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Commission releases report for prison recommendations, Downstate included

By Kristine Coulter

The recommendations of a 15-member panel, convened by Gov. Kathy Hochul earlier this year, for 12 prison sites, have been released. The 140-page report that includes detailed site analyses of 12 closed prisons, which include Downstate Correctional Facility (Downstate CF) in Fishkill. The report, "Unlocking Opportunity: The Report of the New York State Prison Redevelopment Commission," was released on December 22.

"As we continue to move New York's economy forward, we are investing in communities across the state, including reimagining closed prison properties as hubs of regional opportunity," Hochul said in a press release. "I am pleased that the Commission has done their due diligence and made these recommendations based on community input to create jobs, save taxpayer money, and bring these buildings to new life as economic engines."

According to the Report, the Commission's goals were:

- Understand the impact of closure on local economies and provide support to mitigate these issues
- Develop a resource guide to document each site's conditions and challenges to advance future use strategies
- Gather the necessary information to assist decision makers in creating or modifying policy and programs that support the economies where there are closed prisons
- Utilize the NYS budget to maximize programs, funding, and incentives to facilitate prison redevelopment, ultimately generating positive economic and fiscal impact in communities
- Review policies related to state asset disposition to streamline future redevelopment efforts
- Develop frameworks to evaluate future prison closures and redevelopment proposals

According to the report, Downstate is 80 acres, has a 558,000 sqft building and was a maximum-security facility. Downstate, according to the report, has water and sewer connections with the Town of Fishkill, has a water source and sewage destination with the City of Beacon.

There are 13 recommendations in the report are:

- 1- Prioritize the release of RFPs for two sites and provide resources to support ESD (Empire State Development) through the RFP process. The Commission recommends that ESD intends to first release RFPs for Downstate CF and Watertown CF.
- 2- The Commission recommends launching a creative marketing/public relations campaign to support the disposition and redevelopment of sites. According to the Commission the

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Local mayors, supervisors look back at 2022

Mayor: Negotiations, paving top 2022 list in Beacon

By Kristine Coulter

As 2022 ends, local municipal leaders were asked to reflect on the outgoing year and what was accomplished.

City of Beacon negotiates 10-year agreement with DC

City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou places a negotiation with Dutchess County at the top of 2022's list.

"The top accomplishment is that we negotiated a new 10-year sales tax agreement with Dutchess County that is projected to bring an additional \$20 million in revenues to the City over the next decade. This funding will help to support the historic investments that the City is making in its infrastructure," he said.

The mayor continued in his emailed response, "The other most significant accomplishment was the upgrade of Main Street. The City completed the long-awaited pedestrian improvement project and also repaved the street from end to end for the first time in many decades."

For City residents who are wondering about the finances of Beacon as we head toward 2023, Kyriacou said, "The City's finances remain strong. Despite some of the inflationary increases we've faced in terms of costs, we project that we will end the year with a budget surplus which we can invest back into our capital investments."

Village of Fishkill expands activities

Kathy Martin, the mayor for the village of Fishkill, said about 2022 in the municipality, "I'd have to say one major accomplishment this year was safely and successfully reopen-



The paving of Main Street was one of the top two accomplishments for the City of Beacon in 2022 Mayor Lee Kyriacou said.

-Courtesy photo City's Facebook page

ing our businesses after COVID. We also reinstated our Village events, and even added new ones."

Martin went on to say, "In 2022 we added an Easter Egg Hunt to the Village's activities, and it was extremely successful."

The Village's finances "are strong," according to Martin.

Martin also remarked about collaborating with other municipal leaders. "Another project that I am very excited about is the study that the Village has entered into regarding

the Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail. We are partnering with surrounding municipalities to repurpose the old Metro-North Rail train tracks into a beautiful Rail Trail for our residents to enjoy," she said.

The Village's finance "are strong" as the year comes to an end.

"It has been an honor and a true privilege to serve the residents of the Village of Fishkill this past year and a half. Happy, Healthy Holidays to all," Martin stated.

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25 years of Open Mic with Thom Joyce set Dec. 30

By Kristine Coulter

The 25th anniversary of Open Mic with Thom Joyce will take place on December 30 at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon. Sign-ups are at 7:30 p.m.

Joyce recalled how it all began recently. "Back in 1995-'96 a board member, who was a musician, Chris Ruhe, approached me, asking for some help with his Coffeehouse and Blues Jam that he ran at the Howland Cultural Center on the second and forth Fridays of the month. I occasionally sat in with Chris on some of his musical projects and knew him from the Sloop Club. That's how I discovered the wonderful acoustical ambiance of the Howland Center," he said.

"The Blues Jam had a kind of cliquey status and reputation and I saw a need for a different kind of format to allow all sorts of different kinds of musicians a place to showcase their talents. And that was when the idea for the Open-Mic was conceived. Seeing that the third Friday was open, I took that, and on November



Thom Joyce started the Open Mic at the Howland Cultural Center 25 years ago. The 25th anniversary of Open Mic will be held at the Howland Cultural Center on December 30.

