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Dutchess County releases Housing Needs Assessment

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced the Department of Planning and Development has released its 2022 Dutchess County Housing Needs Assessment, a comprehensive analysis of demographic and housing data and evaluation of trends over recent years as well as projections for affordable housing needs over the next two decades. The Housing Needs Assessment offers a focused strategy to tackle identified gaps for housing access, notably for renter households with annual incomes less than \$50,000 and suggests an array of tools for the county and local municipalities to utilize.

Molinaro called for a new Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) in his 2021 State of the County Address to help address the issues in housing affordability and instability; the last assessment was completed in 2008. The assessment began last fall, under the direction of czb LLC, a national urban planning and community development firm, in coordination with Dutchess County Planning and Development and a local steering committee consisting of municipal leaders, community housing non-profits, housing developers, real estate agents and others. The assessment also included multiple stakeholder interviews, who offered perspectives on rental and home ownership challenges and needs.

“This Housing Needs Assessment is our catalyst for change; presenting data, trends and goals both the County and localities must use to help eliminate the gaps between what we currently have in housing and what people can afford,” said Molinaro. “We outline critical tools to be used to make a real impact. This is a priority for Dutchess County and we are prepared to make the necessary investments with over \$20 million, including utilizing ARP funding and other resources.”

The HNA report reviews historical data and trends, which demonstrate that housing affordability challenges are not new in Dutchess County; however, long-term shifts in demographic, housing and economic trends create new urgency for action, as more households than ever are experiencing trouble affording housing. While the COVID pandemic amplified housing challenges, the analysis shows many of these trends were well established by 2019.

Among the long-simmering trends contributing to the current housing situation:

- Population growth has leveled off while the median age in Dutchess County continues to rise. As many older residents choose to “age-in-place,” the number of homes available for younger families looking to buy into the housing market tightens;
- Average household size continues to decline, leading to growth in total households even as overall population growth levels off;

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‘Bounty of Beacon’ highlighted in new exhibition at Howland Cultural Center

“Farm to Table: the Bounty of Beacon & Beyond” exhibition opens April 16 at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon. The artwork “speaks to the palate and honors the lore of rural life.” The show will be open every Saturday and Sunday from 1 – 5 p.m. The free exhibit closes May 29.

“Farm to Table: the Bounty of Beacon & Beyond” is a particularly exciting show to be involved in, as the Howland Cultural Center is celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year. Although I have been participating in exhibitions and served as a guest curator over the past few years, this is my first exhibition as Chief Curator and Gallery Committee Chair,” stated Karen Gersch. “I am attracted to architectural icons (I live in a circa 1900 Victorian) and the unusual beauty of the Howland has always drawn me to it as a grand exhibition venue, particularly for the area. The Center closed last month for extensive renovations - a major face lift, if you will - to its gallery, so this is the first exhibition out of the starting gate in its refreshed state.”

One of the participants of the show is Marika Blossfeldt, a local resident. She will be taking part in the show with her cookbook, called “Cooking with Marika: Clean Cuisine from an Estonian Farm.”

“I was invited to participate in the show by curator Karen E. Gersch and happily accepted. As a self-published author, I am grateful for any opportunity to show my book to new audiences,” stated Blossfeldt.

She said the book is “an artwork in that it is beautifully designed and features gorgeous whole page color photographs for each recipe as well as images of my farm and retreat center.”

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“Farm to Table: the Bounty of Beacon & Beyond” exhibition opens April 16 at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon. Shown is “Andrew the First Chosen” by Barbara Masterson, Torrit Grey oil on canvas.

-Courtesy image

Renegades start strong, win 2 of 3 in opening series

By Rich Thomaselli

The 2022 season for the Hudson Valley Renegades, the High Class A farm team of the New York Yankees, is off to a hot start.

Starting out on a nine-game road trip, the Renegades won two of their first three games of the year against the Greenville (S.C.) Drive.

After falling by one run on Friday night in the opener, 7-6, Hudson Valley was down to its final out on Saturday night, but rallied to force extra innings and earned an 8-6 win at Fluor Field.

And on Sunday afternoon, the Renegades never trailed as they defeated the Drive 9-4.

The Renegades grabbed an early lead three batters into the game when Austin Wells drove in Trey Sweeney with an RBI single. Two batters later, T.J. Rumfield drove in Everson Pereira with a double off the wall to take a 2-0 advantage.

Hudson Valley tacked on a run in the second on a Pereira single, and two

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Trey Sweeney rounds third base after hitting a home run against the Greenville Drive during the Renegades season-opening series.

-Photo by Gwinn Davis

DOCCS begins decommission process at Downstate Facility



Downstate Correctional Facility in Fishkill was officially closed in March. DOCCS begins the decommission process in order to protect the State assets for potential re-use, according to DOCCS.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

By Kristine Coulter

Downstate Correctional Facility in Fishkill, a maximum-security prison, was closed last month. It was one of six facilities throughout the state that was targeted for closure last year by the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS).

As for what is happening now with the site, a DOCCS statement to Southern Dutchess Group on April 7 read: “Upon closure of a facility, DOCCS begins the decommission process in order to protect the State assets for potential re-use.”

The statement continued, “When the buildings are empty the decommissioning process includes shutting down the utilities to the facility, draining the water pipes, shutting off all electrical service to each building, and closing and boarding up the buildings in an effort to protect the state assets for sale and reuse. The process is a very detailed process with the design and construction oversight com-

pleted by the office of General Services. The process for design, bid, and construction is estimated to take 12 months.”

The following facilities have officially been closed: Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, Moriah Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility, Willard Drug Treatment Campus, Southport Correctional Facility, Downstate Correctional Facility and Rochester Correctional Facility.”

DOCCS works cooperatively with the Office of General Services and Economic Development to facilitate the re-use of the closed facilities, noted the statement.

Last month, in a statement DOCCS stated, “The Fiscal Year 2021-22 New York State budget that was voted on and approved by the Legislature authorized the Governor to close state prisons as the incarcerated population continues to decline and as a fiscally prudent and safe way to save taxpayer dollars.”

Farm to Table exhibition at HCC

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As for what Blossfeldt hopes people take away from her cookbook at the exhibit, she said, “It is my hope that people will be inspired to try my clean whole foods recipes at home and enjoy their delicious natural flavors.”

Gersch remarked, “It is a materials and image-rich show: ink, graphite, pastel, watercolor, acrylic, oils, photography, collage, fiber arts and regional cookbooks. Scenes of farms and farmlands, portraits of animals and people who work the land, and especially an array of all the bounty that is produced here. I wanted visitors not just to admire the art, but to learn from it. I have written narratives and text to accompany some of the work, and asked artists to do the same. I think it gives an added depth and appreciation to understand why or what inspired artists.”

Other artists participating in the exhibit are: Rich Alexander, Martha Belardo, Sandra Belitza-Vazquez, Gabrielle A. Dearborn, Gia Dong, Marguerite Eberhart, Lynne Friedman, Karen E. Gersch, Orna Greenberg, Amanda Gross, Ron Hershey, Renelle Lorrar, Barbara



One of the photos from Marika Blossfeldt's cookbook that is showing at a new exhibition at the Howland Cultural Center.

-Courtesy photo

Masterson, Debbie Mueller, Lily Norton, Lana Privitera, Rick Rodgers, Vaune Sherrin, Noah Verrier, Marlene Wiedenbaum and Bruce Young.

“The work I’ve collected is breathtaking in its diversity of mediums and styles, its depiction of edibles and where they come from, while celebrating the roots of Beacon, Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley. It is a show meant to satisfy visual, as well as real appetites,” said Gersch.

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- Income growth has lagged behind housing costs, particularly for many renters and lower-income households, resulting in more cost-burdened households;
- Growth in the number of higher-income households has exerted unexpected pressure lower down in the housing market.

