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ASIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL RETURNS TO KENSICO DAM PLAZA ON JUNE 6

Festival celebrates Asian cultures with performances, crafts, food and children's activities!

[Valhalla, NY] – The 29th Annual Asian-American Heritage Festival will take place on Saturday, June 6, from noon to 6 p.m. at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

The celebration will highlight Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Thai and Indonesian cultures with live songs, dances, musical performances, ethnic foods, Asian arts and cultural exhibits, and Chinese paper cutting and origami. There will also be children's entertainment, balloon sculptures, games and face painting.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: “For nearly three decades, the Asian-American Heritage Festival has offered residents and visitors alike the opportunity to learn more about the rich traditions, diverse cultures and lasting contributions that have helped shape our communities. Our Heritage Festivals bring people together in a spirit of unity and appreciation, honoring the many cultures and customs that make our County stronger, more inclusive and more dynamic.”

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O’Connor said: “People of all backgrounds are drawn to this event because it seamlessly blends festivity, community and cultural education. Through lively performances, traditional arts and crafts, authentic cuisine and interactive experiences, our parks become gathering places where neighbors can connect, learn from one another and celebrate shared values. It is especially meaningful to host these cultural celebrations in our public spaces, where everyone is welcome to come together and experience the richness and diversity that define Westchester County.”

The festival will be held rain or shine. Seating is informal; bring blankets or folding chairs for seating on the lawn. Coolers aren’t allowed. Admission and parking are free.*

The Heritage Festivals are from noon to 6 p.m.; the 2026 schedule is as follows:

- Albanian, Sunday, June 7, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Irish, Saturday, June 27, Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale
**Admission: \$5 adults; free for ages 14 and under*
- African-American, Sunday, June 28, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Hispanic, Sunday, July 12, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Italian, Sunday, July 26, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Heritage of India, Sunday, Aug. 2, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Jewish, Sunday, Aug. 16, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Muslim Heritage, Sunday, Aug. 23, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Arab-American, Sunday, Sept. 13, Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale

Kensico Dam Plaza is located at the north end of the Bronx River Parkway, in Valhalla. Ridge Road Park is located at 287 Ridge Road, Hartsdale.

This event is sponsored by Westchester County Parks and the Westchester and Hudson Valley Chapter of OCA. For more information, call (914) 231-4500.

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About Westchester County

Westchester County, located in the heart of the historic Hudson Valley, covers 500 square miles and has a population of just over 1 million. Originally home to Native Americans of the Lenape tribe, it is now a rich mix of diverse cultures and landscapes. The County is a blend of bustling cities, quaint villages, and picturesque towns, as well as open spaces and a network of beautiful parks. Westchester is made up of six cities, 19 towns, and 20 villages. The County is known for its top-notch public schools and high quality of life. It is also an intellectual capital, boasting a highly educated workforce, competitive colleges and universities, Fortune 500 companies, world-changing nonprofits, and cutting-edge research centers. Westchester is led by County Executive Kenneth W. Jenkins, who took office in January 2025 as the tenth County Executive. Focusing on innovation, Jenkins is leveraging technology and fostering business growth to position Westchester as a dynamic and inclusive destination where everyone can thrive. Learn more about Westchester County by visiting [WestchesterCountyNY.gov](https://www.WestchesterCountyNY.gov)

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