-Courtesy photo

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21, 1997, I held my first one,” he said via email.

It was “basically just a few people from the blues jam” said Joyce but December’s one had a few acoustic acts that came.

“I went to other open-Mics in the Hudson Valley and really talked it up and slowly we grew. No social media to speak of back then. In order to run a program, I had to become a member of the board, which I did and was active for 13 -14 years. I now am an advisor (musical) to the board bypassing the requirement. I moved to the fourth Friday maybe two years ago. After the Open Mic was up and running for about a year, a poetry program CAPS (Calling All PoetS) took the first Friday,” Joyce stated.

Joyce noted the Open Mic “still feels like a brand-new adventure every month. And inside I still feel like a teenager.”

As for the past 25 years, Joyce said about the Open Mic, “It definitely has evolved and I have gotten a bit more relaxed in the running of it, but the format has basically remained the same for the 25 years. As a partaker of open mic all my musical career, I hated the format of two songs and you’re done, as I felt the first two songs you deal with the jitters and stage fright, on the third or fourth song one is relaxed and the muse flows

effortlessly out.” He continued, “So from the beginning it had its unique configuration and formula, allowing each performer a set of three or four songs. One of the things about an open mic on a Friday is that most professional musicians are working so the turnout I would have signup [and] the list usually was small, thus allowing the extended format to work.”

“I’ve known Thom for as long as I can remember, reaching back in the 1980s. He’s honored the Howland Cultural Center with 25 years of extraordinary music for the soul, along with his famous brownies!” HCC President Theresa Kraft.

It was when the Open Mic grew in popularity, Joyce said, “there were times where I had to curtail the extended set if there was more than 12 performers on the list. But we also had no curfew and being musicians that we are, we sometime played until the wee hours of the next morning. And many magnificent magical melodic musical memories manifested in that mayhem. Along with an occasional train wreck, but those were few and far between and usually something good always ending up coming out of the mix.”

Joyce remarked, “The past 25 years have been for me a wonderful musical adventure, I love to sing (though not to well) and perform mostly my own compositions.”



Thom Joyce will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Open Mic at the Howland Cultural Center on December 30.

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He added: “I have been rewarded with some deep friendships and relationships over the years and have been compensated with the pearls of our musical journeys and collaborations together. Somewhere along the way I started to video the shows them put each performer’s set up on my YouTube channel

(MrThom52) and it has been useful to some of those who are just starting out to see their progression and improvement. I always would take it down if the performer hated it but for the most part everyone enjoys it and is thankful. And now I have tons of videos to look back on with some fond memories.”

Local mayors, supervisors look back at 2022

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Town of Fishkill leaders complete Comprehensive Plan

Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra remarked on several items that town officials have been working on during 2022.

“We are nearing completion of an update to the Town’s Comprehensive Plan. This will be the first update to the plan since 2009. The Town has spent all year working on the update and is looking forward to the plan being adopted early next year,” said Albra via email.

Albra said the Town recently completed the state Drinking Water Source Protection Program.

“This program provided more than \$140,000 in free engineering consultation to the Town, and helped us to develop a plan to identify and mitigate risks to our drinking water. This follows last year’s adoption of an aquifer protection overlay district, something which was called for in our 2009 Comprehensive Plan,” he said.

Recreation and park spaces continue to be invested in, remarked Albra, with the Fishkill Little League constructing new outfield fences and draining. “Additionally, the Town has improved fencing and made other improvements at park spaces in the Town,” he said.

One of the projects accomplished in 2022 was the installation and dedication of an 8-foot statue of Wappinger Sachem

Daniel Nimham. A dedication ceremony at Route 52 and Route 82 was held earlier this year.

Albra stated, “With this statue, the Town paid homage to its unique Revolutionary War history and its rich Native American legacy.”

Albra also said, “Most importantly, the Town passed a bipartisan Police discipline law which allows the Town Board to take over investigations and appoint an independent investigator. This law also requires the Chief of Police to give a letter to the Town Board when an officer leaves the Town of Fishkill, indicating that the officer is leaving in good standing. Crucially, no member of the Town Board can carry commissioner badges which had been practice in the past. This simple law should be a model for the entire state of New York.”

Town of East Fishkill ready to design Veterans Memorial Park

Approval for the final design of the Town of East Fishkill’s new Veterans Memorial Park was given, said Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nicholas D’Alessandro as one of the top projects in the Town of 2022. The park will be almost 4-acres, he said.

“In some fashion, we will bring the soil” from Beekman Road and Route 82 where there is a memorial site now, said the supervisor.

A logistics center, 503,000 square feet, coming to East Fishkill was another

accomplishment D’Alessandro noted. The developer said a Forbes 500 company is looking to invest 4100 million in the site, remarked D’Alessandro.

