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## GE, EPA enter into new legal agreement

By Kristine Coulter

The General Electric Corporation (GE) has entered under a legal agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to investigate the Lower River portion of the Hudson River PCBs Superfund site. The outcome will determine the next steps for addressing contamination, according to a recent press release from EPA.

According to the release, "Under the terms of the legal administrative agreement, GE will immediately develop a plan for extensive water, sediment, and fish sampling between the Troy Dam and the mouth of the New York Harbor. While polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) will be a focus of the data collection in the Lower Hudson River, other contaminants will be evaluated as well. The new data is needed to determine from a scientific standpoint the best path forward, even in advance of a potential formal set of studies that would be required to develop a plan or plans for cleanup." According to the announcement, the agreement does require the data that is collected to begin in 2023. GE, states the release, will pay the cost of EPA to oversee the work that is being done.

Lisa F. Garcia, who is the EPA regional administrator, stated, "The sampling that GE is conducting will allow us to better understand and evaluate the conditions and potential contamination in the Lower Hudson River environment."

The release stated, "Under the terms of the administrative agreement, GE will sample multiple fish species, sediment and water from various locations throughout the Lower Hudson River. There will be three different sediment sampling programs, each from a different range of depths of the river bottom." It was noted by EPA that collecting sediment at various depths and locations allows EPA to better understand where contamination is present and has deposited over time.

There will be three sediment programs, according to officials. Two of the programs will be implemented next year. Then, in 2024, the implementation of the third program will occur.

Garcia remarked, "The information will help us determine whether and how to prioritize investigations in each portion of the Lower Hudson and how to best address contamination."

EPA plans to keep the Community Advisory Group for the Hudson River PCBs Superfund site and the public informed and involved as data is collected and follow-up decisions are made. EPA will also look to engage with communities along the lower Hudson, including communities that have environmental justice concerns, states the release.

"New York State is committed to a comprehensive cleanup and restoration of the Hudson River. EPA's agreement directing GE to undertake additional sampling in the lower," Hudson is a critical step to address historic PCB contamination," remarked New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos.

The sampling results will assist EPA as it moves forward with its investigation. It was stated that GE "remains legally responsible for its PCBs that migrated to this area. EPA is continuing to evaluate whether other parties may also be liable for PCBs, as well as other contamination in the Lower Hudson."

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## 'Spirit' of Beacon to shine 45th annual event set Sunday

By Goldee Greene

With all the whistles and bells of a great celebration, the 45th Annual Spirit of Beacon Day takes place on Sunday, September 25, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The first event took place in 1977, when Beacon community leaders embraced the theme of inclusion to ease local racial strife.

This year's festivities almost did not happen as longstanding members of the former team became unavailable to organize it. Luckily, a new committee was formed in July, and hit the ground running fast.

"We were able to get going quickly because of the generosity of Main Street businesses, and volunteers," said Committee chair Katie Hellmuth, who writes the popular online weekly, A Little Beacon Blog. "The other committee members and myself have wonderful relationships with the community, with me hearing their stories. I also run a design company creating printed material. Because I have experience in branding, this skill has been applied to promoting Spirit of Beacon." Other committee members are Treasurer Nickeya Allen Smith, Junior Zayed Dabashi, Ali T. Muhammad and Jeana Pearl Fletcher. She also thanked Mayor Lee Kyriacou, and the City's highway and police departments.

Spirit of Beacon Day 2022 honorees



*Spirit of Beacon Day will be held on Main Street in Beacon on September 25. Pictured are members of a band from Rombout Middle School during a previous year's parade.*

-Courtesy photo

have been announced as Gwenno James, former chair, Karen James, former committee member and Carmen Johnson, Beacon's beloved school crossing guard.

Beacon business sponsors include Dr. Sara Mikulsky, owner of Wellness Physical Therapy; Junior Zayed Dabashi, owner of Key Food, and the Roundhouse.

Dr. Mikulsky, founder of Sara

Mikulsky Wellness Physical Therapy housed inside Beacon Pilates at 18 W. Main Street, recalled "When I first visited friends living in Beacon back in 2018, I was drawn to the city's strong sense of community. Many of the local business owners were in their shops, greeting me with a warm smile and engaging in

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## Historic gardens open for tours



*Above, Virginia Verplanck Bleecker in the historic garden at Mount Gulian. The garden will be open to the public during the annual Great Estates Garden and Landscape Weekend on September 25.*

*Right, a Claire Davis dahlia and cutting garden arrangement from Locust Grove's recent Garden Gathering Program.*

-Courtesy photos

By Kristine Coulter

Local estates in the Hudson Valley, in cooperation with the Dutchess County Tourism, are inviting visitors to see their historic gardens. Some estates will be hosting the Great Estates Garden and Landscape Weekend on September 24 or September 25. While some will be hosting the event both days. Mount Gulian Historic Site in Beacon and The Locust Grove Estate & Locust Lawn Farm in

Poughkeepsie are two of the sites collaborating with Dutchess Tourism for the event.

"Fall is always such a magical time here in the Hudson Valley and touring the gardens at Dutchess County's Great Estates gives us a new way to appreciate the stories those historic sites tell," said Dutchess Tourism President & CEO Melaine Rottkamp. "We're so grateful for the love and care put in by the volunteer

organizations the professionals who work tirelessly so visitors and residents alike can enjoy the beauty that surrounds us."

### Mount Gulian's historic garden

Mount Gulian Historic Site's garden will be open on September 25. There will be three tours that day at 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m.

"Some of the plants have been there for years, like the yucca plants, the peonies

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# 'Spirit' of Beacon to shine Sunday

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friendly conversation. This was unlike my experience living in NYC, running a small business. I started to think about moving my business, a physical therapy and wellness practice, to Beacon. And I did just that in 2021.

"Everyone is supportive, helpful, and warm-hearted. Many, I have found, have also migrated north from NYC in search of a more supportive but diverse community to run their business. Once you step into Beacon, you can feel the Spirit of Beacon up and down Main Street," remarked Dr. Mikulsky.

Last year was the first time that Dr. Mikulsky participated in Spirit of Beacon Day.

"I did not know much about the event, but had learned from fellow Beaconites that this was historically a proud day for Beacon. Last year I decided to offer a "pop-up" fitness class to the community, geared for the whole family. It was a blast to have kids and parents exercising alongside each other. This year, I decided to take it a step further and become a "Beacon of Light Sponsor" for the Spirit of Beacon Day!"

This community event is "a great way for both business owners and residents to get to know each other, share in a day of fun, education, and celebration! This year I wanted to have a greater impact on that spirit, to let the community know I am here to help serve their health and wellness needs and support this great tradition," said Dr. Mikulsky.

The winner of this year's logo contest was Kim Dei Dolon, who received a \$300 cash award.

Over the years Spirit of Beacon Day has featured a parade down Main Street, sidewalk booths with not-for-profit and social organizations, food vendors and music.

Thousands will attend, including spectators from around the Hudson Valley region.

The parade starts at 1 p.m. at Polhill Park, located at the corner of Rte. 9D and Main, proceeding eastward. Marchers include the Beacon High School Band, J.V. Forrestal Elementary School, South Avenue Elementary School, Stony Forest 4-H, Beacon Community Lions Club, Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps, City of Beacon Fire Department, Slater Chemical Fire Department, Navigators 275, and local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops. City houses of worship will also be on hand. The parade's rhythmic caboose will be the World Famed Marching Cobras Drum Line & Dance Line.

Before and after the parade, crowds will be entertained by live music on four stages. East Main Stage, located at Veterans Plaza, will showcase Beacon Players (the Beacon High School drama club), School of Rock Band, Yanarella School of Dance, TonyE, GG & the Shades, and Bosco & the Storm.

West Main Stage, at Main and Cross Street, will present Beacon Music Factory, violinist Gwen Laster, Beacon Performing Arts Center and Beacon Ballet Studio.

Howland Cultural Center (HCC), 477 Main, will host a unique program geared towards children, and music lovers of all ages.

"Howland Cultural Center is honored to participate in Spirit of Beacon, and share the day with our community and friends," said HCC chair Theresa Kraft. "We'll have extended gallery hours. Classics for Kids, hosted by Aikiko Sasaki, will present a program titled "Instrumental Discovery Day Concert," at 2:30 p.m. There will also be a "visit" by Eliza Howland, General Howland's wife, portrayed Emily Murnane, of the Beacon Historical Society. And much more."

The Salvation Army, located at 372 Main, will offer children's activities such as puppetry, sing-along and face-painting. It will



*The Spirit of Beacon Day will be held on September 25. Pictured are marchers in the parade during the 2019 Spirit of Beacon Day on Main Street.*

-Archive photo

feature singer/songwriter Lydia Adams Davis. Also aboard will be Vicki Raabin and Gina Samaridge.

