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*Greenburgh Under the Hollywood
Lights: The TV shows and movies
Filmed in Greenburgh Part I*

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Lights, Camera, Action, the Town of Greenburgh has a long history of hosting many movies and TV shows. This article lists a few of the most notable.

The gothic-style mansion, Lyndhurst, the home of: Former New York City Mayor William Paulding, from when it was constructed in 1838 until 1864, the merchant George Merritt from 1864-1880, and railroad tycoon Jay Gould from 1880-1892 is located on 635 South Broadway, in Tarrytown. It was built by Alexander Jackson Davis (<http://lyndhurst.org/about/history/>). In 1970, the Dan Curtis movie *House of Dark Shadows* based on the 1966-1971, the hit TV series “Dark Shadows” which Dan Curtis created and Lela Swift and Henry Kaplan directed was filmed here. In the the movie followed a rich and powerful family living in Maine, the Collins Family. When vampire Barnabas Collins escapes from his tomb, he goes on a blood thirsty rampage, killing all in his path (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0065856>).

While the fictional town of Collinsport Maine, was being bled dry by a vampire in the 1960s, in the 1990s New York was being bled dry by a different monster in real life, one whose outward appearance was less sinister, but who was far more deadly. The monster's name was The Wolf of Wall Street.

A scene in the film, *The Wolf of Wall Street* was filmed at the old Ardsley Fire Department building at 701 Saw Mill River Road in 2013. The film is based on the life of Jordan Belfort a former stock broker and current motivational speaker who spent 22 months in prison for a fraud and embezzlement scheme he planned in the late 1980's and carried out in the 1990's and early 2000's. This large scheme consisted of several "pump and dump" plans where he encouraged clients to buy stocks and then sold the companies they had stock in.

He made millions of dollars doing this. He was arrested in 2003. After being released from prison in 2004, he became a motivational speaker on the subject of business ethics. (<https://www.biography.com/people/jordan-belfort-21329985>).

The film directed by Martin Scorsese, stars: Leonardo DiCaprio as Jordan Belfort, Jonah Hill as Donnie Azoff, Margot Robbie as Naomi Lapaglia, Matthew McConaughey as Mark Hanna, Kyle Chandler as Agent Patrick Denham, and Shea Whigham as Captain Ted Beecham (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0993846/>). The scene filmed at the old Ardsley Fire Department building in Ardsley depicts Jordan Belfort (Leonardo DiCaprio) meeting Donnie Azoff (Jonah Hill) for a discussion at a repair shop called Frank's Best Auto Body.(the old Ardsley Fire Department building) (www.movie-locations.com/movies/w/Wolf-Of-Wall-Street.php). Two years later Greenburgh would get its next instance of Hollywood lights and once again crime and punishment would be the theme, with the TV Show "Quantico."

A scene from the TV show "Quantico" which explores the training of F.B.I Agents at the F.B.I Academy in Quantico Virginia and airs on ABC, was filmed in Tarrytown (<http://www.westchestermagazine.com/Westchester-Magazine/March-2017/LightsCameraWestchester/>). In season one of the show, based on

intelligence they have gathered, the C.I.A. suspects that one of the new F.B.I. recruits Alex Parrish(played by Priyanka Chopra) is responsible for a terrorist attack on Grand Central Terminal. She is arrested for treason, but escapes CIA custody and sets out on a mission to prove her innocence and find the actual perpetrators of the attack. The show is called Quantico because in the course of her journey, she has multiple flashbacks to her training days (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4428122/>) .

The show stars: Priyanka Chopra as Alex Parrish, Jake McLaughlin as Ryan Booth, Johanna Braddy as Shelby Wyatt, Aunjanue Ellis as Miranda Shaw, Yasmine Al Massri as Nimah Amin, Blair Underwood as Owen Hall, Russell Tovey as Harry Doyle, Graham Rogers as Caleb Haas, Josh Hopkins as Liam O'Connor, Tate Ellington as Simon Asher, and Pearl Thusi as Dayana Mampasi.

In season two Parrish is sent on an undercover mission by the F.B.I to the C.I.A.'s training facility known as "The Farm" to expose rogue agents within the C.I.A. (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4428122/>). It is in this season that the scene filmed in Tarrytown takes place (<https://dailyvoice.com/new-york/tarrytown/lifestyle/priyanka-chopra-shoots-quantico-scenes-in-tarrytown/672946/>). This scene was filmed just outside Main Street Sweets on 35 Main Street Tarrytown(<https://dailyvoice.com/new-york/tarrytown/lifestyle/priyanka-chopra-shoots-quantico-scenes-in-tarrytown/672946/>).