“If it is the company they hope it is, very good paying jobs [will be had],” said D’Alessandro.

D’Alessandro said a donation of \$150,000 for the new veterans park and fire district was received.

The Town’s finances “are probably as strong as ever,” remarked the Supervisor. According to D’Alessandro there is more than \$10 million in the Town’s fund balance. There was approximately \$6 a year average increase for town taxes on the average house, he said.

“We really tried to stay flat; with inflation it was difficult,” he remarked.

Town of Wappinger road projects completed

Town of Wappinger Supervisor Richard Thurston was asked about the top two accomplishments for the town he leads.

Thurston replied, “The top two accomplishments are:

1. The completion of the Old Hopewell Road Reconstruction with minimal disruption and the completion of the New Hackensack Roundabout construction with minimal disruption.
2. Enhancing and expanding our Recreation Department programs

which also benefited from significant improvements to our Parks and recreation facilities.

Regarding the Town’s finances, Thurston stated, “The Town’s finances are extremely solid, benefiting from our conservative fiscal management. Our fund balances are the strongest they have been in a long time. We passed a 2023 Budget that stays below the Tax Levy Cap while continuing to keep the tax impact to our constituents amongst the lowest rates anywhere in the southern Dutchess Communities.”



The dedication ceremony of the statue of Wappinger Sachem Daniel Nimham at the intersection of Route 82 and Route 52 in Fishkill in June.

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ACSD bus operators collect donations for Children’s Home

By Curtis Schmidt

Sometimes, “spur of the moment” ideas turn out to be the best ideas.

That was the case last week Thursday, Dec. 22, when a group of school bus drivers and monitors from the Arlington Central School District (ACSD) showed up at the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie with several vehicles full of holiday gifts.

“Part of the joy of delivering the donations was the look of surprise on the faces of the staff at the Children’s Home, but knowing that we could bring some joy to these kids is itself the greatest reward,” said driver Joe Torres.

He added, “The kids of the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie are some of the most vulnerable population of minors. Being in the foster care system, sometimes they can be forgotten. We want them to know they matter and we want to play a small part in making their Christmas a happy one.”

Additional members of the group include bus drivers Jubie Banks, April Crifo, Lori Pavlinsky and Deb Hogan all from the LaGrange yard.

This all started the week before Christmas when a few school bus operators in the Arlington and LaGrange bus yards, members of CSEA Local 867, were contemplating a community-based event. “I suggested we take up a collection to benefit the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie,” said Torres. “The agreement was unanimous.”

He contacted Children’s Home and spoke with Erin Cafarelli, Chief Development & Public Relations Officer. She was excited to hear of their efforts and they set up the appointment to deliver the gifts.

“We can’t thank Joe Torres and the team at CSEA Local 867 enough for stopping by with so many wonderful and thoughtful gifts for our kids,” said Walter



School bus drivers and monitors from the Arlington Central School District gather with staff members at the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie at a surprise gift-giving event on Thursday, Dec. 22.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Joseph, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Children’s Home. “The holidays are a special time at the Children’s Home. The thoughtfulness and generosity of community friends, Children’s Home Board and staff, help provide children in our care with happy and healthy holiday memories. Each year brings new and old friends to help fill wish lists, host gift drives and provide meals for the over 500 kids who receive services.”

The Children’s Home provides a full range of community-based and residential services and a Facility Service Dog Program, giving hope and healing to at-risk children throughout New York State.

The Home is licensed by the New York State Office of Children & Family Services, the New York State Office of Mental Health and the New York State Department of Health. For 175 years the Board of Directors and the staff have remained dedicated to our mission: “Empowering children and families to achieve optimal health and well being.”

Torres said, “We are all partners and stakeholders in the care and development of children. After all, as school bus drivers and monitors, we safely transport the world’s most precious natural resource every day. So, collecting for the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie was an easy decision.”

Arlington Superintendent David Moyer said, “I am very proud of our employees across the district who have been sensitive to the needs of the families we serve during the holiday season. The drivers and monitors are yet another example of the many wonderful employees who go the extra mile for kids every day.”

This is the first time the group organized this donation drive, but they hope to make it an annual event and welcome donations from others. “We can probably fill an entire school bus with gifts,” said Torres. “Hopefully it inspires the broader community to remember and include others.”

United Way announces new board members

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region welcomes three new Board Members. All three are accomplished professionals from the community.

- Marta Newkirk of Dutchess Community College is an Assistant Dean of Student Services. Her 22 years at Dutchess has involved varied responsibilities interacting with students, faculty, staff, community stakeholders, and members of the communi-

- ty. Marta holds a Master of Arts degree in Educational Psychology at Marist College, and a Master of Professional Studies in Humanistic Education from SUNY New Paltz; she currently serves on the Community Impact Committee.
- Mark Villanti has served as an educator for 40 years and a school superintendent for 17 years. He retired from Haldane CSD in 2013 after seven years and taught graduate

school for two years before being asked to serve as the superintendent for Spackenkill Union Free School District (for four years). He retired again in 2020. Dr. Villanti has served on the Board of the United Way of the Capital Region in the past, is currently UWDOR’s 2022 Campaign Chair and serves on the Community Impact Committee.