For more info go to

[www.spiritofbeacon.org](http://www.spiritofbeacon.org).

Kristine Coulter contributed to this report.

## Golf outing assists local charities

A golf outing hosted by Dutchess County Real Estate Charity Golf, Inc was held to benefit local Hudson Valley charities at The Powelton Club, on September 19. The fundraiser, in its 23rd year, continues to provide local community support to feed, house, clothe, offer safe harbor to the abused and other charitable organizations within Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley. Last year's event raised \$24,000 for local charities. The proceeds were distributed in a gathering of the sponsors and charities earlier in the year.

Generous Platinum sponsors are Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts of Dutchess County, Daniel O'Connell's Sons, Inc., Patrick F. Moore, Attorney at Law., R. L. Baxter Building Corp, Stenger, Diamond & Glass, LLP, TEG Federal Credit Union, Tompkins Community Bank, and The Law Office of William G. Sayegh. Gold Sponsors

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Flores Food Truck and Catering donated food on the course and beer was donated by Sloop Brewing Company. Participating sponsors and golfers are from every facet of the real estate industry, including real estate brokers and salespersons, appraisers, title companies, attorneys, banks, lending institutions, builders, insurance companies, home inspectors and a wide variety of affiliated service providers. Over one hundred fifty golfers and guests attended the day long charity event punctuated with dinner, raffles, and live auction.

## General Joseph Howland presentation set September 21

In 1871, General Joseph Howland commissioned his brother-in-law, the French-trained architect Richard Morris Hunt, to design a library for the village of Matteawan, a church, and a music room addition to his house, Tioronda. The resulting works were energetic and surreal; a mixture of forms from remote parts of Europe. A presentation by architectural historian Steven Baltas will consider

Hunt's design influences, which range from medieval French market towns to Alpine chalets.

The presentation will be given on September 21, from 7 – 8:30 p.m., at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon. Learn how Hunt altered the course of American architecture after the Civil War with these rare surviving buildings.

## EPA new agreement with GE

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Seggos said, "This new data will supplement the extensive sampling efforts previously conducted by DEC, EPA, and GE to evaluate the health of one of New York's most important waterbodies. New York State DEC looks forward to continuing to work with EPA to understand what further actions can be taken to address unacceptable levels of contamination that remain in the river."

According to EPA, "The new data will supplement information collected during EPA's investigation of the Lower Hudson River in the 1990s and the periodic monitoring of Lower Hudson River fish and water by GE under EPA oversight since 2004. EPA has also been gathering additional information and data about the Lower River in coordination with New York State and other project stakeholders since 2019 to support

these efforts. GE is reimbursing EPA for the costs incurred for planning the work."

The Hudson River PCBs Superfund site, stated EPA, includes the 200-mile stretch from Hudson Falls to the southern tip of Manhattan in New York City. The dredging and capping work in the Upper Hudson River was conducted between 2009 and 2015, according to EPA officials.

EPA noted that between the 1940s and 1970s, "GE discharged PCBs into the Hudson River from its two former capacitor manufacturing plants in Fort Edward and Hudson Falls." These PCBs contaminated the river and its sediment from the Hudson Falls plant to New York Harbor, and contaminated certain areas of the floodplain along the banks of the river during high water and flood events, stated EPA.

Additional information about the Superfund site is available on the Hudson River PCBs Superfund site webpage.

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# Historic garden tours this weekend

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and the roses," said Elaine Hayes, Executive Director of Mount Gulian. She noted that those three flowers "are not in bloom this time of year."

"Those plants were here in the original garden in the 1800s, even up until the fire in 1931." The house was destroyed during the fire and the garden was not tended to, said Hayes. One of the descendants of the Verplanck family, who owned the home-stead, came to Mount Gulian and dug up yucca, roses and peonies and brought them to her Connecticut home.

Then in the 1990s, during reconstruction of the house, it was learned about the flowers being taken to the home in Connecticut, explained Hayes.

"These flowers have some of the original DNA as the original flowers," Hayes remarked.

A new addition to the garden this year is the *nicotiana colossera*, "which the company Organic Matters planted this year along with other annuals in the garden," said Hayes. Members of the Verplanck Garden Club at Stony Kill also worked in the garden this year.

If one attends, Hayes said the story of James F. Brown, a manumitted slave, will be shown in a 17-minute film. Brown went on to become the master gardener at Mount Gulian.

Virginia Eliza Darby Verplanck, who married into the Verplanck family, wrote two books on gardening. One was titled "A Year in My Garden," which was written in 1908. In 1913, she wrote "Every Day in My Garden. Eleven-year-old Mary Anna Verplanck, designed the original 1804 garden, relayed Hayes.

"Last year was the first time this event was held at Mount Gulian said Hayes, and "they (those who attended) were impressed

with the plants and the older plants that survived over the generations." Those who attend might just pick up a technique or tip from gardeners past that could work today, she said.

Reservations are required and may be made by calling 845-831-8172 or emailing at [info@mountgulian.org](mailto:info@mountgulian.org). Admission to this program is \$12 adults; \$10 seniors; \$6 youngsters (6-18 years). Children under six and Mount Gulian members are free. Mount Gulian is at 145 Sterling Street in Beacon.

## Two days of garden tours at Locust Grove

"Locust Grove is excited to participate in this spotlight on the Great Estates with Dutchess Tourism!" Ken Snodgrass, Director of Locust Grove, stated via email.

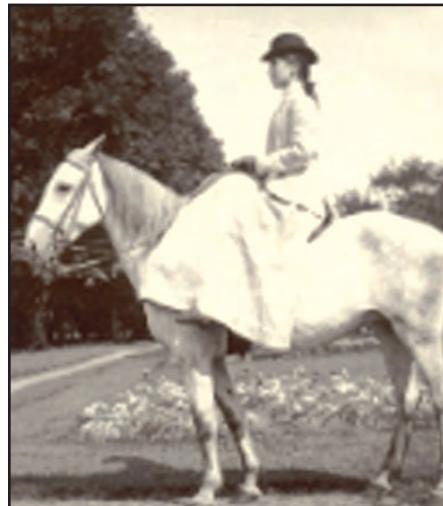
Locust Grove, on Route 9 in Poughkeepsie, is offering the following two workshops for historic garden and historic estate lovers for the weekend.

- September 24 at 10:30 a.m. will be Fall Frolic Tour with Director of Horticulture Claire Davis

According to organizers, attendees will learn more about the heirloom, organic, flower and kitchen gardens, with a focus on dahlias and asters, and how we choose what to plant each year, according to organizers. Participants will see the variety of dahlias grown and the myriad of varieties of sweet potatoes and tomatoes.

- September 25 at 10:30 a.m. there will be the Guided Walk on the historic carriage roads with Director Snodgrass.

Participants will have a chance to learn more about the three historic estates that were united to form today's Locust Grove, according to organizers, and view rarely-seen historic photos. Wear sturdy shoes and be prepared for a walk of about a mile as one learns the history sees some of the more than



*Above, Annette Young on her way to ride on the carriage roads at Locust Grove, 1901.*

*Right, flowers from the historic garden at Mount Gulian in Beacon.*

*-Courtesy photos*

100-year-old trees, it was suggested.

Each tour is \$15, Locust Grove Patron Level members and above are free.

Purchase tickets for either or both events by calling 845-454-4500 between



*Above, Annette Young on her way to ride on the carriage roads at Locust Grove, 1901.*

*Right, flowers from the historic garden at Mount Gulian in Beacon.*

*-Courtesy photos*

10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Locust Grove is at 2683 South Road in Poughkeepsie.

For more information, visit [www.dutchestourism.com](http://www.dutchestourism.com).

## Salisbury Bank to hold free Shred Event and Food Drive in Fishkill

Salisbury Bank is continuing its initiative to fight against identity theft while building community goodwill by sponsoring a free Shred Event and Food Drive.

The Community "Drive-thru" Shred Day is open to anyone and will be held at the Fishkill branch, 701 Route 9, Suite 7, on September 24, from 9 a.m. - noon.

Each person may bring up to 4 boxes of paper (no binders) for shredding by Legal Shred personnel and Salisbury Bank volunteers.

Please consider bringing a non-perishable donation as well - local pantries need a

variety of donations including: canned goods, powdered milk, whole-grain cereals, kitchen spices, macaroni and cheese, pancake/cake mix, peanut butter, condiments, pasta, granola/oatmeal, and tomato sauce. Household necessities such as paper towels, diapers, wipes, socks, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, and soap are also appreciated.

All shredded paper will be recycled and all collected items will be donated directly to local food pantries.

For information on identity theft protection, go to [SalisburyBank.com](http://SalisburyBank.com).