In 2016, the theme of crime and punishment continued to dominate Greenburgh's time on the big screen with the release of the film *The Girl on a Train*. Several scenes were filmed in many of Greenburgh's Villages including: Irvington, Tarrytown, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings-on-Hudson and Ardsley.

In this Tate Taylor film, a recently divorced woman Rachel, (played by Emily Blunt), takes the train to work every day. Every day the train goes by her old house where her ex-husband still lives (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3631112/>).

To distract herself from her woes, she often thinks about, and watches, the young couple a few houses down who seem to have it all. One morning Rachel sees

something shocking happen at this seemingly ideal home, and the couple's daughter Megan (played by Haley Bennett) goes missing. Rachel quickly becomes entangled in the missing person case

(https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/the_girl_on_the_train_2016).

The movie stars: Emily Blunt as Rachel, Haley Bennett as Megan, Rebecca Ferguson as Anna, Justin Theroux as Tom, Luke Evans as Scott, Edgar Ramírez as Dr. Kamal Abdic, Laura Prepon as Cathy, Allison Janney as Detective Riley, Darren Goldstein as the man in the suit, Lisa Kudrow as Martha, Cleta Elaine Ellington as the oyster bar woman and Lana Young as the doctor.

The story of Rachel from *The Girl on a Train* is not the only time divorce played a significant role in Greenburgh's screen time. The same is also true for HBO's sitcom "Divorce" which was also filmed in 2016. The show was created by Sharon Horgan. It stars Sarah Jessica Parker and Thomas Haden Church who play Frances and Robert Dufresne who are going through a protracted divorce. The show was filmed on Main Street in Tarrytown

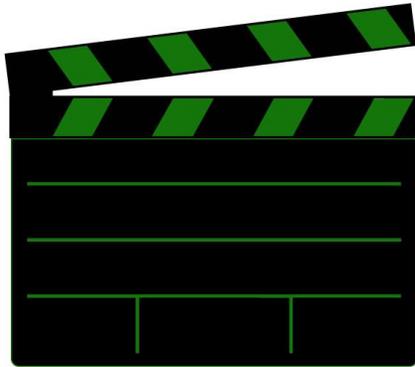
(<https://www.lohud.com/story/entertainment/events/suburbarazzi/2019/01/09/black-list-divorce-filming-tarrytown/2525148002/>). Even happy couples go through struggles and some struggles are more emotionally raw than others.

Freeheld, filmed in 2015, is the dramatized version of the true story of Laurel Hester, a police officer in New Jersey who discovers in 2007 that she has terminal cancer. As she tries to transfer her pension benefits to her partner, Stacie Andree, she runs into extreme difficulty. Since they are lesbians, the law in Ocean County in New Jersey at the time does not allow such a pension transfer. So Hester petitions the Ocean County, New Jersey Board of Chosen Freeholders to change that law (<https://www.theguardian.com/film/2016/feb/18/freeheld-review-julianne-moore-ellen-page-laurel-hester>). A long and painful legal battle ensues. The film directed by Peter Sollett stars: Julianne Moore as Laurel Hester, Ellen Page as Stacie Andree, Michael Shannon as Dane Wells, Steve Carell as Steven Goldstein, and Skipp Sudduth as Chief Reynolds

(https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1658801/fullcredits?ref=tt_cl_sm#cast). A scene in this movie was filmed at the Theodore D. Young Community Center on 32 Manhattan Ave, in North White Plains.

If there is any movie /TV show filmed in Greenburgh that we did not cover, but you still want to read about, you may email us at assistanthistorian@greenburghny.com.

And..... Cut!!!! That's a wrap



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I was born and raised in a small rural town in central Pennsylvania. In high school, I took every honors course available including four years of Spanish. I received A's in all of them. I graduated third in my class of 146 students. This brought me to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Once there, I continued my trend of academic excellence. I graduated summa cum laude in Political Science with a minor in Spanish and a Master's in Communication Studies, with a G.P.A of 3.94. It was also there that I met my lovely fiancée, Felicia Barber. My Master's in Communication has promoted public speaking, teamwork, and customer service. My Political Science degree has developed my research skills using computer-based tools and provided me with experience using the Microsoft Office products. My minor in Spanish has facilitated my bilingual capabilities. During my internship at Greenburgh, I created the petition for the State Roads project using website tools. My diverse education and areas of interest have provided me with a wide range of skills. I look forward to finding a career opportunity in business or government. **To suggest a topic for next week's article, you can contact me at assistanthistorian@greenburghny.com, or to help me find employment, you can contact me at rjwentzler413@gmail.com**

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