- Matthew Cruz is a lifelong resident of Dutchess County, and has worked at DSL

Financial Services for the past 15 years as an Accredited Investment Fiduciary. Matthew specializes in family wealth management and pensions consulting services for small to mid-size businesses. Matthew believes deeply in giving back to the community and continues to volunteer his time with many of the local nonprofits. Matthew was previously involved in Young Leaders United, and currently serves on the Finance Committee.

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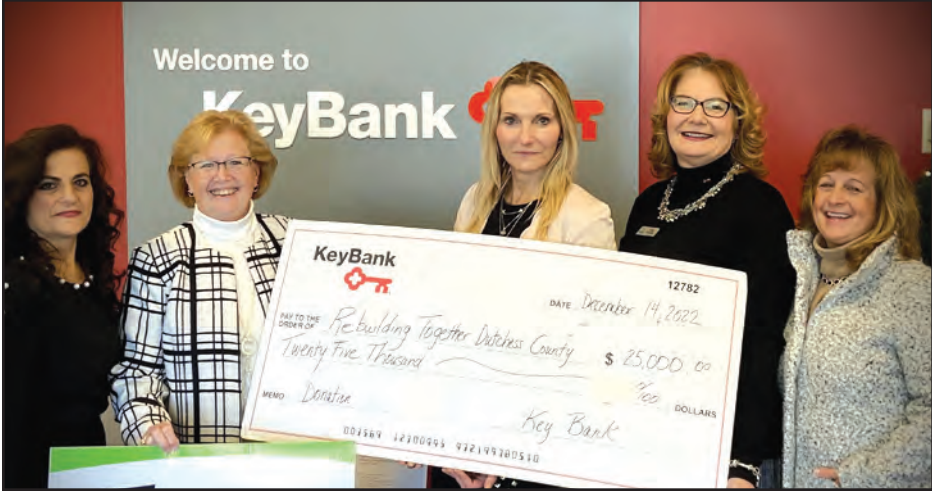
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Rebuilding Together brings back Handyman Program with grant from KeyBank Foundation



Rita McPeck of KeyBank with Darcy McCourt at the Wappingers Falls branch.



Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Dutchess County Darcy McCourt accepts the \$25,000 award from KeyBank, hosted by KeyBank Executives and Representatives at the Wappingers Falls branch earlier this month.

-Courtesy photos

Rebuilding Together Dutchess County announced the return of its Handyman Program and that qualifying families and individuals may apply starting in 2023.

“We are delighted and honored that the KeyBank Foundation has made it possible to again provide this opportunity to our community,” said Darcy McCourt, Executive Director at Rebuilding Together Dutchess County. A generous \$25,000 grant from the Foundation allows for the return of this much-needed program. “The program was on hold temporarily. We are excited to have the means to revive this support for our neighbors,” she continued, referencing the ability to again address the challenges our neighbors are facing.

The Handyman Program is a service which provides timely small-scale repairs and safety and accessibility modifications. These repairs can include things such as installing grab bars, securing or adding additional handrails, improving

lighting, minor accessibility modifications, and fire safety installations.

KeyBank Foundation’s grant is made under Key’s National Community Benefits Plan established in 2017, which has delivered more than \$18 billion in lending and investments across Key’s national footprint supporting affordable housing and community development projects, home and small business lending in low- and moderate income communities, and philanthropic efforts targeted toward education, workforce development, and safe, vital neighborhoods.

“As a community-minded bank, KeyBank believes in doing our part to improve the lives of those in need in the communities we serve,” said John Manginelli, KeyBank Market President. “Rebuilding Together Dutchess County is a great example of people helping people in our community and we are proud to be able to provide funding to help continue their work.”

Members of the community are in great need, now more than ever. The Handyman Program is of great assistance, especially to older adults who only need a few small repairs or modifications to prevent falls or to prevent small issues from becoming larger ones. Access to this no-cost service will enable people like Willi of Wappinger’s Falls to remain safe in his own home with confidence.

Willi stated: “I was a carpenter years ago and was able to do some of the work that I so badly needed, but I haven’t been able to do anything since I was in the hospital. I don’t know what I would have done if I didn’t get this help.” He received several small repairs including fixing a slow-draining plumbing pipe, upgrading lighting fixtures in the bathroom and living room, and having a new basement handrail installed. “As we bring back the

Handyman program, we look forward to offering relief and peace-of-mind to more neighbors like Willi,” said McCourt.

Neighbors who have been served by the local nonprofit all suggest that their fellow Dutchess County residents apply. Others we have served like Alice of Poughkeepsie commented that it was “an amazing experience” working with Rebuilding Together Dutchess County and felt the volunteers who performed the repairs on her home were friendly and warm. Candida, also of Poughkeepsie, said “I would recommend it highly because you took care of all my needs.”