## Towne Crier Café Dance Jam set

Get On Down at the Towne Crier Dance Jam on September 22nd at 7 p.m., at 379 Main Street, Beacon. Admission is \$10. There will be fine dining, snacks, desserts and full bar are available. Attire is whatever suits one's mood – from blue jeans to dazzling

sparkles. These dances are informal and even if you come alone, you can always find a friendly partner on the dance floor. All are welcome – singles, couples, friends, newcomers.

For information, call 845-765-0667 or email [rhodaja@optonline.net](mailto:rhodaja@optonline.net).

## Open House at WJHS

Parents as Partners Open House Night will be held on September 28 from 7 – 9 p.m. Wappingers Junior High School (WJHS), which is in the Wappingers Central School District, is at 30 Major MacDonald Way in Wappingers Falls.

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### U.S. Chamber of Commerce endorses Schmitt

#### To the Editor:

It is with great honor that I announce Assemblyman Colin J. Schmitt has been endorsed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for his candidacy in New York's 18th congressional district. The U.S. Chamber represents over three million businesses and organizations. Leaders from the U.S. Chamber came to the district to endorse Colin:

"As a state Assemblyman, Colin Schmitt has a record of leading through bipartisanship and supporting the residents of the Hudson Valley," said U.S. Chamber of Commerce Eastern Region Vice President Stephen P. McAllister. "Colin has demonstrated a commitment to supporting free enterprise, pro-growth solutions, and the American business community. The U.S. Chamber is proud to endorse Colin Schmitt and looks forward to partnering with him in the next Congress."

"Colin Schmitt has been a friend of The Business Council and supporter of pro-business legislation during his time in the state legislature," said Business Council of New York State President and CEO Heather Briccetti Mulligan. "We believe, if elected to Congress, Schmitt would continue to fight for New York State businesses and encourage economic growth throughout the state."

We thank the U.S. Chamber for their endorsement and support and look forward to partnering with them to invest in our region's future!

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## Scholarship winners honored



Winners of the Katherine M. Beale Scholarships are Annette Prezzano, from Stissing Mountain High School in Pine Plains, and Jude Selenis, from Red Hook High School.

Annette will be attending Cornell University and majoring in Agricultural Science. Jude will be attending SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology. The Katherine M. Beale Scholarships are funded through community support of the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee.

-Courtesy photo

## Kendall submits local law to legislature to establish 'Domestic Partner Registry'

Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall has submitted a local law to the County Legislature establishing a "Domestic Partner Registry" under the aegis of the Dutchess County Clerk. Establishing a Domestic Partner Registry would address the following concerns:

The ravages of COVID 19 over the past 26 months are well known. In some cases, the partners of those affected have been denied visitation rights, benefits and the ability to participate in medical decision making.

Many of our new residents have moved here from jurisdictions that provide domestic partner registries.

The five boroughs of New York City, Suffolk County, Westchester County, Putnam County, Rockland County and some municipalities in Nassau County have all established domestic partner reg-

istries. When our new residents move to Dutchess County they are unable to continue to prove their partner status since most jurisdictions require residency.

The county legislature has previously considered the establishment of a domestic partner registry on two occasions.

In 2002, the proposal was removed from consideration by the sponsor.

In 2007, the proposal was defeated in committee: Resolution 207194 (8/9/2007) (dutchessny.gov)

Earlier debates about a domestic partner registry sometimes got derailed by extraneous concerns. Establishing a registry now would allow those whose long-term relationships have been acknowledged in other jurisdictions to be recognized in their new county of residence. It will also allow partners to participate more fully in joint financial and medical decision-making.

## Sign up now for Family Services' Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event

Family Services 12th Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event will take place on October 15 at 11 a.m. at the Poughkeepsie Galleria, Route 9, in Poughkeepsie. This national event is in an effort to raise awareness and to end sexual assault, gender violence and domestic violence in our

community. Family Services programs work to prevent violence, support victims, promote justice, educate youth and improve safety and well-being of families.

Teams can sign-up directly on the link at [familyservicesny.org](http://familyservicesny.org) or make a donation.

### Fire commissioners to meet in Glenham

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Glenham Fire District will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Slater Chemical Firehouse located at 76 Old Glenham Road, Glenham in the town of Fishkill.



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## DISPATCHES FROM THE VFW

by Tom Zurhellen

## Anthony's Walk to improve veterans shelter in Poughkeepsie

You might remember the story of Anthony Gray, but I'm guessing many folks will not. Anthony was a Marine Corps veteran who was tragically murdered in Poughkeepsie two years ago, in October 2020. When he died, it became clear that he did not have any family in the immediate area, so the veteran community came together to cover all his final expenses. That was the saddest part of the story, for me: this veteran, who had put his life on the line for his country, was very much alone. If not for the compassion of those who learned of his story, he would have ended up as just another statistic, and just another body forgotten in a nameless grave.

I wish I could say Anthony's story is rare, but it's all too common a tale for our veterans. With 40,000 homeless vets every night in America (a number which has likely gone up due to the pandemic) there are probably countless heroes just like Anthony out there – men and women who have no one to turn to, and no one to rely on when times are tough.

I've worked with veterans long enough to learn a simple truth: our veterans-in-need never suffer from just one issue. Everything is connected, from homelessness and financial troubles to opioid addiction and even serious mental health challenges like PTS and TBI. When helping our heroes, it's impossible to only address one problem. You have to try to address them all. You have to see a veteran as a whole person, a unique individual, not just a stereotype or statistic.

This fall, Marist College and VetZero Heroes are teaming up to create a new event to raise awareness on these challenges facing veterans not only in our own community, but across the nation. The event is called Anthony's Walk, to remind us that Anthony's story is not an isolated one. It's going to be a 22-minute walk that loops around the Marist campus in Poughkeepsie, and it takes place on Saturday, October 1st

starting at 10am. The event is free, and everyone is invited to participate. There is no registration required. The 22-minutes of the walk recognize that sobering statistic we all know: an average of 22 veterans commit suicide every day in America.

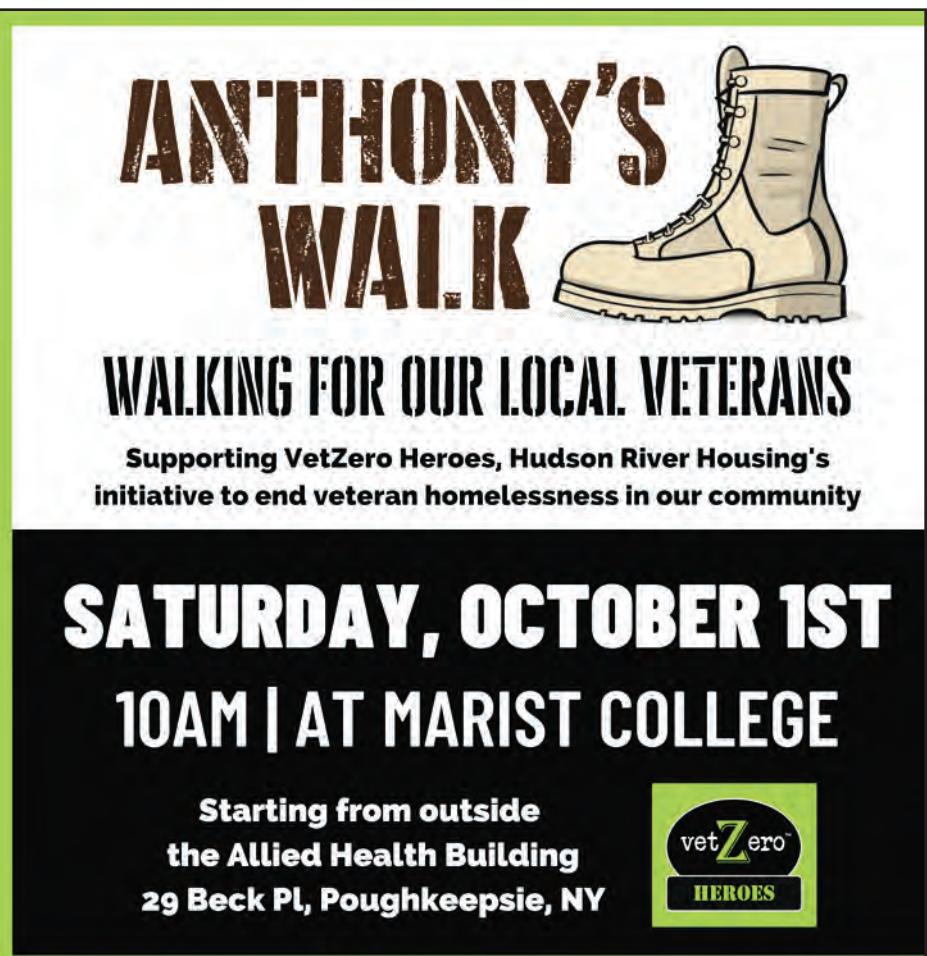
All proceeds from Anthony's Walk will go to improve Liberty Station, the veterans' shelter in Poughkeepsie. This is where Anthony was staying at the time of his death. It's such an important place where veterans can go to get a fresh start, which is exactly what Anthony was doing there. I didn't know him well – we may have spoken a handful of times -- but I do know he was trying to overcome some challenges in his life. He had just started a new job, and he was upbeat on the future ahead of him. There are many other vets staying at Liberty Station right now, who have a very similar life story. It's the least we can do, to make sure their home is safe and livable.

