut. She is also a board member of the Katonah Chamber of Commerce.

Her deep real estate knowledge,

focus on customer service and devotion to process-oriented business tactics have helped her amass a large referral client base and impressive numbers, including \$21 million in closed volume in the past 12 months.

"I am excited to welcome Ellen to our brokerage. Her longstanding reputation across Westchester as well as her award-winning performance and superior level of client service will be a huge asset for us," said brokerage manager Virginia Doetsch.

Founded in 1949, William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty and Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty manage a \$5.8 billion portfolio with more than 1,100 sales associates in 27 brokerages spanning Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Westchester County, New York. The company is one of the largest Sotheby's International Realty(R) affiliates globally and the 35th-largest real estate company by sales volume in the United States.

COMMUNITY ROOM DEDICATION



Winston A. Robinson

Anthony L. Johnson, CEO and executive director of Greenwich Communities announced

that a ceremony dedicating the new community room at Armstrong Court to the late Winston A. Robinson, a former resident and civil rights, community, church leader, and an outstanding human being will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m.

The Community Room will be dedicated to the "Memory of Winston A. Robinson," who passed away on Jan. 26. "We want to recognize Winston A. Robinson and his 35-year commitment to helping this community and the town of Greenwich, which he loved dearly," said Johnson. "Winston's service and commitment to the town of Greenwich, town of Greenwich Boards, civic organizations and his church are qualities that we all should strive to emulate," said Johnson.

Robinson was a housing manager at the Greenwich Housing Authority, now known as Greenwich Communities. In addition, he served as a member of the Greenwich Department of Human Services, where he chaired the Achievement Gap Task Force. This task force seeks to support children from low-income families in their first three years of life to help them avoid future academic struggles, which Robinson believed in very strongly. After Robinson's passing, town of Greenwich First Selectman Fred Camillo posted his thoughts on social media, "One of the nicest men ever. A true gentleman, Winston will be remembered for his love of others, his hometown of Greenwich and his life."

The public is invited to attend this dedication. Caffè Bon will be providing light refreshments. For questions, contact Maria Morris at mmorris@greenwich-community.org or call 203-869-1138, ext. 101.

KEEPING THE SOUND, SOUND

Save the Sound has reached settlements with both the village of Scarsdale and the city of Rye stemming from a Clean Water Act case filed by Save the Sound in 2015 against Westchester County and 11 municipalities to address pollution from raw sewage discharges from aging sewer pipes.

The settlement with Scarsdale is the seventh to date. Save the Sound previously reached resolution with the city of Port Chester, village of Mamaroneck, city of White Plains, village of Rye Brook, city of Rye, and the town/village of Harrison. Together, the settlements resulted in more than \$550,000 worth of environmental benefit payments and projects directed toward restoring water quality in Long Island Sound and local waterways and tens of millions of dollars invested to study and repair almost 300 miles of sewer lines with more than 16,000 identified defects.

The agreement with Scarsdale was signed by the judge on Aug. 2 and is the result of negotiations that have been taking place since 2016. The village agreed to study and repair the 82 miles of sanitary sewer pipes in its town and repair the 755 defects found during the investigation. Because Scarsdale began the work early on in the negotiations, it is now largely completed. Additionally, the village has modified its sewer management practices to reduce the chances of the system reaching a state of disrepair in the future. Scarsdale also passed a



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local ordinance in February to reduce excess flow into the system by requiring inspection, testing, repair and maintenance of private sewer lines by their owners.

The village also will pay \$150,000 toward local projects designed to benefit water quality in a Scarsdale tributary to Long Island Sound. A plan for a project to biologically treat stormwater entering Audrey Hochberg Pond is due by Dec. 6. The settlement with Rye, signed by the judge on Aug. 15 is a new agreement resolving delays in the city's work under the original settlement (issued in February 2021). In the initial settlement, Rye agreed to (1) study and repair 52 miles of sewer pipe addressing more than 5,000 defects that were discovered; (2) study and adopt financial measures in order to cover repair and remediation projects; (3) implement ongoing operational and management measures; and (4) perform an environmental benefit project to expend \$150,000 to improve the water quality of Blind Brook (which flows into Long Island Sound) by treating stormwater from the Locust Avenue parking lot. In this new settlement, the city of Rye agreed to a revised timetable to finish the various repairs and commitments and to

fund a second water quality improvement project (also \$150,000) at the Rye Recreation Center.

Save the Sound is represented in the litigation by Super Law Group.

Save the Sound Senior Legal Director Roger Reynolds said, "We are pleased that the village of Scarsdale is addressing sewage pollution that has plagued communities across Westchester County for too long, and that the city of Rye has recommitted to completing measures necessary to prevent sewage discharges to local waters. Their actions will directly benefit local waters and Long Island Sound. Aging and inadequate sewer collection systems endanger public health and threaten the environment across the Long Island Sound watershed — risks exacerbated by climate change and storm events that are increasing in frequency and severity. Poorly maintained sewer pipes are a significant reason that beaches are closed after rain and that harvesting oysters and clams in Westchester County bays and harbors is prohibited. Our legal team will continue to take action under the Clean Water Act across the region to ensure that Long Island Sound remains clean, fishable, and swimmable," he said.