To request an application or ask questions, call the RTDC office at 845-454-7310. The application and further details will be available on the nonprofit’s website in 2023: www.RTDutchess.org.

Respiratory illnesses on the rise

By Kate Goldsmith

You may have had one or more of these unwelcome guests this holiday season: influenza, COVID-19 and/or Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). With seasonal events bringing people together in situations where they are often unmasked, eating, drinking and making merry, it’s no surprise that this “tripledemic” of infections is on the rise.

After a relatively mild flu season in 2021, all 62 counties in New York are reporting high levels of infections. Incidence ranged from 45.72 to 950.71 cases per 100,000 population, according to data from the New York State Department of Health (NYS-DOH).

During the week ending Dec. 10:

- Influenza activity level was categorized

as geographically widespread, marking the 10th consecutive week widespread activity has been reported this season.

- Laboratories tested 127,827 specimens for influenza, of which 52,940 (41 percent) were positive, a 19-percent increase over the previous week.
- Doctor visits for flu-like symptoms as well as hospitalizations due to influenza were both up.

Nuvance Health reported that “One big concern now for doctors is influenza.. The 2022-23 influenza season started early this year and is already hitting hard in many parts of the country. ... Nuvance Health has already seen an uptick in the number of young children with respiratory viruses this fall. Our urgent cares, emergency departments and hospital pediatric units have seen

a dramatic increase in children presenting with respiratory illness.”

Another winter wave of COVID-19 has resulted in a steady increase in cases. As of Dec. 16, the number of confirmed infections was 328; note that this is only the cases that have been reported; it is generally accepted that the number of cases is actually much higher due to home testing results that go unreported. Hospitalizations remain level, however, and there has been no spike in deaths due to COVID-19.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is not as widespread a concern as the flu and COVID, although it can be especially harmful to very young children, older adults, or those born preterm or with underlying lung conditions, according to the NYSDOH. While RSV is not a virus that is reported to the NYSDOH at the individual level (as is done for COVID-19), the Department does work to ensure that the state is aware of any outbreaks happening in New York, which are investigated by local health departments. At this time, no outbreaks of RSV have been reported.

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 shots and receive an updated booster as soon as eligible.
- Get an annual flu shot.
- Teach children to cough and sneeze into a tissue or into their elbows rather than their hands.
- Practice good hand hygiene, and keep frequently touched surfaces (tables, utensils, doorknobs) clean.
- Stay home from work or school when sick, until symptoms subside.
- If you have very young children or elderly adults at home, including a child who was born 29 weeks or earlier or a child or adult with congenial lung disease, try to keep them isolated from family members who develop respiratory viruses or symptoms.
- Keep social distancing in mind, which can aid in reducing spread.
- Ventilate indoors or keep windows open for air circulation when and as possible.
- Consider wearing a mask when indoors or in crowded settings. This may be important for parents, guardians, siblings, and other friends/family members who may live with newborns, very young children, or elderly who are at the highest risk, and are looking to take precautionary measures.

Take preventive measures

Mitigate your risk of infection and keep others safe by following these basic steps:

Policy on letters:

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Stand down event held for veterans in Fishkill



The Beacon Elks Lodge 1493, Hudson Valley District Elks #6180 Team and members of Community Action of Dutchess and Momma's Towing attended the Dutchess County Veterans Stand Down event at the Fishkill Recreation Center. Benefits available from the Elks were discussed with more than 50 veterans from the local community.

-Courtesy photo

Scouts, Elks provide holiday dinner



The Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 and Scout Troop 41 cooked and served 38 local seniors a holiday dinner of lasagna. The dinner took place at Forrestal Heights Seniors Housing.

-Courtesy photo

Commission releases report for prison recommendations

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- 3- Develop a comprehensive “one stop shop” website for all prison site information. The ESD will initiate this process in 2023, the Report states.
- 4- To support the costly redevelopment of former prisons, the Commission recommends launching the Prison Redevelopment Fund (PRF) – a capital grant program that makes funding available to developers and/or localities that acquire the sites from the State. Funds may be used for a broad range of pre-development and construction costs.
- 5- Create a municipal technical assistance program.
- 6- The Commission recommends prioritizing prison redevelopment projects among relevant state agency funding programs and initiatives (e.g., REDC CFA programs; ESD venture and business competition programs). These programs

- and initiatives could include language that offers prison redevelopment projects bonuses or extra points during the scoring process.
 - 7- Establish a community engagement process to support outreach and consensus-building in impacted communities.
 - 8- Leverage workforce development partnerships to identify regional needs and develop creative solutions.
 - 9- Divide large sites into smaller parcels to encourage diverse uses.
 - 10- Prioritize housing in future prison RFPs or other prison redevelopment efforts.
 - 11- Investigate renewable energy opportunities and partnerships.
 - 12- Partner with state agencies and communities to support redevelopment of sites adjacent to or within the Adirondack Park.
 - 13- Review maintenance protocols for closed prisons.
- Regarding Downstate CF, the Report

states, “As of 2020, there were approximately 214,000 individuals residing within a 10-mile radius of the Site (the Study Area). The population has remained relatively static since 2010, growing at a CAGR of 0.1%.”