So, I hope you will mark our calendar for Saturday, October 1st at 10 a.m. at Marist College for the very first Anthony's Walk. Again, everyone is invited, so please spread the word among your neighbors and friends. We need to do a better job of supporting our veterans, and we can start by coming together to make sure we never forget folks like Anthony. Hopefully we can grow this event so that every year, we can all come together to support our veterans.

If you can't join us at the walk but you would still like to make a donation to help Liberty Station, it's easy: just visit [www.hudsonriverhousing.org](http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org) and click on the Anthony's Walk logo. You can also give them a call at 845-454-5176 to find out more about this important event.

Thanks for listening! I hope to see you at Anthony's Walk – and if you do join us, I hope you will come up and say hello at the event! I'd love to hear from you.

A Navy veteran, Tom Zurhellen has been Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars



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On October 1st, Anthony's Walk, which will support local veterans, is set to take place at Marist College in Poughkeepsie.

-Courtesy image

(VFW) in Poughkeepsie for the past three years. In the summer of 2019, he walked across America from Portland, Oregon, to Poughkeepsie to raise awareness on veteran

suicide and veteran homelessness in our country. He continues to work with local veterans in need through the VetZero Project, in partnership with Hudson River Housing.

## New COVID-19 booster available locally

### By Kate Goldsmith

With the head of the World Health Organization recently claiming the end of the COVID-19 pandemic is "within sight," individuals are still urged to protect themselves from serious illness or death from the virus. Eligibility for the updated COVID-19 boosters has been provided by the federal Food & Drug Administration (FDA):

- Individuals 18 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent if it

has been at least two months since they have completed primary vaccination or have received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.

- Individuals 12 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent if it has been at least two months since they have completed primary vaccination or have received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved

monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.

The term "bivalent" refers to the updated booster containing two messenger RNA (mRNA) components of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) virus, one of the original strain of SARS-CoV-2 and the other one in common between the BA.4 and BA.5 lineages of the omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2.

Vaccine boosters are available at many locations, including Dutchess County's Family Health Clinic at the Family Partnership Center in Poughkeepsie (appointments

required), and local pharmacies and healthcare organizations. Colleen Pillus, communications director for the County Executive's office, noted that residents can make an appointment at the county's clinic by calling 845-485-3535 or emailing [clinics@dutchessny.gov](mailto:clinics@dutchessny.gov). To find pharmacies/retailers offering the bivalent booster near you, you can use [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov) and plug in your zip code for a quick list of where it is available.

To learn more about the updated boosters, visit [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).

## The Medicine Shoppe to hold vaccine clinics in Wappinger Town Hall

The Medicine Shoppe in Fishkill will be holding vaccination clinics here in the Senior Center at Wappinger Town Hall from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Monday - Oct. 3

- Monday - Oct. 17  
- Monday - Oct. 31  
Vaccines for COVID, shingles, pneumonia and flu will be offered. Anyone interested can sign up for an appointment on the website:

[fishkill.medicineshoppe.com](http://fishkill.medicineshoppe.com) but walk-ins will be taken as well. One will have to check with their health insurer to see if any of these vaccines are covered. Patients will need to fill out a consent form (available on the website or they

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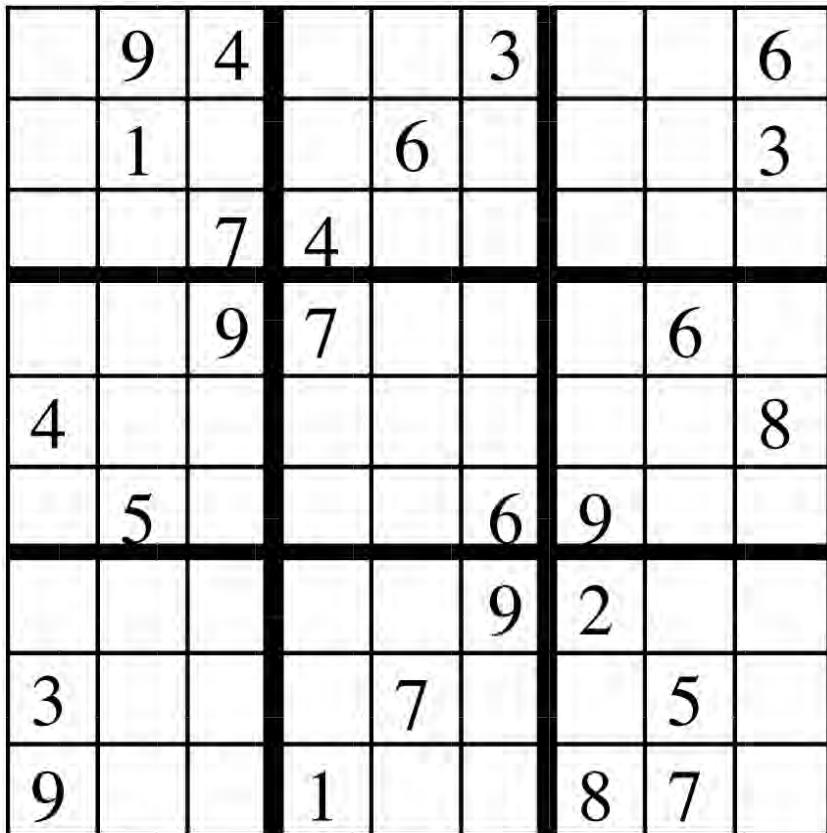
Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.

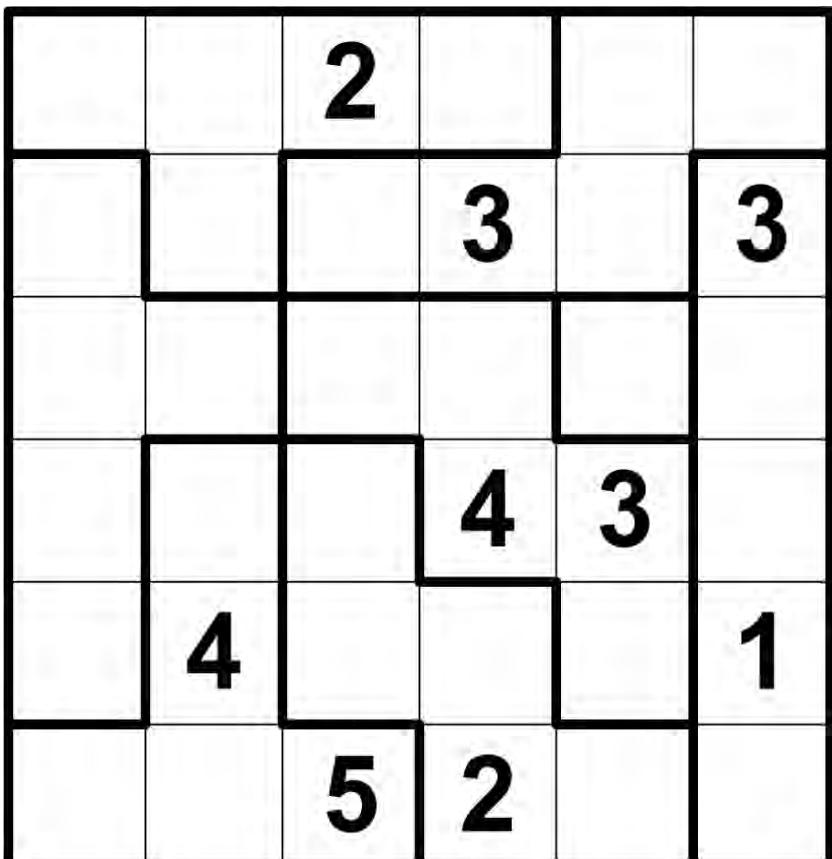
Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

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.