The assessment includes a gap analysis, the difference between the number of units in a given price range and the number of households for whom the price range is affordable. Of note, Dutchess County currently lacks housing units for both the lowest and highest incomes. The limited availability of housing on the high end is a new challenge – as households with more purchasing power compete for a limited supply of units, they begin to reach down into the middle sectors of the market, creating a ripple effect through the entire market and affecting housing affordability at all levels. This is just one of several factors contributing to the cost pressures felt by today’s households, with the key takeaway being there is no singular cause for housing affordability pressures, and thus there is no single solution.

“Taking this fresh look at what has factored into housing affordability challenges locally across Dutchess is key to understanding how best to affect change moving forward. Being able to take this countywide analysis and focus on a variety of productive solutions for both our urban and rural communities will mean that affordability can be addressed more broadly and equitably,” said Mary Linge, Director of Real Estate Development for Hudson River Housing.

The HNA’s strategy recommendation suggests focusing on developing interventions to improve affordable housing access for renters earning less than \$50,000 per year. These households are far more likely to be cost-burdened, spending more than 30 percent of their incomes on housing. To “catch up” on existing unmet needs for these renters, it is estimated that 2,155 additional housing interventions will be needed, broken down into an annual or “incremental catch up” goal of 108 additional interventions per year for the next 20 years. Interventions can include construction of new housing units, rehabbing existing rentals into long-term affordable units, vouchers to assist with rental payments, or access to affordable home ownership.

The HNA calls for a “fair share” approach to allocate housing interventions across Dutchess County to translate countywide goals into tangible goals for each jurisdiction. To do this, it is recommended a diverse toolkit of policies, programs and other tools be developed and utilized. Among the recommended tools:

- Creation of a County Housing Trust Fund, with a recommended initial funding of at least \$2 million per year;
- Local site identification and preparation of generic environmental impact statements (GEIS) to reduce regulatory red tape;
- Updates to local zoning and land use documents to allow for a broader array of housing options;
- Local inclusionary zoning policies to reserve a portion of units in new developments as affordable;
- Rehabilitation program that pairs newly implemented income restrictions with upgrading smaller, existing rental properties to create new affordable units, particularly in rural communities;
- Development of uniform tax exemption policies via Industrial Development Agencies to support workforce and affordable housing.

Deputy Commissioner of Housing Anne Saylor said, “This report is the first step in a larger conversation we must have as a community about how we want Dutchess County to look in 2040, and what role housing plays in that vision. While the public is often concerned about the impact of new housing on their community, it is important to realize that failing to create a wider diversity of housing is already changing our community. Looking ahead, the Planning Department is taking an active role in supporting these conversations at both the county and municipal level to aid in the development and implementation of policies that work best for each of our unique communities.

Upcoming presentations on the Housing Needs Assessment include:

- Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce’s Contact Breakfast - April 20 at 7:30 a.m.
- Dutchess County Planning Federation Webinar – May 5 at 5 p.m.

County Executive Molinaro will also discuss the Housing Needs Assessment and the County’s funding commitment during his upcoming 2022 State of the County Address scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, at 5 p.m., which will be available via live stream on DutchessNY.gov.



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Editor's note: Once again this year, Hudson Valley Renegades President Steve Gliner will conduct a weekly Q&A with writer Rich Thomaselli to discuss the team and minor league baseball.

So you're sitting in your office in Dutchess Stadium on a Sunday, which must mean the home season is around the corner. Other than being able to start the year with no restrictions or protocols due to COVID-19, what's different for 2022 at The Dutch?

Well it's April, so that's different for the Renegades anyway (laughs). Not for me personally, but certainly for this market. You have to remember, we didn't have a season at all in 2020 because of the pandemic. Then last year when we became affiliated with the Yankees and moved to long-season Class A, even then we didn't get started until the first week of May.

That's why we're pushing our marketing up starting this week. Our market knows the Renegades as a short-season, low A team that didn't start until June. We have to get out there and let the market know we have 66 home games, not 38.

What kind of marketing push are you talking about?

Well for starters, we increased our marketing budget. We're in more places and doing more things. It's so different now than it was five years ago. We're working with (a local marketing agency) to hit all the touch-points in terms of digital and radio and print and all those different types of media. There's so many different ways to do it now, so many more ways.

As far as the messaging, it's the things people are familiar with – we have 23 fireworks nights 10 giveaway nights. 'Find Your Fun' is our new slogan this year so we'll emphasize that. I think the biggest thing for us is to get the word out that we're playing in April and May. This market is so used to us starting in June. It's on us to really get that word out.

You have new ownership in Diamond Baseball Holdings after more than 25 years with The Goldklang Group. How has that been going so far?

It's been great. There are 11 teams under Diamond Baseball Holdings now. It's kind of nice, having the opportunity

to catch up with people that I do know, and to get to know others and share things. Diamond Baseball has an aggressive philosophy about the fan experience.

I know you don't have much to do with roster moves, but you have to be pleased the Yankees sent five of their top prospects to Hudson Valley to start 2022.

Oh, yeah. Trey Sweeney and Austin Wells are both first-round (draft) picks. And we didn't have a ton of players that are back from last year, which tells you that the Yankees are intent on moving their best players through the system. You can tell just from the fact that we had (shortstops) Oswald Peraza and Anthony Volpe here last year, and the Yankees think so much of them they didn't go after a big-name (free agent) shortstop for the big league club. Now Peraza is at Triple A and Volpe is at Double A. And the pitching throughout the system is amazing. There's going to be a lot of surprises with this organization. Over time, it's going to be really

exciting to see players come through here. And you've got the Rachel Balkovec story.

Well you brought it up so let's end with that. Rachel is managing the Yankees' low Class A farm team in Tampa, of course the first female manager at any level in baseball history. I saw on a well-respected, highly regarded Yankees blog that she has a very good relationship with Yankees prospect Jasson Dominguez, who will start the season in Tampa, and that they could end up in Hudson Valley together. Your thoughts?

I've been exchanging texts and emails with Rachel and her story has been amazing. This might end up being one of the biggest things in baseball since Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier. They're not doing this for the gimmick; she's got the goods. I hope she manages here but, look, that's a story that's yet to be written. But she's very impressive. She actually learned to speak Spanish as part of her desire to be a better manager.

Will Yankees send Dominguez to play in Hudson Valley?

By Rich Thomaselli

It's always the biggest question leading up to the Hudson Valley Renegades minor league baseball season every year.

Which of the top-rated players are we going to see at Dutchess Stadium this summer?

Last year, the Renegades' first as the High Class A affiliate of the New York Yankees, fans were spoiled. Patrons at Dutchess Stadium got to see two of the top infield prospects in all of baseball in shortstops Anthony Volpe and Oswald Peraza – who could reach the Major Leagues by the end of this season or 2023, which is one reason why the Yankees don't acquire a high-priced free agent shortstop during the offseason.

Fans also got to see a highly prized pitcher in Ken Waldichuk.

This year?

The Yanks sent five of their top prospects to Hudson Valley, including infielder Trey Sweeney and catcher Austin Wells, both first round draft picks.

But the player to watch is not here yet

– Jasson Dominguez.

Just 19 years old, Dominguez, an outfielder, is one of the most hyped international prospects ever. The Yankees have been deliberate in bringing him along, with no need to rush him because of his age. Dominguez is already ranked No. 61 among MLB Pipeline's Top 100 Prospects – and No. 3 overall on the Yankees behind Volpe and Peraza.

Yankees director of player development Kevin Reese noted on MLB.com last month that he is comfortable at the rate Dominguez is being brought along.

"On all of our measurables, he's right up there with some of the elites in the Major Leagues — max exit velo, his running speed, overall power for his body type," Reese said. "It's really, really good. So I have no concerns with how that plays out over time."

Not to mention the fact that Dominguez is still not only a teenager, but he missed his entire first year of professional baseball when the 2020 minor league season was canceled.

Renegades start strong

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more in the third on a two-run home run by Cooper Bowman against Greenville starter Wyatt Olds. Wells brought in another run with a sacrifice fly in the fourth.