According to the Report, the Site opened in June 1979 and served as one of the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS)’s four receiving and classification centers. Newly incarcerated individuals were typically housed at the Site for a few weeks before being assigned to a permanent facility.” Downstate closed in March 2022.

“I am proud to have co-chaired this Commission and of the work that has been done to compile this comprehensive report on the future development of our unused and underused prison facilities. The Commission’s work, supported by extensive research and stakeholder engagement, has produced workable and

realistic recommendations that will help shape a roadmap for impacted communities to follow well into the future,” Empire State Development President, CEO, and Commissioner Hope Knight said in the release.

New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision Acting Commissioner Anthony Annucci said in the release, “The Department understands firsthand how valuable redeveloping these properties will be for the communities impacted by prison closures. The Commission’s recommendations offer a viable path forward to reimagine these facilities and expand reuse opportunities that will benefit the businesses and residents in the surrounding communities. I applaud the Governor in the creation of the Prison Redevelopment Commission, the Department is proud to contribute to this initiative and looks forward to our continued partnership in developing these properties.”

O’Neil to be sworn in as County Executive Jan. 3

The public is invited to William F.X. O’Neil’s Oath of Office Ceremony as Dutchess County Executive on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 5 p.m., at Calvary Chapel of the Hudson Valley, located at 36 Firemens Way, Poughkeepsie. RSVP online at www.dutchessny.gov/RSVP.

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINES

Due to a holiday press schedule, the Jan. 4 issue will have an early deadline. The editorial deadline for the Jan. 4, 2023 paper is Thursday, Dec. 29, at noon. The ad deadline is Thursday, Dec. 29, at 5 p.m. Email cschmidt@sdutchessnews.com for more information.

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Diversions

SUDOKU

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.

		8	6	4		2		5
9				8				
		4	7				1	
			2				5	
7								6
	6				7			
	4				6	1		
1				3				7
		2		5	1	9		

Suguru

			2		
2		3		3	
			4		4
5	3				3

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. Spanish hero

4. Dinner in the sty

8. Root

13. Regal wife

14. Common verb

15. Make laugh

16. Slightly open

17. State

18. Out of __; cross

19. Place full of basket-pushers

22. Cereal grain

23. Beef Wellington or Chateaubriand

24. Parts from right to left?

26. Cool drinks

29. Trustworthy

32. Carrying a gun

36. Sampras or Seeger

38. Story

39. Use gentle persuasion

40. Evil one

41. Adam's grandson

42. Leave __; make the waiter happy

43. Fisherman's item

44. Valuable possession

45. Erase

47. Jay's home

49. Make blurry

51. Salad ingredient

56. Knot-tying words

58. Combined

61. Death's partner, in phrase

63. Pope or Frost

64. Delight

65. Holey receptacle

66. About

67. Men's nicknames

68. Nincompoops

69. Kennedy & others: abbr.

70. Baseball bat wood

DOWN

1. Louisiana native

2. Not suitable

3. More urgent

4. Humiliated

5. Etna's output

6. More than

7. Expense accounts and company cars

8. One who became a president in 1976

9. Type of health care provider: abbr.

10. Poles and others

11. This: Sp.

12. Musical symbol

13. Level a building: var.

20. Word with lip or proof

21. Waters, for one

25. Feeds the kitty

27. Dueling sword

28. Rising time, for some

30. Plum variety

31. Reason to study

32. Place of learning: abbr.

33. Learn by __; memorize

34. Letter holders

35. Force out

37. Mah-jongg piece

40. Fantasy

44. Tiny particle

46. Kids

48. Virginia and others

50. Speedy

52. __ Carta

53. Traveler's guide

54. Incisors

55. Elegant poems

56. " __ Wonderful Life"

57. Speaker's platform

59. Isolated

60. Disease causer

62. First wife

	1	2	3		4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12
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Young girls’ 19th-century education will be examined through ‘samplers’



Early in the 19th century and particularly after 1803 and the Louisiana Purchase, the map sampler gained popularity. At this time, a stamped-linen map, with the Louisiana Territory boldly delineated was quickly produced expressly for needleworkers as seen in the 1807 sampler by Anne Townshend of Pleasant Valley in 1807.

By Bill Jeffway

The Dutchess County Historical Society is pleased to be part of a national campaign to document the many “samplers” that were such a central element in the education of young girls in the early 19th century.