## Suguru



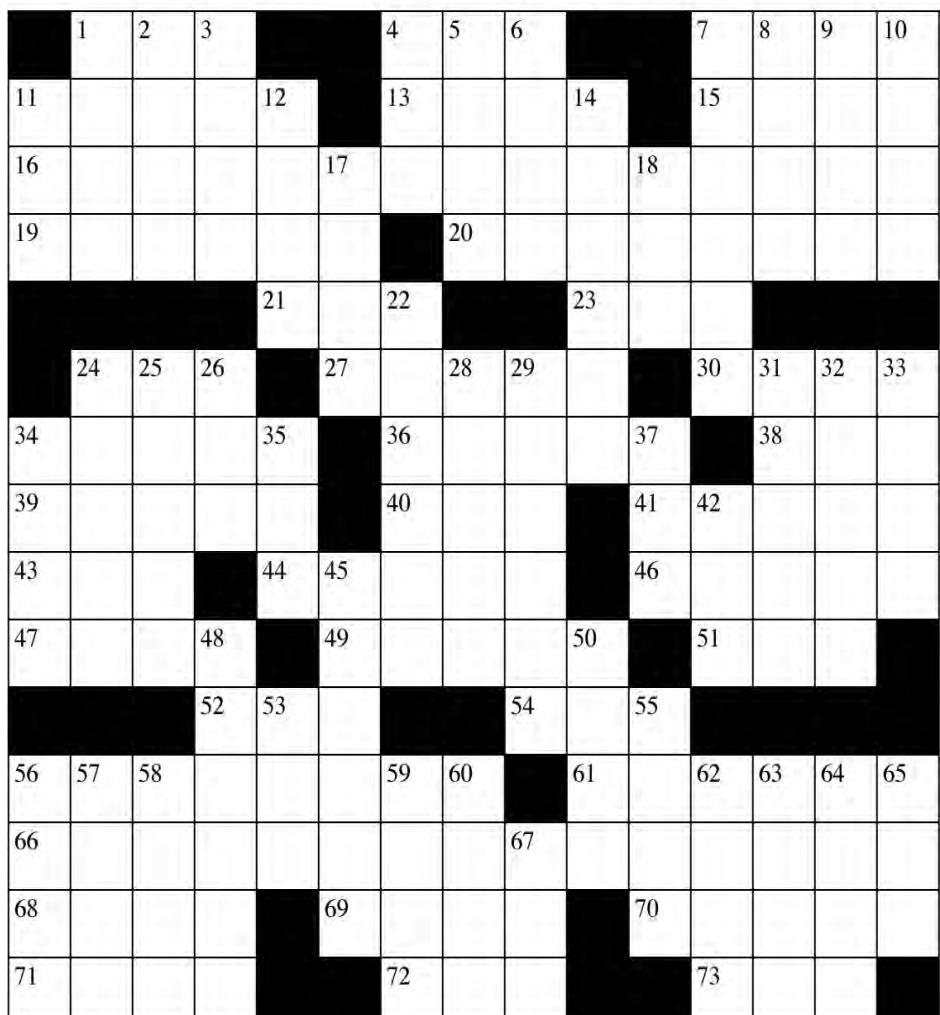
The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally,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

### ACROSS

1. Howard, for one
4. Polly Holliday role
7. Passing fancy
11. Went public with
13. Rajah's lady
15. First name in gossip
16. Football team
19. Capital city
20. Acuity
21. 15% or 20%, usually
23. Cleaning cloth
24. Batter's stat.
27. Synagogue leader
30. Drink served warm
34. Try to win the love of
36. Yellow-billed birds
38. Nipped
39. Identical
40. Numerical prefix
41. Regarding
43. Bishop Fulton Sheen's field: abbr.
44. Turn over a new leaf
46. Civil War general
47. Cauldrons
49. Have \_\_\_; be ahead
51. Dorothy's aunt & others
52. Shade of brown
54. Zodiac sign
56. Sign of appreciation
61. Yacht's place
66. Baseball team
68. Toot
69. Word with how or who
70. Good judgment
71. Bleaters
72. Syllables for the hesitant
73. Mlle. in heaven

### DOWN

1. Nettle
2. Baseball's Hershiser
3. Actress Campbell



The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on the next page

# Opioid settlement dollars to expand County's support services on substance use, mental health

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro is directing \$1.95 million received as the first installment of the Opioid Manufacturers Settlement to launch several new opioid use and mental health treatment, recovery and prevention efforts including:

- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)** – an evidence-based program of street outreach designed to reach individuals with unmet behavioral health needs who have not connected with traditional health and human services and often wind up in a criminal justice system cycle through a variety of violations such as drug use, public intoxication, or nuisance calls. Case managers “without walls” will work connect with individuals “where they are” to build rapport and trust to help them begin to get the services they need, such as emergency shelter, housing, treatment, employment, etc.

- Empowerment Center** – a walk-in, accessible center where individuals at any stage of their recovery journey can go for support from Recovery Coaches and others with lived experience.

- St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment & Recovery Center** – residential treatment services provided over an extended period of six to nine months, to help address the critical need of long-term treatment services.

Molinaro said, “Dutchess County remains a leader in the state and nation with our inventive services and programs to assist those in the grip of substance use and behavioral health issues. We will continue to innovate to serve those in Dutchess County in the throes of addiction and mental health struggles, using these funds – paid by three opioid manufacturers whose products caused immense harm to so many – to help those struggling to find their path

toward recovery. We thank our community partners and the members of the Dutchess County Legislature for their support, helping Dutchess County continue its life-saving work.”

## Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)

Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health is launching the LEAD initiative, an evidence-based program designed to reach people with complex, unmet behavioral health needs who have not sought help and in turn are at risk for law violations and repeated ticketing or arrest for low-level offenses. Many of these individuals are homeless and have been, for a variety of reasons, have been reluctant to utilize traditional health and human services such as emergency shelter housing, addiction treatment, temporary benefit assistance or other services.

The LEAD program works in conjunction with law enforcement. Law enforcement officers participate in additional mental health and harm reduction training and have the discretion at point of contact to divert individuals to the LEAD program, rather than arrest or ticket them. A case manager will be assigned to the individual, who will connect with the person where they are and work with them to develop an individual intervention plan, which could include assistance with identification, transitional and permanent housing, treatment, education, job training and placement, or childcare. Case managers will assist them in overcoming obstacles that may have prevented them from getting help previously – whether it was lack of access, financial constraints or behavioral health issues. Case managers will be assigned to a limited number of cases to be able to maintain continued

contact and care follow-up - helping each person to access support and resources as they are ready.

There is \$343,000 in opioid settlement funds that will be utilized for initial staffing and law enforcement training for the LEAD program. DBCH will partner with People USA, a peer-run, mental-health nonprofit, who will provide staffing for the LEAD program. Additionally, a newly approved Alternative Incarceration Worker position in DCBH will oversee the project.

Other organizations initially involved in LEAD include:

- Dutchess County Public Defender's Office;
- Dutchess County District Attorney's Office;
- Dutchess County Probation;
- City of Poughkeepsie Police Department;
- Mental Health America of Dutchess County; as well as other

- Community provider agencies including Sun River Health and Hudson Valley Community Services; and grassroots organizations including Hope not Handcuffs.

## Empowerment Center

Dutchess County DBCH has established an Empowerment Center to provide support for those battling opioid use and other substance use disorders. The Empowerment Center is a walk-in resource staffed by recovery coaches – individuals with lived experiences who offer a uniquely empathetic and knowledgeable approach to helping their peers. The Empowerment Center is designed to provide support in a flexible way, without barriers such as paperwork or insurance requirements. It is a drop-in where individuals at any stage of their recovery can stop by for support and conversation with others who are also on their recovery journey. They provide individualized support, recovery and wellness planning, connection to local resources, harm reduction supplies and community building for those dealing with substance use disorder. The Empowerment Center is currently operating at DBCH's 230 North Road campus and recovery coaches are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Empowerment Center will soon relocate to a permanent location on Main Street in the City of Poughkeepsie near the train station, with opioid settlement funds being utilized to establish the new, easily accessible site. The new site will offer extended hours as well as weekend availability, including support group meetings and educational forums. People can go to the Empowerment Center as often as they need to for support, even if it is every day. \$107,000 in opioid settlement funds will be used for initial rent and start-up costs for the new location.

## Treatment & Recovery Center Housing

Dutchess County will utilize \$1.5 million to create a multi-bed in-patient long term treatment center for individuals with substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health challenges in partnership with St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment & Recovery Center. Long-term treatment, approximately six to nine months, is not readily available in the region and this new facility will address this critical need.

Recovery houses, like St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment & Recovery Center, are safe, healthy, family-like, substance-free living environments that support individuals in recovery from addiction. Recovery housing reinforces a substance-free lifestyle with peer support and direct connections services that promote long-term recovery.

St. Joseph's currently operates five other locations in upstate New York. The new residential Treatment and Recovery Center will be located in the City of Poughkeepsie at the former Catharine Street Community Center property and is expected to open in late 2023.