In his professional debut, Will Warren turned in a solid outing, allowing three runs on three hits in 3.1 innings. He walked three and struck out five while throwing 66 pitches.

Michael Giaccone relieved Warren in the fourth and allowed a two-run home run to Joe Davis as the Drive cut the deficit to 6-4. The left-hander settled in from there and struck out five batters in 2.1 innings of relief in his 2022 season debut.

The 'Gades got some insurance in the top of the fifth when Aaron Palensky was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to extend the lead to 7-4. Hudson Valley struck for two more runs in the top of the eighth on a run-scoring wild pitch and an RBI infield single from Pereira.

On his 21st birthday, Pereira finished 3-for-5 with a run scored and two RBIs. He was one of three Renegades with a multi-hit game, joined by Sweeney and Rumfield, who had two each.

The Renegades were set to enjoy a day off on Monday before beginning a six-game series on Tuesday at the Rome



Cooper Bowman finishes a swing during a game against the Greenville Drive. Bowman slugged a two-run homer in the Renegades' 9-4 victory on Sunday afternoon. The Renegades continue their season-opening road trip this week with six games in Rome, Ga. against the Braves.

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(Ga.) Braves. First pitch in the opener is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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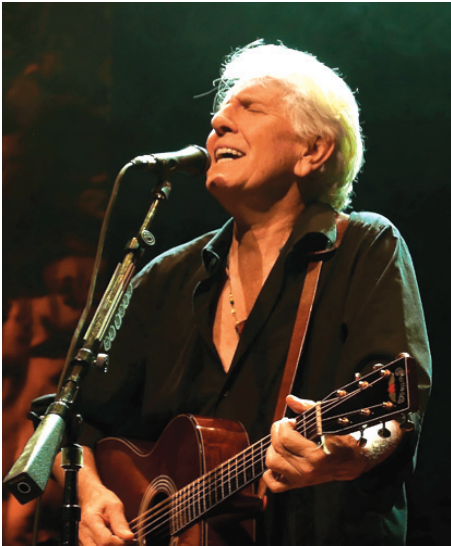
The Bardavon in Poughkeepsie will host a concert with legendary artist Graham Nash on Friday, July 22, at 8 p.m.

As a founding member of both the Hollies and Crosby, Stills and Nash (CSN), Nash is a two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee who has seen rock history unfold at some of its seminal moments – from the launch of the British Invasion to the birth of the Laurel Canyon movement a year later. An extraordinary Grammy Award winning renaissance artist – and self-described “simple man” – Nash was inducted twice into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, for his work with CSN and his work as a solo artist, beginning with two landmark albums, “Songs For Beginners” and “Wild Tales.”

Towering above virtually everything that Graham Nash has accomplished in his long and multi-faceted career, stands the litany of songs that he has written and introduced to the soundtrack of our lives for nearly six decades.

Tickets start at \$49 (members get \$5 off). VIP packages available @ www.ticketmaster.com

The Bardavon and UPAC box offices are open Tuesday-Friday, 11am-5pm., at Bardavon (845) 473-5288 or UPAC (845) 339-6088 or email at boxoffice@bardavon.org. To purchase tickets online 24 hours a day go to www.ticketmaster.com (fees will apply).



Graham Nash will perform at the Bardavon in Poughkeepsie on July 22.
-Photo by Ralf Louis

All audiences at Bardavon and UPAC must be fully vaccinated and wear masks at all times. Ticket holders must show proof of vaccination and government issued ID on show days. This policy is in effect for the foreseeable future and will be reassessed based on CDC guidelines. Visit www.bardavon.org for more information.

WCSD superintendent to hold budget information sessions April 20 – May 9

As part of his efforts to connect with the community, Wappingers Central School District (WCSD) Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dwight Bonk will be presenting information on the 2022-23 School Budget at various locations.

“I am happy to share that the budget is below the tax cap for the first time since its inception in 2012,” Dr. Bonk said. “We are able to not only maintain all programs, but add services in the areas of safety, health and wellness, and extracurricular activities.”

Some key additions: a School Resource Officer and School Safety Officer at both middle schools; added funding for social workers, nurses, and other support; and more extracurricular activities, such as marching bands and Boys volleyball, according to a

release from the WCSD.

The public is invited to send questions to budget@wcsdny.org.

To learn more, attend one of the following information sessions:

- April 20, 7 p.m.: Poughkeepsie: Town Board/Committee of the Whole Meeting
- April 25, 7:30 p.m.: Wappinger: Town Board Meeting
- April 28, 7 p.m.: East Fishkill: Town Board Meeting
- May 3, 5:30 p.m.: John Jay High School Large Group Instruction Room*
- May 9, 5:30 p.m.: Roy C. Ketcham Library*

*There will not be Zoom options for meetings, but recordings of these two will be available on the WCSD website.

Dutchess County to host Veterans Services Town Hall April 30

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro with the Division of Veterans’ Services will be hosting a live Veterans Town Hall forum on Saturday, April 30, at noon, at the Elks Lodge at 29 Overocker Road in Poughkeepsie. The forum will include a panel of knowledgeable individuals including Dutchess County veterans program managers, members of the VA, and representatives from other local veterans’ services who will discuss county and national resources and support available for veterans and their loved ones. Light refreshments will be served, and veterans and their families are encouraged to attend. Registration is not required.

At the town hall, veterans will learn about resources available for them and their families, including new programs the VA provides and local services provided by Dutchess County veterans organizations. Representatives from Mental Health America (MHA) and Hudson River Housing will also be on hand to provide veterans information on programs such as Vet-Tap, H.E.R.O, Vet2Vet, and VetZero. There will also be discussion about the VA’s recently released Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) report and its recommen-

dations for the Castle Point Medical Facility. Veterans can learn more about the public input process on this matter.

Following the panel presentations, there will be a question-and-answer period between service providers and attendees. Veterans and families are encouraged to ask questions and share their stories and experiences in a safe space surrounded by other veterans and those who work in veteran services. This period is meant to be informative and cathartic for all that need it.

Dutchess County Division of Veteran Services’ Director Adam Roche said, “It is our mission to give these honorable men and women the time and attention they deserve. This event will provide veterans with the most up to date resources and services to ensure their wellbeing in all facets of life.”

For those unable to attend in person, the entire event can be seen on Facebook live beginning at noon on April 30 and can be viewed on the “Dutchess County Government” Facebook page. A link to the stream can also be found on www.dutchessny.gov. Information and tools for veterans can also be found on the Dutchess County Division of Veterans’ affairs website at dutchessny.gov/veterans.

Hydrant flushing in Wappinger

Residents of the United Wappinger Water District between All Angels Hill Road and Spookhill Rd., including Rockingham Farms and Shamrock Hills in the Town of Wappinger are being advised to limit water use.

CAMO Pollution Control, Inc. will be flushing hydrants between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. beginning Monday, April 18th, through Friday, May 6th.

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

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

BCSD board sets committee, special meetings

The Beacon City School District Board of Education has scheduled the following committee and special meetings:

Thursday, April 21
6:30 p.m. Audit & Finance Update/Facilities & Operations

8 p.m. Special Meeting to Adopt the Budget

The meetings will take place in the LGI at Beacon High School, according to Kelly Pologe, Clerk of the BCSD Board.

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BOE adopts revised meeting schedule

The Board of Education has adopted a revised meeting schedule, according to Beacon BOE Clerk Kelly Pologe.

Please note the following:
Thursday, April 21, 8p.m. Special

Meeting to adopt the Budget
Monday, May 9, 7 p.m. Budget Hearing (rescheduled from May 2)
Tuesday, May 17, 9:15 p.m. (rescheduled from May 18).

Seed Packet Giveaway at the Howland Public Library

Celebrate Earth Day by stopping by the Howland Public Library on April 22 to pick up a free packet of “Fairy Garden” wildflower seeds. This event is for adults. They are free.

The Howland Public Library is located at 313 Main Street, Beacon. For more information, contact Alison Herrero, Adult Services Librarian at 845- 831-1134. To view all scheduled events at the library, please go to www.beaconlibrary.org and click on Calendar.