According to The Sampler Consortium, an international membership organization dedicated to the study of historic samplers and related girlhood embroideries, “the education in the early years of our country’s history was strongly influenced by gender: boys were prepared for business and the trades and girls were prepared to run a home and raise children. One of the most significant features of female education was its emphasis on needlework, both

useful and ornamental also known as ‘plain and fancy.’ The former was seen as critical for ensuring adequate household clothes and linens, and the latter was valued as both artistic expression and outward manifestations of gentility – often part of a family’s efforts for upward mobility.”

The Consortium’s national Sampler Archive Project is making Dutchess County a focus through the collaboration with DCHS and the Frances Lehman-Loeb Art Center at Vassar College. We are beginning a county-wide effort to locate, photograph and document all American samplers and related girlhood embroideries held in public and private collections of Dutchess County.



An undated sampler in DCHS Collections is an example of a far more pragmatic smaller, illustrating the technical skill of the creator.

-DCHS Collections

In the 1994 DCHS Yearbook, Anne M. Friedland wrote about samplers. The entire article can be found on the DCHS website mentioned at the end of this article. She explained, “To many people the names and dates on an embroidered sampler are just that, names and dates. To a few, those names and dates are an invitation to journey back in time and learn about the embroiderer and that time in which she lived. There are many forms of samplers and each one has a history of its own, including marking samplers; alphabet and numerical samplers; darning samplers; religious samplers; genealogical samplers; stitch samplers; samplers recording historical events; perpetual calendar samplers; arithmetic samplers and map samplers. For the young girl in the 18th and 19th century, needlework was a necessary part of her education, and the sampler was proof of what she could accomplish.”

Details will be shared in the new year at a web page dedicated to background, information, and documentation at www.dchsny.org/samplers



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April 15 Sampler Exhibition

Opening April 15 at Vassar College’s Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, “Between the Lines: Innovation and Expression in Women’s Sewing Samplers” will shine a new light on objects traditionally marginalized as “women’s work” and dismissed as formulaic and imitative. The 15-object installation will showcase select samplers from the Loeb’s collection to instead explore how women makers used the sampler medium as a site of personal expression and aesthetic innovation. Select loans from the Locust Grove Estate will illustrate the methods and materials women used to make these works. Because of their extreme sensitivity to light, all textiles will rotate halfway through the exhibition’s run, closing June 18 and reopening with all new objects on June 24. The show closes to the public on September 3.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is live

The first nationwide three-digit mental health crisis hotline is up and running. It is designed to be as easy to remember as 911, but when you dial 988, a dispatcher will connect callers with trained mental health counselors.

Dialing 988:

- Is a direct connection to compassionate, accessible support for anyone experiencing mental health related distress.
- Provides support: People may dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.
- Help for VETERANS: Veterans can press “1” after dialing 988 and be connected directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline.

this week’s puzzle solutions

SUDOKU

This week's answer

8	7	2	4	5	1	9	6	3
1	9	6	8	3	2	5	4	7
5	4	3	9	7	6	1	8	2
2	6	5	3	1	7	4	9	8
7	8	1	5	9	4	3	2	6
4	3	9	2	6	8	7	5	1
6	5	4	7	2	3	8	1	9
9	2	7	1	8	5	6	3	4
3	1	8	6	4	9	2	7	5

Crossword

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Drug Task Force: Counterfeit Oxycodone containing Fentanyl seized in Dutchess

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force announced another form of counterfeit Oxycodone containing Fentanyl has been seized in Dutchess County. The counterfeit pills seized are white in color, oblong shaped and imprinted 10/325 and M523. A more common counterfeit pill containing Fentanyl is the Oxycodone M30 (See photo below). Only take prescription medications you receive from a medical professional. Prescription medications sold illegally can often be fraudulent and contain Fentanyl. The two most common types now being seized and have contributed and or have been the cause of overdose deaths in the local communities, according to the Drug Task Force.

According to the Drug Task Force, Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is similar to morphine but is 50 to 100 times more potent. According to the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, as little as two milligrams of fentanyl can be lethal. According to the CDC, 107,622 Americans died of drug overdoses in

2021, with 66 percent of those deaths related to synthetic opioids like Fentanyl. In 2021, the Dutchess County Drug Task Force recorded more than 100 fatal drug overdose deaths within Dutchess County with Fentanyl being involved in an overwhelming amount of cases. If you encounter Fentanyl in any form, or any other drug, do not handle it and call 911 immediately.

If anyone has information regarding this case or about any other individuals selling drugs in Dutchess County, you are urged to contact the Drug Task Force confidential tip line at 845-463-6040 or by sending an email to the following web address: DrugTaskForceTips@gmail.com.

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force encourages anyone seeking assistance with drug addiction or treatment to call the Dutchess County HELPLINE at 845-485-9700 or walk into the Stabilization Center at 230 North Road in Poughkeepsie 845-486-2849. This contact is available 24/7/365 to help you get con-



The Drug Task Force announces that counterfeit Oxycodone containing Fentanyl was seized in Dutchess County.