Jean-Marie Niebuhr, Deputy DBCH Commissioner and Director of Community Services, said, “These three new programs will support so many in Dutchess County and are the latest examples of Dutchess County's commitment to the most vulnerable individuals in our community. Make no mistake: These initiatives will save lives and will make a lasting positive impact in Dutchess County for years to come.”

The \$1.95 million is the first installment of opioid settlement dollars that Dutchess County anticipates receiving following settlement with the “Big Three” opioid manufacturers – McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen – for those companies role in helping to fuel the national opioid epidemic. Dutchess County may receive as much as \$11.5 million in the coming years as part of the settlement.

The Dutchess County Legislature voted unanimously to amend the county budget to utilize the \$1.95 million to fund the LEAD program, Empowerment Center and St. Joseph's Treatment and Recovery Center at their August board meeting last week.

These new initiatives are part of the Dutchess County's ongoing efforts to provide a continuum of care with varied resources to help those dealing with substance use issues and/or mental health disorders. Dutchess County has been a pioneer in mental health access, investing in critical resources including the 988 HELPLINE 24/7 mental health crisis line, the Stabilization Center as well as programs such as the Partial Hospital and Intensive Treatment Alternatives Program (ITAP), among others. Dutchess County has also recently partnered with Westchester Medical Center Health Network for the creation of a Behavioral Health Center of Excellence at MidHudson Regional Hospital, with an investment of \$3 million to add new inpatient behavioral health beds to the hospital.

More information on mental health services in Dutchess County is available at: dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/Mental-Health-Services.

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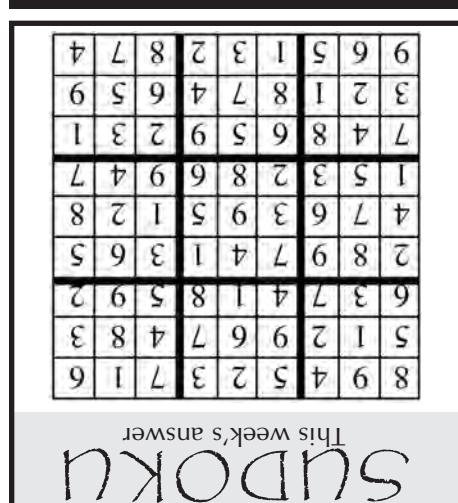
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# Local Facial Plastic Surgeon Manoj T. Abraham leads medical mission to Ukraine



**Local Facial Plastic Surgeon Manoj T. Abraham, current national Chair of the Facial Plastic Surgery Academy's FACE TO FACE humanitarian program, has been leading a mission to provide aid to victims in Ukraine.**

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During September, double board certified local Facial Plastic Surgeon Manoj T. Abraham, M.D., F.A.C.S. is leading a medical mission to war-torn Ukraine to treat patients with facial injuries.

As the current national Chair of the Facial Plastic Surgery Academy's FACE TO FACE humanitarian program, Dr. Abraham leads a team of 16 medical specialists sponsored by the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (AAFP-RS). This ten-day mission to a hospital located close to the Polish border is keeping the exact dates and location undisclosed to protect the safety and security of the team. Critical supplies, medication and equipment have been donated or purchased through fundraising for the FACE TO FACE trip to the Ukraine.

"Everyone understands the devastation that is ongoing in Ukraine, and we are all eager to help alleviate the suffering in any way that we can. I have been impressed how everyone on our team is willing to give up their personal time, energy, and resources to take this risk and partner with colleagues in Ukraine to help those on the ground," said Dr. Abraham.

Dr. Abraham has had extensive experience in organizing and conducting numerous other medical trips around the world including those made to Colombia, Peru, Ethiopia, India, and multiple other international sites. On

this trip, the team will be providing complex state-of-the-art reconstruction including microvascular free flap tissue transplants and 3-D custom-made patient specific implants to treat devastating facial injuries.

The American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery is the world's largest specialty association for facial plastic surgery. It represents more than 2,200 facial plastic and reconstructive surgeons throughout the world.

Dr. Abraham has been repeatedly named by Castle Connolly to Hudson Valley Magazine's Top Doctor's List for his expertise in Facial Plastic Reconstructive and Laser Surgery, Botox Therapy, Rhinoplasty and Facial Rejuvenation.

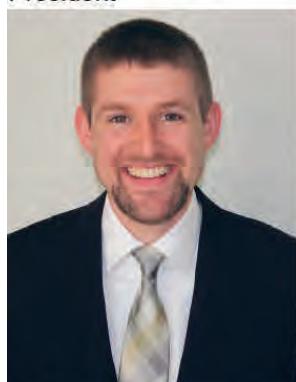
Dr. Abraham's practice Facial Plastic Reconstructive & Laser Surgery, PLLC is located at 82 N. Water Street in the Poughkeepsie Waterfront adjacent to the train station. His office features a world-class team representing a full complement of plastic surgery specialties (face, body and eye) as well as a full-service Medispa, and a fully accredited operating suite. Dr. Abraham is on faculty at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai and at the New York Medical College in Westchester, and trains residents and fellows in advanced facial plastic surgery techniques. For more information, please visit NYfaceMD.com, or call 845-440-1828.



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## Art exhibits open at Cunneen-Hackett in Poughkeepsie

The Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, located at 9 and 12 Vassar Street in Poughkeepsie, will present the works of Kristen Lowe, Diane Christi and Stacie Flint in the Visual Art Galleries from September 1 to October 3. Public Art Opening Receptions for these talented artists will be held on Friday, September 9, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Kristen Lowe, whose artwork will be displayed in the Hallway Art Gallery at 9 Vassar Street, is a New York based artist and educator specializing in oil painting. Her work is inspired by deep connections to her environment and the many layers and stories each place holds, whether they be physical, historical or metaphorical. "I was fortunate enough to grow up in a region of New York with beautiful landscapes and rich history," remarked Ms. Lowe. "My paintings reflect my interest in the natural world and appreciation for the scenery and life surrounding me." Holding a BFA and MS in Art and Design with a concentration in painting from Pratt Institute, her training encompassed traditional methods, such as using the grisaille technique, to paint the figure as the old masters did. Lowe has exhibited her work at the Limner Gallery, Bannerman Island Gallery, Arts Society of Kingston, Pratt Manhattan Gallery, Olive Free Library, and Unframed Artists Gallery. She has taught art at a variety of institutions in New York City including the Guggenheim and is currently teaching at a public high school in the Hudson Valley.

Presenting her artwork in the Reception Gallery at 12 Vassar Street will be Diane Christi, a mixed media abstract artist who uses pencil, pastel, ink and oil paint on paper to create contrasting textual designs. "As a former dancer, I attempt to capture the timeless energy of movement in my painting approaching each new piece as a new choreography," she states. Christi is a graduate of Queens College, receiving a BA in Theater and Dance and studied at the Woodstock School of Art. Her works have been on display in numerous galleries throughout the Hudson Valley including ArtBar Gallery in Kingston, Woodstock Artists Association and Museum, Howland Cultural Center in Beacon, and the Twilight Park Gallery in

Haines Falls, where she was awarded Judges Choice in 2018 and 2019.

The artwork of Stacie Flint, who is an award-winning painter/portrait artist and illustrator of the children's book Ten Pigs Fiddling by Ron Atlas (2005 Amberwood Press), will be featured in the Hancock Gallery at 12 Vassar Street. Known for her colorful style and the use of imagery, Flint embraces Expressionism's sense of freedom to paint vibrant and colorful portraits of people and pets as well as objects and landscape. "The color, energy, accessible imagery and good mood are consistent and distinctive to my work, which I call 'Love Through Art,'" she explains. Flint has exhibited extensively throughout the Mid-Hudson Valley, New York City, and beyond. Her acrylic and oil paintings and portraits are owned nationally and internationally, and her art is in the permanent collection of Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, and in Catskill Regional Medical Center, Harris. She also has a commissioned public art exhibit on permanent display at Ulster County Area Transit in Kingston. Flint studied art at SUNY New Paltz and received a BPS degree from SUNY Empire State College. Her art has been featured on many magazine covers including Chronogram, The Valley Table, The Ulster County Community Guide, HITS Program Guide and The Van Wyck Gazette and has appeared in various issues of The New York Times, Spotlight International Contemporary Art Magazine, Hudson Valley Magazine, Poughkeepsie Journal, New Paltz Times and other publications. Her illustrations for music CD covers include Grenadilla, Betty and the Baby Boomers, and Ellie Wininger.

The Hallway Art Gallery at 9 Vassar Street is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Hancock Gallery and Reception Gallery at 12 Vassar Street are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at 845-486-4571 for access. The 12 Vassar Street Galleries are also open during events at the VBI Theatre. Visit cunneen-hackett.org to review the Visitation Safety Protocols.