Autism Awareness – parents stress care at Anderson Center

By Curtis Schmidt

One “loves to play basketball” while the other has “an infectious laugh that can make your worst day turn bright.”

We’re talking about Henry and Nate – two of the many special students at Anderson Center for Autism in Staatsburg.

April is Autism Awareness Month and many parents are particularly appreciative of the special care all children receive at Anderson Center.

Meet Chip Loewenson and his wife, Susan Brune, and Alison and Edward Meehan as they talk about their sons.

Chip says Henry is near the middle of the Autism spectrum and has limited language, far better receptive than expressive language. On Henry’s love for basketball, Chip says “While he does not understand team play and defense, he has a precise shot from many distances. He impresses other kids on the court.”

He and his wife contacted Anderson Center when Henry was 19 years old. “The application process was thorough, but the people at Anderson were kind and comforting,” said Chip. “We have been so impressed by the Anderson teachers, therapists, and administration. It is a very well-run organization.”

On life at Anderson, Chip said Henry “seems very content and happy. He is 25 years old, so like any 25-year-old, he likes being independent from his parents. He gets excellent care at his group home and gets along with the five other guys there. The staff members were real heroes during COVID-19, especially in the early days, showing up every day no matter what.”

Susan serves on the board of the Anderson Foundation, which helps to raise funds to support the Center. “It is a cause near and dear to our hearts,” said Chip.

Nate is 15. Alison said, on the Autism spectrum, he is what most would classify as severe. He is non-verbal, but his receptive language skills always astonish most that know him. “He is lovable and enjoys giving lots of hugs.”

She and Edward reside in Delaware, so they do not have the opportunity to visit Nate as often as other families at Anderson Center. “When we come to visit, we make sure to bring lots of snacks, activities such as puzzles and videos of his favorite shows,” said Alison. “Nate will sit calmly for a good half-hour, however, he typically gets a little antsy as the visit continues. We keep the visits to no more than about an hour-and-a-half.”

Nate was accepted into Anderson in late 2019 and started attending right before the pandemic in 2020.

“We were advised to wait a few months to visit,” said Alison. “When the time came to drive up to see Nate, we couldn’t believe how healthy he looked. He had lost weight (which he most likely needed to), and appeared calm. Nate has progressed at Anderson. He follows directions more than we’ve ever witnessed. We realize our son is very complex and are so grateful for any little bits of progress he makes. Anderson is all about collaborative teaching and care.”

She added, “Nate’s father and I can’t express enough our gratitude for Anderson’s commitment and dedication to helping our son. Working with these children is incredibly challenging. It takes a very special person to do what the staff at Anderson does on



Alison and Edward Meehan are pictured with their son, Nate. Alison says “Staff members at Anderson (Center for Autism) go above and beyond to make sure parents are updated on their child’s progress. Thank you, Anderson, for providing our son with a safe and structured environment that he deserves.”

-Courtesy photo

a daily basis. Staff members at Anderson go above and beyond to make sure parents are updated on their child’s progress. Thank you, Anderson, for providing our son with a safe and structured environment that he deserves.”

Said Patrick Paul, CEO and Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, “According to the Centers for Disease Control, 1 in 44 are now diagnosed with autism, which means that most of us know someone who has been impacted. That said, every one of us is really a part of the autism community in some way; we all share a collective responsibility to build a culture of inclusivity.”

“Autism Awareness Month gives us a chance to take pause and consider ways to educate and enlighten our communities. By shedding light on how autism presents, what we can do to help people navigate challenges, and how each of us can support programs that maximize potential, we can work toward building that culture of inclusivity - ultimately giving people with autism a deeper sense of belonging and opportunities to enjoy greater fulfillment in life. Our team at Anderson Center for Autism is here for anyone who wants to better understand autism and the many ways to be of support; reach out to us anytime.”

Village of Fishkill receives funding for wastewater treatment upgrades

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the State Environmental Facilities Corporation Board of Directors has approved more than \$189 million in funding for nine municipalities and public authorities for critical wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. The funding approved by the Board includes short-term financings and previously announced grants that will allow communities to access the capital needed to get their projects underway, as well as a long-term loan conversion that refinances an existing project for up to thirty years to reduce the debt burden on the municipality and help save taxpayer dollars.

“Modernizing our water systems is critical to strengthen the resiliency of our infrastructure and help ensure New Yorkers have access to clean drinking water,” Hochul said in a press release. “My administration is proud to prioritize critical water infrastructure projects across the state, and this funding will help localities overhaul outdated water and waste management systems, expanding access to clean water and improving public health.”

Clean Water Project Funding Approved:

- Village of Fishkill in Dutchess County - \$4,125,000 WIIA grant and \$17,375,000 in short-term, interest-free financing for wastewater treatment plant upgrades, pump station upgrades, and installation of a new force main.

Quick facts - Dutchess County

(as of April 10)

By Kate Goldsmith

Active cases and community transmission rates continue to rise across New York State. In Dutchess County, confirmed cases doubled in the past week, and the community transmission rate has jumped. However, the CDC still rates Dutchess as a county with a low risk of transmission for fully vaccinated individuals.

It should be noted that data related to active cases is accrued only from test results from approved labs; home testing results don’t show up in the official numbers.

Hospitalizations are about the same week over week; and for the second consecutive week, no deaths related to COVID-19 have been reported.

Active cases: 316 (up from 174 on April 3)

Community transmission: 21.45 per 100,000 (up from 13.96 on April 3)

Hospitalizations due to COVID-19: 6 (up from 4 on April 3)

Hospitalizations of individuals with COVID-19: 8 (down from 9 on April 3)

Total deaths: 655 (unchanged from April 3)

% population 18+ with at least one dose of vaccine: 85.42 (slightly up from April 3, when it was 85.31)

% of total county population with at least one dose of vaccine: 76.95 (slightly up from 76.85 on April 3)

% of total county population that has completed their vaccine series: 69.38 (slightly up from 69.27 on April 3)

The county dashboard doesn’t include data on boosters; however, according to the CDC, 51.4 percent of the county’s fully vaccinated population has received a booster, up slightly from 51.2 percent on April 3.

Virtual forum on Public Utility Law Project April 21

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-Newburgh) announced that he will be hosting a virtual forum with the Public Utility Law Project to let customers of Central Hudson and other utility companies know their rights.

What: A virtual forum with the Public Utility Law Project
When: Thursday, April 21st at 6 p.m.
Where: <https://zoom.us/j/93040923349>

Jacobson said, “Last month, I brought Central Hudson to the table with a virtual forum that allowed my constituents to get their billing questions answered.

“Since Central Hudson has yet to straighten out its billing mess, I’ll be co-hosting a forum with the Public Utility Law Project and my Hudson Valley colleagues to ensure that our constituents know their rights when it comes to these ridiculously high bills.”

The forum will be co-hosted by Assemblymembers Didi Barrett, Kevin Cahill, Sandy Galef, Aileen Gunther, and Ken Zebrowski.

Constituents can call 845-562-0888 for more information.

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Diversions

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Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

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Suguru

1					5
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The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

ACROSS

1. Word with eye or whip

5. Flat-bottomed boat

10. Small store

14. Dog in "The Thin Man"

15. Boys' names

16. Unconscious state

17. Chow ____

18. ____ beans

19. Frank

20. Shopper's delight

22. Cute

24. Amazement

25. ____ up; excited

26. Like clipped sheep

29. Sra. or Mme.

30. Use an epee

34. Brinker of fiction

35. So: Scot.

36. ____ one's time; waiting

37. Alternatives

38. Metal eyelet

40. Holiday beverage

41. Verdi's works

43. Building site

44. Learn by ____; memorize

45. Tribal pole

46. Kept out of sight

47. Boxed

48. Nut variety

50. "The Boy King"

51. Spray

54. Prolonged attack

58. Title for Harris' Rabbit

59. 1 of the 3 Musketeers

61. "...and giving ____, up the chimney..."

