Area schools closed

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April 6. This closure will replace the planned intersession and part of our tradi-
tional summer break, so there will be
minimal disruption to our students’ edu-
cation,” the CEA said on its website. The
CEA said restaurants are also closed
during this time.

Dutchess County

All classes canceled until March 30.

Vassar

Spring break ends on March 23, at
which time the school will switch
online classes through April 6 and re-
evaluate from there.

Public Schools

All Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam coun-
ty schools are closed until March 30 or as
per the state of emergency declared in
each county. For the most part, each dis-
trict has already informed students and
parents that at least the first week, from
March 16-23, will be completely off.

Each district will then determine whether
the second week will be spent with online
learning from home.

Much also depends on whether the
county lifts the state of emergency on
March 30 or extends it. Also, 13 of the 17
school districts in Dutchess County agreed to
postpone high school sports until March 30.

Arlington

Off until March 30, will assess the
situation prior to that.

Beacon

Off until March 30. “Supplemental
learning activities for students has been
implemented for students’ return,”
Rev. C. Ketcham High School, John
Jay High School, Poughkepsie High
School

Off until March 30. Will decide this
week how to handle the return of classes.

Catholic Schools

Our Lady of Lourdes

Off until April 20, remote learning
begins Wednesday.

Superintendent of Catholic Schools Mr.
Michael J. Deegan has announced CAs
principal the Archdiocese of New York will
close all elementary school effective Monday,
March 16 2020. This decision was made
earlier this week until Monday, April 20.

“Informed by expert health officials
and health and Safety Task Force of
the Office of the Superintendent of
Schools, this decision was made out of an
abundance of caution,” Deegan said.

“The health and safety of our students,
staff and families is of the utmost impor-
tance.” Additionally, after consultation
with the leadership of the Catholic Youth
Organization and the Catholic High
School Athletic Associations, all activi-
ties and all sporting events and practices
have been canceled indefinitely.

Dutchess County

A first confirmed case of COVID-19 in a
press conference on March 12.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

State DEC announces ban on
residential brush burning

New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Commissioner Basil Seggos announced a
statewide ban prohibiting residential
brush burning will begin March 16 and
run through May 14. With spring
approaching, DEC is reminding residents
that conditions for wildfires are height-
ened in springtime when most wildfires
occur.

"While many associate wildfires with
the western United States, the start of
spring weather and the potential for dry
conditions increase the risk for wildfires
in New York," Commissioner Seggos said.

“To protect our communities and
natural resources, New York prohibits resi-
dential burning during the high-risk fire
season to reduce the potential for wild-
fires. In some areas, brush burning in the
western United States, the start of
 wildfire season can quickly cause wildfire conditions to
arise. DEC will post a Fire Danger Map
rating forecast daily for the 2020 fire sea-
son and the NY Fishing, Hunting &
Wildlife App, on DEC’s website.

Currently, fire conditions in most of the
state are low risk.

CAMO advises Glenham residents
to limit water use March 23 – April 9

CAMO Pollution Control, Inc. will be
flushing hydrants between the hours of 9
a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning Monday,
March 23, through Friday, April 9.

During the flushing, residents may experi-
ence erratic water pressure and
turbid water conditions. This condition
will only be temporary. At all times the
water will meet sanitary quality
standards, according to CAMO. The flushing
will bring about long-term improvements
in water quality.

If you have any questions, please call
CAMO Pollution Control, Inc. at 845-
463-7310.

Egg Hunt tentatively set April 4

The annual Evening Egg Hunt at Christ
Church in Beacon will be held on Saturday,
April 4 at 8 p.m. Beacon Fire Department
will be hosting an egg hunt through 5th grade.

Bring a small flashlight or cell phone and
meet at 60 Union St. for a unique egg
hunt. Bags will be provided and there will
be separate areas for pre-schoolers-1st
grades and 2nd-5th graders. Adults need
to stay with children.

For information or questions, call the
church office 845-831-4065.