## Renegades finish strong, plan for 2023

By Rich Thomaselli

On and off the field, it was another strong year for the Hudson Valley Renegades.

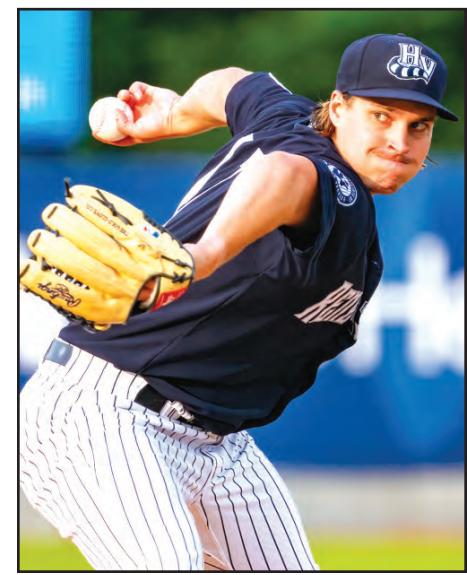
The area's High Class A minor league baseball franchise, part of the New York Yankees farm system, finished well above .500 and made a strong run in the second half of the season at a playoff spot. The Renegades finished two games behind Brooklyn in the North Division of the South Atlantic League.

The biggest loss might have been President and General Manager Steve Gliner, who stepped down two weeks ago to take a consulting position with the Renegades' owner Diamond Baseball Holdings.

So as we head into the off-season, here are a few season-ending tidbits before the club reconvenes in April for the 2023 season.

- Gliner will still be around. Construction on three critical elements at Dutchess Stadium will begin before the end of the month as per new Major League Baseball stipulations in its Player Development Contract with minor league teams. The home clubhouse will be turned over to the visiting team for 2023, and perhaps into 2024, as a new home clubhouse is built for the Renegades. The bullpens will be moved off the playing field. And the outfield wall will be padded for the first time since the Stadium opened in 1994.

Jasson Domínguez, one of the Yankees' prized prospects who was promoted to Hudson Valley in mid-July, was not only named the South Atlantic League Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 5-11, but he was promoted. Domínguez made the leap to Double A Somerset, N.J., for the postseason. Whether he remains there to start the 2023 season remains to be seen. "This award is a testament to the hard work Jasson put in this year,"



**Pitcher T.J. Sikkema is one of five Renegades players who were selected by Major League Baseball to participate in the 2022 Arizona Fall League.**

-Photo by Dave Janosz

Renegades Hitting Coach Rob Benjamin said. "He believed in our development process and constantly pushed himself to get better. We are all proud of the year he's had - it takes a village."

- Five Hudson Valley Renegades players were selected by Major League Baseball to participate in the 2022 Arizona Fall League. They include Domínguez, infielders Tyler Hardman and T.J. Rumfield, and pitchers Nelson Alvarez and T.J. Sikkema. Domínguez, Hardman, Rumfield, and Alvarez will play for the Mesa Solar Sox, while Sikkema, now with the Kansas City Royals organization after being part of a midseason trade, is a member of the Surprise Saguaros.

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**FISHKILL** - Samuel Lee, Sr., 101, passed away peacefully on September 13, 2022. He was a resident of Fishkill since 1952. Born on July 27, 1921 in Statesboro, GA, Sam was the son of the

## Everett William Way



**GLENHAM** - Everett William Way, known as Sonny Way, a life-long resident of Glenham, passed away peacefully at Vassar Brothers Medical Center on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. He was 83.

late Samuel and Lola (McCullough) Lee, Sr. He graduated from Pokes Junior High School in Statesboro, GA. He had been employed as an estate caretaker and farmer for Steven W. Blodgett in Fishkill and Garrison for 60 years until retirement. On December 1, 1939 in Georgia, Sam married Lossie Mae (Slater) Lee who survives at home after almost 83 years of marriage! In 2009 and 2019, James Miccio, the Mayor of the Village of Fishkill, proclaimed December 1st as "Sam and Lossie Lee Day" in recognition of their 70th and 80th wedding anniversaries. Sam was an active member of the Beulah Baptist Church in Wappingers Falls, where he served as Chairman of the Deacon Board, Treasurer of the Trustee Board, and member of the men's choir. He was also a proud member of Protection Engine Company #1 in Fishkill. Sam enjoyed working outdoors, especially gardening and taking care of the lawn. He also loved fishing with his family. Sam is also survived by his children, Herbert Lee, Retha Smith, Ernest Lee and his wife Barbara, Robert Lee and his wife Kathy, and Samuel Lee, Jr.; his 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 41 great-great grandchildren; and 3 great-great-great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Sam was also predeceased by his daughters-in-law, Midge Lee and Lisa Lee. As the patriarch of the family, his legacy of love will continue for many generations to come. Calling hours were held on Monday, September 19, 2022 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, September 20 at the Fishkill Baptist Church, 107 Route 82, Fishkill followed by burial at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. A livestream of Sam's funeral services may be viewed on his Book of Memories page at [www.mchoulnaturalhome.com](http://www.mchoulnaturalhome.com).

Son of the late Everett J. and Gladys May (Houghtalin) Way, he was born in Beacon on August 26, 1939. In 1957, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served our Country until he was honorably discharged in 1960. Sonny worked as an Auto Parts Manager for Healy Chevrolet in Beacon. However, he found his passion as a Volunteer Firefighter. He was a Commissioner and Life Member of Slater Chemical Fire Company in Glenham and a life member of Lewis Tompkins Hose Co. in Beacon. Everett is survived by his daughters, Laura Ostrander & her husband Alan of Oxford, MA and Cindy Fingar & her life partner James VanDyke of Red Hook, NY; his grandchildren, Walter Fingar & his wife Ashley of Ninety-Six, SC, Michael Fingar & his wife, Courtney of Greenwood, SC, Nicholas Ostrander & his wife Nicole of Grafton, MA and Mary Elizabeth (Emme) Ostrander of Oxford, MA; his great-grandchildren, Hayden Dennick-Fingar of Stone Ridge, NY, Caleb Ostrander of Grafton, MA and Cameron Ostrander of Grafton, MA; his siblings, Janet Broas of Glenham, NY, David Way & his wife Valerie of Myrtle Beach, SC, Sharon Hundley of Chelsea, NY and Linda Ramos of Glenham, NY; his former spouse and friend, Patricia Way of Beacon, NY; and nine nieces and nephews as well as many other loving friends. Calling hours will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill. A Firematic Service and Military Honors will follow at 6 p.m. Inurnment will take place Thursday September 22 at 11:30am at Fishkill Rural Cemetery 801 Rt. 9 Fishkill, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Slater Chemical Fire Company or Hudson Valley Hospice. For online tributes, you can visit Everett's Book of Memories at [www.mchoulnaturalhome.com](http://www.mchoulnaturalhome.com).

## Eileen Patricia Ennesser



**FORMERLY OF WAPPINGERS FALLS -** Eileen Patricia Sommers Ennesser, 84, of Carolina Beach, North Carolina passed peacefully from this life on September 10, 2022. Born in Mastic Beach, New York to the late Joseph and Beatrice

Sommers, she married the love of her life, Joseph Ennesser in 1957 and they moved to Wappinger Falls, NY where she resided until 2020. Eileen was a cheerleading coach for Pop Warner football and for John Jay High School where she worked in the library. She spent many years volunteering for the Wappinger Falls Little League and following her three kids in their sporting events. She is preceded in death by her husband Joe and her grandson Joey Brocato. Survivors include her three children, Jay Ennesser, Gene Ennesser and Karen (Michael) Brocato and grandchildren, Jennifer Ennesser, Nicole Sanchez, Danielle Quirino, Samantha Lucic, Sarah Christiansen, Courtney Brocato and Kevin Brocato. She also had 5 great grandchildren. The family will receive visitors at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappinger Falls from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 22 at St. Mary Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street in Fishkill. Entombment will follow in Fishkill Rural Cemetery, Route 9 in Fishkill. Donations in Eileen's memory may be made to Sports Museum of Dutchess County, PO Box 7, Poughkeepsie, NY 12602. To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at [www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com](http://www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com).

## City of Beacon launches survey on facilities, programs

Take a survey to help City of Beacon officials plan the future of its community facilities and programs. This survey is open to all users of Beacon's community facilities and programs. It is their hope to determine the need for a centrally located "Community Center" to assist in serving the current and future needs for the community.

The City of Beacon is currently developing a Community Facility and Program Report. The Report will include an inventory of existing recreational facilities and programs and a community needs assessment to identify and evaluate opportunities to improve and build upon existing programs and facilities. Based on the findings of the Inventory and Assessment, the City shall develop a final report outlining alternatives and prioritized recommendations for the potential provision of additional facilities, programs, and services for the next ten years.