62. Shopper's paper

63. Common spots for tears

64. CCIII doubled

65. Consumes

66. Erie or Huron

67. From Nevada to Utah

DOWN

1. Young animal

2. Bewildered

3. Word with crazy or fry

4. Airport buildings

5. Misrepresent

6. Deposed tyrant

7. Border

8. Forest openings

9. Written work

10. Bawled out

11. Western Indian

12. Foreboding sign

13. Pain

21. Bristlelike fiber

23. Measure a suit-purchaser again

25. Tourist stop in Russia

26. "Phooey!"

27. ____ Marx

28. Beginning

29. Famous Chairman

31. Little Latinos

32. \$100

33. ____ on; encouraged

35. Last year's jrs.

36. Wager

38. Pastimes

39. Stylish

42. Tells

44. Life's competitive struggle

46. Skimpy garment

47. Mongrel

49. Seashore

50. Cup: Fr.

51. Up to the task

52. Ending for Spanish place names

53. Nap

54. Heavy-duty weapon

55. 3/2 = one ____ half

56. Head of state: abbr.

57. Review a manuscript

60. Yes, in Japan

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Cary Institute celebrates opening of Tozer Ecosystem Science Building



Visitors joined the staff and supporters of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies at the opening of the Tozer Ecosystem Science Building, an indoor/outdoor party to celebrate the opening of the newly re-imagined Millbrook headquarters, on Friday, April 8. As of the event, the “Campaign for Cary” has raised/secured \$7.2 million of the \$14 million needed for the renovation. The new facility was designed during the pandemic with features to reduce transmission (state-of-the-art air handling, touchless lights, faucets, etc.). Copper is recycled and was sourced by Revere in Corning, NY. Maintenance-free material can be recycled again should it be removed in the future. Energy will be offset by adjacent solar field. Architectural work is by the firm of Becker & Becker, lead architect Michelle Lauterwasser. Consigli Construction Company in Pleasant Valley is the construction manager and many local jobs were added during construction. In the photos, Cary President Dr. Joshua R. Ginsberg speaks at the event. Ginsberg presents a gift to major donors Jim and Zibby Tozer. Architect Bruce Becker receives a gift from Ginsberg. Visitors tour the facility.

-Photos by Pam Freeman and Curtis Schmidt

Blood Drive at Poughkeepsie Town Hall set for April 25

New York Blood Center (NYBC) will hold a Blood Drive on Monday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the

Poughkeepsie Town Hall Meeting Room,
1 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie. Blood
and platelet donations are urgently need-
ed for all blood types.

Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins are welcome.

To schedule an appointment, go to https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/302924

Bring your NYBC Donor ID card if you have one.

16-year-olds are allowed to donate with parental consent (form at drive). Valid photo ID is needed.

For questions about eligibility to donate due to travel outside the U.S., medications or medical conditions, visit <https://www.nybc.org/> or call 1-800-688-0900.

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3	1	4	2	3	2

Suguru solution

'Young and Black' exhibit opens at Mount's Kaplan Library



Christopher Lane, a student at Mount Saint Mary College and lifelong Newburgh resident, discusses his art at the recent opening of "Young and Black" on campus.
-Courtesy photo by Lee Ferris

The student art exhibition "Young and Black" is now open at Mount Saint Mary College's Kaplan Family Library and Learning Center. The exhibit is free and open to the public. It is located on the first floor of the Dominican Center on the Mount campus, 330 Powell Ave., Newburgh, Orange County. "Young and Black" features the works of lifelong Newburgh resident Christopher Lane, a senior majoring in Business Management and Administration with a Graphic Design minor. In this series, Lane delves deep into the life he has come to know as a young African American man living in the City of Newburgh. Composed of photography, paintings, and digital pieces, Lane's work intersects the boundaries of fine art and social activism, utilizing the creative power of visual communication to engage and challenge the viewers' perceptions. Lane summed up his work succinctly: "This is who I am." For more information, visit www.msmc.edu.

County Players productions for 65th season announced

County Players, one of the longest running community theatre companies in the area, has announced its 65th season. The Main Stage Season presents five full productions that begin in July 2022 with "Native Gardens" by Karen Zacarias, directed by Christine Crawfis; September 2022 – "The Book of Will" by Lauren Gunderson, directed by Andrew Karl; November 2022 – "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" by Edward Albee, directed by Anna Marie Paolercio; and February 2023 – "It's Only A Play" by Terrence McNally, directed by Kit Colbourn. Finally, the 65th season culminates with the classic musical comedy in May 2023 with "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum", book by Burt Shevelove & Larry Gelbart, music & lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, directed by David J. Ringwood. County Players also continue CP2 Readers Theater Series. In this program there are no costumes, no sets, no props, and the actors perform with scripts in hand. The three mini-festivals of two readings: Mini-Festival #1 – October 2022: "Admissions", by Joshua Harmon; "The Niceties" by Eleanor Burgess Mini-Festival #2 – December 2022: "George Washington's Teeth" by Mark St. Germain; "Gently Down the Stream" by Martin Sherman Mini-Festival #3 – March 2023: "Constellations" by Nick Payne; "Ada & the Engine" by Lauren Gunderson Complete Online Info: Main Stage productions visit countyplayers.org/season-65. CP2 Series of Readers Theater kindly visit countyplayers.org/cp2-series-2022-2023/. Auditions - dates for all upcoming shows will be announced, and all audition info may be found at countyplayers.org/shows/auditions or go CountyPlayers.org under "Auditions." Sponsorship/Advertising visit countyplayers.org/sponsorship-and-advertising/ Covid Plan and Protocols for Theater Safety: Last updated and effective as of March 15. This vaccination policy is in effect for performances now through May 31. For performances June 1, and beyond, we anticipate a review of policies. The safety of our audiences, volunteers and artists is our priority. To keep everyone as safe as possible, we will continue to adjust our operations and hours, and we will require proof of COVID-19 vaccination with a valid government issued photo ID for all those who enter the Falls Theater, both audience and volunteers. Masks are recommended but are optional for both audience and volunteers. Our schedule and policies will continue to change and evolve, please check back regularly for updates. Accessibility: If you require wheelchair accessibility, please contact our Box Office at 845-298-1491. County Players Falls Theatre is at 2681 W. Main Street, Wappingers Falls.

Towne Crier Dance Jam April 21

Get On Down at the Towne Crier Dance Jam on Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m. at 379 Main Street, Beacon. All are welcome – singles, couples, friends, newcomers. Admission is \$10. Fine dining and snacks available. For more information, call 845- 765-0667 or email rhodaja@optonline.net.

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Obituaries

William J. Pitts, II



EAST FISHKILL—William J. Pitts II, 76, a lifelong area resident, died on April 5, 2022 at Mid Hudson Regional Hospital. Born in Newburgh on December

19, 1945, he was the son of William and Lucia (D’Aprile) Pitts. Bill was a plumber and steamfitter with Local #21 in Peekskill. Throughout his career, he taught apprentices and participated in training programs at Purdue University and Michigan State University. Bill was a parishioner of St. Columba Church in Hopewell Junction. As a classic car enthusiast, he was a member of the Dutchess Cruisers. He also belonged to the Southern Dutchess Sportsman’s Club. Bill enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting and woodworking. Most of all, Bill enjoyed spending time with his four grandchildren and family. On May 9, 1970 at St. John’s Church in Beacon, William married Donna Sheeley, who survives at home. The high school sweethearts were married for 51 years. Bill is also survived by his children and their spouses, David and Kelly Pitts, Marcie and Stephen Karas; his grandchildren, Alexander and Lillian Pitts, Ellie and Peter Karas; his siblings, Lucia Marie O’Hara and Richard Pitts; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents William and Lucia Pitts, and by his brother, Raymond Pitts. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by entombment at the Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in his honor to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