One may already be familiar with lots of great facilities and programs here in Beacon but officials ask one take a few minutes to review the Community Facility and Program Inventory. As you will see, there are many facilities and programs managed by the City of Beacon but this is just a portion of what is available to the residents of the City of Beacon. Many great entities provide facilities and programs for the residents of the City of Beacon. They include state and county agencies, local non-profits, as well as faith based and civic organizations, to name a few. The complete survey should take you about 20 minutes to complete. Outreach and participation are key to having a better understanding of what or community uses and what the community seeks for the future.

In the coming weeks, officials said they will be adding materials and outreach to help spread the word. With one's help and our community's input we will make this a successful survey to help steer community facilities and programs for the future in Beacon.

For more information, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N82LRYM>.

## Cornell Cooperative Dutchess sets agri-tourism webinar for September 28

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County for the next series on agri-tourism operations.

This free webinar will be via Zoom on Wednesday, September 28, at 7 p.m. Register online at [cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register](http://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register).

Contact Miriam Boateng at 845-677-8223, Extension 116 or email her at [mb2377@cornell.edu](mailto:mb2377@cornell.edu) with any questions.

## Firefighters remember those lost during 9/11 attacks



The New Hackensack Fire Company held its annual 9/11 morning and evening memorial ceremonies on September 11th in memory of all those who died in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, Flight 93, and all the first responders that died in the Line of Duty on 9/11/01. The events also honored and remembered all of those who have died since then from 9/11 related diseases, and those who continue to suffer due to the loss of a loved one, or from health-related sickness due to the terrorist attacks that day.

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# Sheriff's Office warns residents about scams

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office is warning the residents of Dutchess County and surrounding areas about scams that once again seem to be on the rise.

Scams are ways in which criminals will attempt to get money from people by contacting them and making up elaborate stories. In some cases, the perpetrators have tried, sometimes successfully, to use the victim's emotions about a loved one in trouble to get money. It's common for the perpetrators of these scams to try to get money by telling people that one of their relatives has been seriously hurt or is in jail, and that they need money right away. In many cases they will pose as a law enforcement official or another relative to try and convince the victim that it's legitimate.

The latest scam involves the perpetrators posing as representatives of law enforcement. In a recent case, the perpetrators identified themselves as "Dutchess County Sgt. Cook," and attempted to get money from the victim by claiming that they needed to pay money to avoid pending criminal charges.

The Sheriff's Office would like to offer the following tips to help people avoid these scams:

- Legitimate law enforcement would not attempt to satisfy a warrant or make promises to avoid prosecution by soliciting money.

- If you receive an email about an order you didn't place or asking you to send money call the company using a legitimate number. DO NOT follow the instructions in the email, click on any links in the email, or call the number provided in the email.

- If someone asks you to purchase merchandise, transfer money, provide bank

information, or enter a code given to you by them, use caution as it is likely a scam.

- Do not meet up with someone that you don't know; if you're asked to do this it is surely a scam, and it is very dangerous as well.

- If you're contacted by someone you don't know asking for money, for any reason, that's a signal that it's most likely a scam.

- If someone calls you and tells you that a relative has been hurt or is in jail, confirm it first before sending any money. Call other relatives or a legitimate law enforcement agency for confirmation before any money is sent. If they're posing as a relative, try and contact that relative for confirmation.

- Sending money overseas is especially risky; use extreme caution.

- Ask the person for their call-back number and ask to speak to their supervisor to confirm the info; if it's a scam they will most likely hang up at this point and the number they give you will be bogus.

- If the person is telling you that a loved one is in the hospital or jail, find out which one and contact the institution yourself to confirm.

- If a loved one has recently passed away be wary; in some cases perpetrators have even preyed on victims by searching through the obituaries and calling surviving loved ones. If you get calls from people you don't know soon after someone passes away, be careful and confirm it before you send any money.

- In some cases someone will call and tell the victim that they've won money, but to "process the claim" they need to first send

money. Beware this is most definitely a scam and don't send any money – you should never have to pay money to claim a prize. If it seems too good to be true, it most likely is.

- If there's any doubt about a phone call or email you've received contact the Sheriff's Office before sending any money.

- Scams tend to increase during the holiday season, be especially alert for them during those times.

It is very important to not send any

money to anyone that you don't know until you've confirmed the situation through an independent source and feel comfortable with it. If it's a scam, once the money is sent it's very difficult, and most times impossible, to get it back. If anyone thinks they may have been the victim of a scam, they are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office at 845-486-3800 or via the tipline at 845-605-CLUE or dcsotips@gmail.com.

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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.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a public hearing on October 4, 2022, at 7:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the American Legion Hall, 7 Spring Street, Wappingers Falls, NY on the application submitted by Dylan Aguado, owner and applicant, for property having an ad-

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ress of 2731 W Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY (Grid#6158-13-240434), and located in the Village Mixed (VM) Zoning District. The applicant is seeking variances from Village Code §151-9(B)(1) which requires a right-of-way not less than 40 feet wide, with a minimum road width of 18 feet, when more than one principal building is to be located on the same lot and each building is required to have access, to permit the construction of a second 2-family dwelling on the property to be accessed by a right-of-way width of 16 feet, with a road width of 14 feet, requiring a variance of 24 feet for the right-of-

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way width, and a variance of 4 feet for the road width. A copy of this application is on file in the Planning and Zoning Department and is available for inspection when the Department is open, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM to

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3:00 PM. The telephone number is 845-297-5277. All interested persons may appear in person, by agent, or by attorney, and all will be heard. Date: September 19, 2022

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the **27th day of September, 2022** at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance:

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, the Zoning Board of Appeals has not made a determination of significance pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing.

**Appeal No.: 22-7758 (Area Variance)**

**Karan Garewal:** Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R80 Zoning District.

1. -Where **10 feet** to the side yard property line is required, the applicant can provide **8.2 feet** for the legalization of an existing 10 x 14 sf. shed, thus requesting a variance of **1.8 feet**.

2. -Where **40 feet** to the side yard (right) property line is required, the applicant can provide **15.2 feet** for the legalization of a front bedroom addition, thus requesting a variance of **24.8 feet**.

3. -Where **40 feet** to the side yard (left) property line is required, the applicant can provide **30 feet** for the legalization of a front bedroom addition, thus requesting a variance of **10 feet**.

4. -Where **40 feet** to the side yard (right) property line is required, the applicant can provide **25 feet** for the legalization of a rear kitchen addition, thus requesting a variance of **15 feet**.

5. -Where **40 feet** to the side yard (left) property line is required, the applicant can provide **12 feet** for the legalization of a rear kitchen addition, thus requesting a variance of **28 feet**.

6. -Where **40 feet** to the side (right) property line is required, the applicant can provide **27 feet** for the legalization of a rear deck addition, thus requesting a variance of **13 feet**.

7. -Where **40 feet** to the side (left) property line is required, the applicant can provide **17 feet** for the legalization of a rear deck addition, thus requesting a variance of **23 feet**.

8. -Where **40 feet** is required to the side (left) property line, the applicant can provide **0 feet**, for the garage, thus requesting a variance of **40 feet**.

The property is located at **12 Schlichter Road** and is identified as

**Tax Grid No.: 6156-02-986957** in the Town of Wappinger.

All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above.

Signed: Peter Galotti, Chairman  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Town of Wappinger  
August 26, 2022

### NOTICE OF 2022 SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Lee Anne Freno, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes for the Wappingers Central School District, Town of Wappinger, for the school year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, and that I will attend at 20 Middlebush Road, in the said Town of Wappinger from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on each day, excepting Saturdays, Sunday and holidays for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on said roll.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that payment may be made any time from the receipt of bill to October 11, 2022 without penalty. Payments made October 12, 2022 through November 1, 2022 will incur a two percent (2%) penalty.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law, no payments will be accepted at this office after November 1, 2022. After November 1, 2022 the tax roll of the Wappingers Central School District for the Town of Wappinger will be returned to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, to be re-levied onto the 2023 Town of Wappinger Town and County tax bill with seven percent interest (7%).

Information may be obtained by calling the tax office at (845) 297-4342 or by visiting the Town's website at [townofwappingerny.gov](http://townofwappingerny.gov).  
Dated: September 9, 2022  
Signed: Lee Anne Freno,  
Receiver of Taxes, Town of Wappinger

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## Newburgh Chamber Music presents Harlem Quartet



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Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$5 for students. They are available at the door (cash or check only) or by visiting [newburghchambermusic.org](http://newburghchambermusic.org). Vaccinations are not required, and masks are optional. The audience is invited to meet the quartet after the concert.

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