James S. Wolcott



James S. Wolcott passed away peacefully the morning of Tuesday, April 5, 2022, after a long illness. Jim was born in Oneonta NY on January 11, 1947, to Howard and Cecile Wolcott. He graduated

from Oneonta HS in 1965, served in the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1970, and graduated Orange County Community College, and earned his electrical engineering degree. He married Connie Meeker in January of 1970, and then moved to Beacon NY, where he was employed by Texaco Corporation (thank you Robert Meeker.) He then began a long career with IBM in their microchip lab, and in 1989 transferred to Raleigh, NC with his family. Jim was a volunteer with both Beacon Engine and LaGrange Fire departments, where many of his long-lasting friendships were formed. He was quick-witted, humorous and would never miss an opportunity to tell a joke (a gift passed along from his mother.) He had a big heart and enjoyed being around friends and family for any occasion. Some of the best memories were with neighbors in Beacon, LaGrange and Raleigh, and spending time at the local Elks Lodge. He was an avid fan of the New York Football Giants and the New York Yankees. He had a passion for music and enjoyed playing the drums, and even saw Jimi Hendrix in concert at his local community college. He and Connie were blessed with two children that he is survived by: his daughter Dina (Bill) of Fuquay-Varina, NC and his son Mark of Denver, CO. He was a loving “Pop” to his two grandsons, Daniel & Matthew Eagen also of Fuquay-Varina, and cheered them on at many of their sporting events. Jim is survived by his brother Jack (Mary) of St. Augustine, FL and was preceded in death by his sister, Sherri Levine (Harrison) of Daytona, FL. Jim was also a caring uncle to several nieces and nephews and cherished all the good times with his many in-laws. Donations may be made to The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration and sent to: AFTD, 2700 Horizon Drive, Suite 120, King of Prussia, PA. 19406. A Celebration of Life is being planned by the family for this summer in Beacon, NY.

Judith M. Allen



HUGHSONVILLE – Judith passed away peacefully at age 81 on January 12, 2022 at Fishkill Center for Rehab & Nursing in Beacon, NY after complications from Diabetes & a valiant battle with Vascular

Dementia. She was born at Highland Hospital in Beacon, NY to parents Eleanor Silvestri & Richard Irving. Judy, as she preferred to be called, graduated from Wappingers High School in 1958 & started employment at Woolworths. While there she met her future husband, Dwight Allen & they were married at Zion Episcopal Church in Wappingers Falls, NY on June 9, 1963. Mr. Allen predeceased her in 1997. After leaving a successful career as a buyer for Woolworths in 1971, Judy provided daycare in her home until 1977. That same year she opened Trim-A-Kake Shoppe in Hughsonville With her good friend Jackie Rywalt. The store remained open for 40 years, which is an amazing feat for a small business. Judy also worked part time as a school bus monitor for WCSD from 1996-2017. She loved being with the children she cared for, especially students with special needs. Judy loved gardening, especially flowers & houseplants. She also had an infinite love for animals, both household pets of which most were strays & wildlife. She enjoyed watching the various birds, turkeys, chipmunks, squirrels, etc. that visited daily to the yard. Judy was a member of Hughsonville Ladies Fire Auxilliary & ICES, a cake decorating association. She was a parishioner of both Zion Episcopal Church in Wappingers & St. Nicholas on the Hudson in New Hamburg. Judy enjoyed to travel, both for her business & for leisure to visit family & friends. She had traveled to many places in the US, to Canada & even made 2 trips across The Big Pond to Great Britain. In addition to being predeceased by her parents & husband, she was also predeceased by her stepfather Alfonso Silvestri, with whom she had a very special bond. Surviving Judy are her daughters Barbara Allen of Hughsonville, Melissa Allen-Stapleford & her husband John of Bear, DE, her brother George Silvestri of Hughsonville, her sister Susan Posner, several nieces, nephews, cousins & friends. We are saddened by her passing & miss her terribly, but we take comfort knowing that she is at peace in Heaven reunited with loved ones. She was an amazing woman, a loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt & friend. Judy was cremated & will be laid to rest with her husband in Wappingers Rural Cemetery. Services will be planned for some time in late Spring and will be announced. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to The Dementia Society of America or to The American Diabetes Association. Arrangements are under direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home in Wappingers Falls, NY. To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

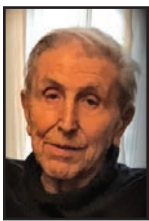
Norman Whittemore



WAPPINGERS FALLS – Norman K. Whittemore, age 75, died peacefully on Saturday, April 2nd, in comfort care at Wingate Dutchess, supported by his loving wife of 53 years, Janet

Whittemore, and visited by his loyal dog, Peppy. He was born on June 7, 1946 in Endicott, New York to Norman G. and Betty (McMullen) Whittemore. Norman grew up with his two sisters and pursued many interests and sports, including baseball, bowling, and golf. A graduate of Union Endicott High School in 1964, he completed a Journalism Degree at Syracuse University in 1968 and earned his Master’s in Journalism at the University of Missouri in 1970. On June 29, 1968, Norman and Janet Brady were married by Norman’s father, Reverend Norman G. Whittemore. In 1970, they moved to Dutchess County where Norman began his professional career at IBM in Fishkill, NY. Norman also enjoyed successfully running his own business for many years, Heritage Homemade Ice Cream in Hopewell Junction, NY, opening in 1976. Norman frequently said that the best years of his life were raising his son, Mick. They shared many interests, playing sports and working to excel in school, with a special focus on pitching baseball. He never missed a chance to practice or attend a game. While this may seem like the dreams of many fathers and sons, the time Norman devoted to Mick was about life lessons, learning to pursue goals and give your best effort. Norman was Mick’s best man at his wedding. In retirement, Norman exercised regularly enjoying Planet Fitness and becoming an avid tennis player. You could almost always find him playing doubles with friends at the local courts or Cross Court Tennis Club. Norman was a big fan of all New York based sports teams, but the New York Mets held a special place in his heart. He loved nothing more than an afternoon Mets game, napping through the middle innings, waking up in time for an exciting end. Norman loved his family dearly and will be greatly missed. He enjoyed life, a true dog-lover, a great talker and eater, reveling in chances to visit the buffet with family or friends. Norman also loved his home, taking care of his yard, and was prone to swapping used cars every few years to try something different. He was frugal in nature, especially on anything for himself, but had the biggest heart. Norman was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. We thank him for his love, support, and sacrifices. Norman is survived by his beloved wife Janet, son Mick Whittemore, his wife Lisa, and his granddaughter Brianna Whittemore, all of Rochester, NY, along with his sister Ellen Grubham, her husband Lew, and nieces and nephew. He was predeceased by his parents, his sister Catherine Hinkley, and his nephew Mark Hinkley. At Norman’s request, there will be no calling hours. A private service will be held for his loving family and he will be laid to rest at the Fishkill Rural Cemetery. In memory of Norman, donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 262 D.T. Place, Memphis, TN, 38105 or the Dutchess County ASPCA, 636 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Arrangements are under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. To send a personal condolence, please visit www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Ralph A. Capasso



FISHKILL – Ralph A. Capasso, a Fishkill resident since 1957, passed away at home on Monday, April 4, 2022. He was 90. Son of the late Dominick and Camille

(Cavacini) Capasso, he was born in the Bronx on November 30, 1931 and attended college in Manhattan, graduating from Iona College. In 1954, he joined the U.S. Army and served for two years. He was honorably discharged from service as Specialist 3rd Class in 1956. He was a great athlete and was drafted by the Boston Red Socks farm team. He was a formidable basketball player and coached several basketball teams as well. Ralph devoted his career to education. He taught English in the Wappingers Central School District for 34 years, retiring in 1991 and was a founding member of the Wappingers Congress of Teachers, serving as Union President for 20 years. He attended many conventions in Hawaii, Colorado and Manhattan, to name a few. Ralph consistently represented the teachers. In addition to his work for the school district, Ralph also proudly taught at Dutchess Community College/ Fishkill Correctional Facility for 25 years. He was a 57-year active parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill, where he served as a lector and regularly contributed poems of prayer to the parish bulletin. He was an usher and lecturer. He also taught RCIA for 15 years. Ralph attended daily mass and received communion daily for the last 20 years. On June 30, 1962 he married Janet Jones at the Church of the St. Mary’s in Yonkers. They were married for 60 years. Janet still resides in Fishkill. They lived in the same home for 57 years where they raised their 4 children. Ralph was a wonderful father and devoted husband. Ralph and Janet did a lot of traveling upon retiring and enjoyed a happy and active retirement. Additional survivors include his daughter, Corrine & husband Jeff of Florida; his daughter, Darien of New York and her significant other, Steve; his son, Ralph & his wife Lynn of South Carolina; his son, Christopher & his wife Amina of Connecticut; his grandchildren, Dominick, Vincent, Bianca, Alexis, Jordan, Amir, and Azaam; his great grandchildren, Karter and Madison, as well as many other loving relatives and friends. The family would like to give a special thanks to Father Adolf for all his spiritual guidance and for being a good friend to Ralph. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents as well as his sister, Elaine; his brother-in-law, Joseph; and his sister-in-law, Linda. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill. Interment followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Donations in Memory of Ralph can be made to the St. Mary School Angel Fund, 106 Jackson Street, PO Box 780, Fishkill, NY 12524. For online tributes, please visit Ralph’s Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

DOT announces road work in Wappingers Falls, City of Poughkeepsie

The New York State Department of Transportation is advising Dutchess County motorists to expect one lane to close along US Route 9 northbound and southbound, between Liss Road in the

Village of Wappingers and Trailer Park in the City of Poughkeepsie, through Tuesday, November 15, to accommodate bridge maintenance, weather permitting.

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Dutchess County Board of Health meeting April 21

The Dutchess County Board of Health will be holding their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 21, at 4 p.m. at the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health at 85 Civic Center Plaza – Suite 106 in the City of Poughkeepsie.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK – COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX # 2018-51943 FILED 2/25/2022 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial based on the location of the mortgaged premises in this action.

Plaintiff's principal place of business is C/O Seterus, Inc. 14523 SW Milikan Way Suite 200, Beaverton, Oregon 97005. FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, Donald Kennedy, if living, and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint therein, and their respective husbands, wives or widow, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim

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to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendants. To the above-named defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not re-

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spond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. This action was commenced to foreclose a mortgage against real property located at 493 Stanton Terrace, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. You are named as a party defendant herein because you may have an interest in the premises. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 1 Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 3C20, Melville, NY 11747, (631) 812-4084, (855) 845-2584

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226-5697) or visit the Department's website at WWW.BANKING.STATE.NY.US. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay your taxes in accordance with state and local law. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. File # 560-3877

The Regular Annual Meeting of the Wappingers Plot Owners will be held on April 26, 2022 at 4 P.M. at 2822 West Main St., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY to take public comments regarding the consideration of Establishing Rules and Regulations for Water Districts within the Town. Any person wishing to be heard by the Town Board on this matter should be present at the above date and time.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

CPETER J. CASIDY, TOWN CLERK

Dated: April 13, 2022

Town of East Fishkill, New York

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF FISHKILL

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Fishkill hereby will continue the Public Hearing on an unsafe condition of a house located at 448-450 VanWyke Lake Rd Fishkill, NY on April 20, 2022, 7:00p.m., or as soon thereafter, at Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524.

The Town of Fishkill will make every effort to assure that the public hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

By Order of the Town Clerk

Town of Fishkill

Becki Tompkins - Town Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION ROMBOUT FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 38.00 of the Local Finance Law and Section 179 of the Town Law, a special election of the qualified voters of the Rombout Fire District in the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York (the "Fire District"), will be held on May 10, 2022, at the main headquarters of the Fire District at 901 Route 52 in Fishkill, New York, in the Fire District, between the hours of 6:00 P.M., and 9:00 P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by ballot on the adoption or rejection of the following resolution:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 9, 2022.

A RESOLUTION OF THE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OF THE ROMBOUT FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SATELLITE FIRE STATION KNOWN AS STATION #2 AT 1548 ROUTE 52 IN FISHKILL, NEW YORK, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$9,000,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$9,000,000 BONDS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital purposes hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State

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Environmental Quality Review Act, to the extent required, have been performed; and WHEREAS, the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act have been complied with to the extent projects described in the specific object or purpose hereinafter described have been identified and selected; and WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such specific object or purpose; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fire District, as follows:

Section 1. The construction of a satellite fire station known as Station #2 at 1548 Route 52, Fishkill, New York, in and for the Fire District, including original equipment and furnishings and incidental improvements and expenses therefor, is hereby authorized at an estimated maximum cost of \$9,000,000.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing of such specific object or purpose is by the issuance of \$9,000,000 bonds of the Fire District, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby further determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is thirty years, pursuant to subdivision eleven of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, as such building is a class "A" building as defined in such subdivision.

Section 4. The faith and credit of the Fire District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in the Fire District, a tax without limitation as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Wappinger invites sealed bids for construction of the Town of Wappinger TOWN HIGHWAY FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 1 as set forth in Bidding Documents prepared by CPL, 26 IBM Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Separate sealed Bids completed on forms provided with the Bid Documents will be received by the Town Clerk, Town of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 until 11:00 a.m. (local time) on **May 9, 2022** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Each bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the contract name and associated contract number.

Bids shall be received for the following Contracts:

Contract No.	Title
GC-01	ADDITION TO HIGHWAY GARAGE A (GENERAL CONSTRUCTION)
EC-01	ADDITION TO HIGHWAY GARAGE A (ELECTRICAL)
MC-01	ADDITION TO HIGHWAY GARAGE A (MECHANICAL)
PC-01	ADDITION TO HIGHWAY GARAGE A (PLUMBING)

The Bid Documents may be reviewed at and obtained from the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 on or after **April 12, 2022**. Pursuant to the provisions of GML 102, persons requesting a CD containing the bid documents may obtain them at no charge.

Although attendance at this pre-bid meeting **is not required** in order to submit a bid and be awarded a contract, it is each Contractor's own responsibility to be familiar with the conditions at the project site. The **non-mandatory** Pre-Bid Meeting for the project will be held on **April 19, 2022**, at 10:00 AM at the Town of Wappinger Highway Facility, which is located off Sergeant Palmateer Way at 10-15 Highway Drive.

Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable form of Bid Security (the bidder's Certified Check made payable to the Town of Wappinger, or a Bid Bond issued by a surety and payable to the Town of Wappinger) in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the Base Bid, as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the Bidder will enter into a contract with the Town of Wappinger in accordance with the specifications and under the terms of the Contract Documents.

The work shall be substantially completed within **180 calendar days** of the date of the Notice to Proceed.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Town of Wappinger reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive any formality or technicality in any Bid in the interest of the Town of Wappinger.

STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION: Bidders are required to execute the non-collusion bidding certificate attached thereto pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

Bidders are required to comply with the provision of Section 291-299 of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

Bidders are required to comply with Section 139-k Disclosure of contacts and responsibility of offerers, paragraph 2. The bidder shall "...disclose findings of non-responsibility made within the previous four years by any governmental entity where such prior finding of non-responsibility was due to: (a) a violation of section one hundred thirty-nine-j of this article, or (b) the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a governmental entity."

The Town of Wappinger hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any agreement entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration of an award.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

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the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Fire District Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Fire District Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the Fire District by the manual or facsimile signature of the Fire District Treasurer and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Fire District Secretary.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, including private sale of the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Fire District Treasurer, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as the Fire District Treasurer shall deem best for the interests of the Fire District; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the Fire District Treasurer shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Fire District Treasurer shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the proceeds thereof.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the Fire District by the facsimile signature of its Fire District Treasurer, providing for the manual countersig-

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nature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the Fire District), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Fire District Treasurer. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the Fire District not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contains such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Fire District Treasurer shall determine.

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Fire District is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in summary in the Southern Dutchess News and the Poughkeepsie Journal, both of which are hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Fire District for such purpose, together with a

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notice of the Fire District Secretary in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 12. This resolution is adopted subject to the approval of the qualified voters of the Fire District at a special election of the Fire District to be held on May 10, 2022.

The polls will be kept open for the purpose of voting during the aforesaid hours and the proposition will be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall the bond resolution entitled:

“BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 9, 2022. A RESOLUTION OF THE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OF THE ROMBOUT FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SATELLITE FIRE STATION KNOWN AS STATION #2 AT 1548 ROUTE 52 IN FISHKILL, NEW YORK, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$9,000,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$9,000,000 BONDS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT TO PAY THE COST THEREOF”, duly adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fire District on March 9, 2022, be approved?

Dated: Fishkill, New York
March 9, 2022
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ROMBOUT FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK
By Jill Muller
Fire District Secretary

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-20-22

Customer Service Queueing/Ticketing System

Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 11th day of May 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding

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and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-22-22

Engine Oils, Fluids and Lubricants for Dutchess County Public Transit

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 10th day of May 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-26-22

Portable Toilets Rental, Service and Maintenance

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 18th day of April 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-31-22

Supplemental Bid for OEM Automotive Replacement Parts

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 27th day of April 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our

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web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

TOWN OF FISHKILL, NY NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP 2022-01

Request for Proposal

The Town of Fishkill is soliciting sealed proposals to provide all labor, equipment and materials and other such services as necessary to improve the sealing and water tightness of the Rombout Water District Main Water Meter Vault. The Vault has significant water intrusion which causes material and equipment degradation. The Town of Fishkill will not purposely eliminate any company from bidding, however, there are specifications that must be met. Taxes should not be reflected as the Town of Fishkill is tax exempt. Effective 9:00 AM, Tuesday April 12, 2022, a Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained either in person at Town Hall or electronically by emailing the Town of Fishkill Project Facilitators Joe DeFrancesco and Paul Bozek at jdefrancesco@fishkill-ny.gov and pbozek@fishkill-ny.gov. The requestor / proposer must provide the legal company name, address, telephone number, representative name and email address when either picking up in person or via email. There will be a non-mandatory pre-bid site visit on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 10 AM. Participants are to meet at intersection of Mattewan Road and Camp Beacon Road. The Meter Vault is off Camp Beacon Road across the street from a parking lot. Any and all questions, clarifications, or requests shall be provided in writing to the Town of Fishkill Project Facilitators Joe DeFrancesco and Paul Bozek via email at jdefrancesco@fishkill-ny.gov and pbozek@fishkill-ny.gov. All questions, clarifications, and requests, together with answers, if any, will be provided to all firms that have indicated an interest or intention to submit statements. However, the names of any firms submitting any questions, clarifi-

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cations, or requests will not be disclosed until after the deadline for submitting Proposals. The Town reserves the right to respond or not respond to any questions, clarifications, or requests. The data herein is provided without warranty or representation as to accuracy. Each proposer is directed and encouraged to make any and all examinations independently; to verify any and all examinations independently, and not to rely solely on the information stated herein, which is to be used only as a general guide. Sealed proposals will be accepted until Thursday May 26, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. at the Town of Fishkill Town Clerk's Office, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 and will be opened on the same day. No proposals will be accepted after the appointed time. No other distribution of proposals will be made by the Proposer. All Proposal copies must be signed in ink and in longhand by an official authorized to bind the Proposer. The Town of Fishkill reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, with or without cause. Awarding of the contract will take place at a regular monthly meeting of the Town of Fishkill. Should your firm be interested in submitting a proposal, submit the signed and sealed proposal with the requested / required information in the RFP, marked on the outer envelope as ROMBOUT WATER DISTRICT MAIN METER VAULT, and mail or deliver to: Becki Tompkins, Town Clerk
Town of Fishkill
807 Route 52
Fishkill, New York 12524
(845) 831-7800
x3333
FAX (845) 831-6040
btompkins@fishkill-ny.gov

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-28-22

New Storm Drainage and Culvert Pipe Accessory Fittings and Hardware

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 26th day of April 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be ob-

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tained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS—SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS—UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Plaintiff, against NANCY WELLS, if living, and if he/she be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or whom may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SEAN WELLS; NASSAU FINANCIAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION FKA NASSAU COUNTY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; NORTH AMERICAN PARTNERS IN ANNETHESIA; RBS CITIZENS, NA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; and JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE #1 through #7, the last seven (7) names being fictitious and unknown to the Plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged premises described in the complaint

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'Parks for All People' to celebrate Olmstead's vision for public spaces

The Garden Club of Orange and Dutchess Counties and The Downing Park Planning Committee are partnering to sponsor an event which celebrates the 200th Birthday Anniversary of America's father of landscape architecture, Frederick Law Olmsted. "Parks for All People" will be held on Saturday, April 23, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Downing Park, 181-141 Carpenter Avenue, Newburgh.

Olmsted's democratic vision of public spaces are more important today than ever. He believed that public parks belong to all Americans and that all communities deserved access. Parks have powerful social, environmental, economic and health benefits, and in good times and times of national crisis, parks give people from all walks of life a place to connect and to experience the restorative power of nature.

Olmsted's first public park design was Central Park in New York City. Downing Park was his last design, and he and his partner, Calvert Vaux, contributed their design services as a way of honoring their friend and mentor,

Newburgh native Andrew Jackson Downing.

Newburgh Mayor Torrance Harvey will provide introductory remarks on the importance of Downing Park to Newburgh. Keynote Speaker Anne “Dede” Petri will present “The Olmsted Exhibit,” a presentation of Olmsted’s legacy to social democracy and the importance of public parks and green spaces. Her appearance on April 23 is part of a nation-wide campaign to promote Olmsted’s legacy, and she will be planting several new trees in Downing Park to commemorate the day. Students from The Newburgh Enlarged City School District, San Miguel Academy and The Storm King School will be joining her in the tree planting ceremony.

The Garden Club of Orange and Dutchess Counties is a charter member of The Garden Club of America; it is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening and flower arranging; promote education in conservation and aid in the protection of native plants and birds; foster the interest and education

of young people in nature, and support the work and policies endorsed by The Garden Club of America.

The Downing Park Planning Committee is a not-for-profit group of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to act as an advocate for the preservation of

Newburgh's aesthetically and historically significant landmark, Downing Park, which is part of the City's East End Historic District; and to generate use of Downing Park by the entire community by sponsoring events and encouraging other organizations to do the same.

Churches to hold Easter events

Friends and neighbors, an Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 17, Easter Sunday, at the First Reformed Church of Fishkill. The children will gather at the church playground on the corner of Rt. 9 and Rt. 52 and the egg hunt will begin at 11:15 a.m., rain or shine! All are welcome!

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1400 Route 52, in Fishkill will host a Children's Easter Celebration on April 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. Event is free.
For more information, call 845-831-5674.

St. Andrew and St. Luke Episcopal Church, Beacon will conduct the Easter Service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 17th.

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Defendants-Index No. 2021-54094 Plaintiff Designates Dutchess County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Dutchess County. To the above named Defendants- YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); the United States of America may appear or answer within 60 days of service hereof; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated March 31, 2022. NOTICE- YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME - If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing

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the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE; New York State law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the Summons and Complaint in this Foreclosure Action, you may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney of your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The

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State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services' at 1-800-269-0990 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov>

FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. We are attempting to collect a debt. Any information ob-

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tained will be used for that purpose. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Christie L. D'Alessio, J.S.C. dated March 31, 2022. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 47 Clay Hill Road, Tivoli, NY 11023 located at Section 6174 Block 02 and Lot 637913 Dated: April 4, 2022 Filed: April 4, 2022 Pincus Law Group, PLLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: George J. Weissinger, Esq., 425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556 (516) 699-8902.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-24-22
Removal and Legal Disposal of Water with Trace Petroleum (Diesel) and Maintenance of Associated Systems/Tanks
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 28th day of April 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov> selecting

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