-Courtesy photo

ected to the services you need. You can also visit Dutchess County Government website at the following web address: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/alcohol-substance-use-services.htm>.

DOT announces new roundabout project completed on Route 376 in Wappinger

New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez today announced that major construction has been completed on a \$5.8 million project that modernized the intersection of State Route 376 with New Hackensack Road and All Angels Hill Road in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County. The project, which was completed on-budget and six months ahead of schedule, created a one-lane roundabout that eased traffic flow and enhanced safety at a busy intersection used by residents and commuters to access the Hudson Valley Regional Airport and other popular destinations in the area.

Commissioner Dominguez said, “This project has eased congestion and improved mobility at a key intersection in Dutchess County and is already making travel easier for the residents and commuters who pass through this busy corridor each day.”

The project, which broke ground in December 2021, also created a new pocket park adjacent to the sidewalk on the north side of the roundabout that features benches and perennial land-

scaping. Approximately one acre of asphalt was removed and reclaimed with compost and topsoil to foster increased vegetation and help prevent stormwater runoff and flooding. The center of the roundabout and other parts of the project area were re-landscaped with 52 native tree plantings, 112 shrubs, and 112 plants.

New pedestrian crosswalks were added to enhance safety and colored and imprinted concrete was used in the sidewalk buffer strips and roundabout truck apron to increase visibility and driver awareness. Rubble stone masonry was used in the retaining walls to contribute to the aesthetic vision of a town gateway.

Roundabouts are engineered to maximize safety and minimize congestion. Compared to traditional intersections, traffic flows more freely through roundabouts, cutting congestion and commute times. Reduced vehicle idling time means fewer fuel emissions and improved air quality. Crashes at roundabouts tend to be less severe because they typically occur at slower speeds. Roundabouts eliminate the

need for electric-powered traffic signals. They also contribute to aesthetically pleasing landscapes. For tips on how to safely navigate a roundabout, one may check out a helpful instructional video.

Senator Sue Serino said, “The early completion of this project is great news for holiday travelers and local neighbors. I thank the Department of Transportation for once again working closely with our office and our community partners to complete an important local project that will make driving in this area safer and more efficient for residents and visitors alike.”

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said, “There have been immense traffic improvements at the intersection of Route 376, New Hackensack Road, and All Angel Hill Road as a result of the new roundabout. Drivers can now get through the previously crowded intersection with ease. Thank you to all who contributed to getting this project done ahead of schedule and with minimal intrusion. I am confident this new traffic pattern will benefit residents, businesses, and commuters for years to come.”

Town of Wappinger Supervisor Richard Thurston said, “The Town of Wappinger greatly appreciates the outstanding work done by NYSDOT and the Dutchess County DPW in remediating the significant traffic issues we had previously encountered with the construction of the Route 376 Roundabout in a very timely manner. Thanks to the Governor’s Office for making the grant available.”

NYSDOT provides additional information online regarding roundabouts, as well as downloadable brochures, at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/main/roundabouts>.

Motorists are urged to slow down and drive responsibly in work zones. Fines are doubled for speeding in a work zone. Convictions of two or more speeding violations in a work zone could result in the suspension of an individual’s driver license.

For up-to-date travel information, call 511, visit www.511NY.org or download the free 511NY mobile app.

Follow New York State DOT on Twitter: @NYSDOT and @NYSDOTHV. Find NYSDOT on Facebook at facebook.com/NYSDOT.

Dutchess County participates in holiday season STOP-DWI

Dutchess County is participating in a special enforcement effort to crack down on impaired driving to coincide with the holiday season. The statewide STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign effort, which is now in effect, concludes on Sunday, Jan. 1. The Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office, New York State Police and municipal law enforcement agencies will collaborate across the state and will be out in force in this coordinated effort to reduce the number of alcohol-related injuries and deaths

during this period.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reported 11,654 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2020 that involved an alcohol-impaired driver. On average, more than 10,000 people were killed each year from 2016 to 2020, and one person was killed in a drunk-driving crash every 45 minutes in 2020. According to the NHTSA, 210 lives were lost nationwide in alcohol-impaired driving crashes during the Christmas to New Year’s Day holiday

period in 2019.

This Holiday Season Enforcement Campaign is one of many statewide enforcement initiatives promoted by the New York State STOP-DWI Association with additional funding from the STOP-DWI Foundation with a grant from the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee. The Statewide STOP-DWI Crackdown Campaign also targets Super Bowl Sunday, Memorial Day Weekend, 4th of July, Labor Day Weekend, Halloween and Thanksgiving.

While STOP-DWI efforts across New York have led to significant reductions in the numbers of alcohol- and drug-related fatalities, still too many lives are being lost because of crashes caused by drunk or impaired drivers. Highly visible, highly publicized efforts like the STOP-DWI Crackdown Campaign aim to further reduce the incidence of drunk and impaired driving. Residents can make a difference with a sober plan by downloading the “Have a Plan” mobile app.

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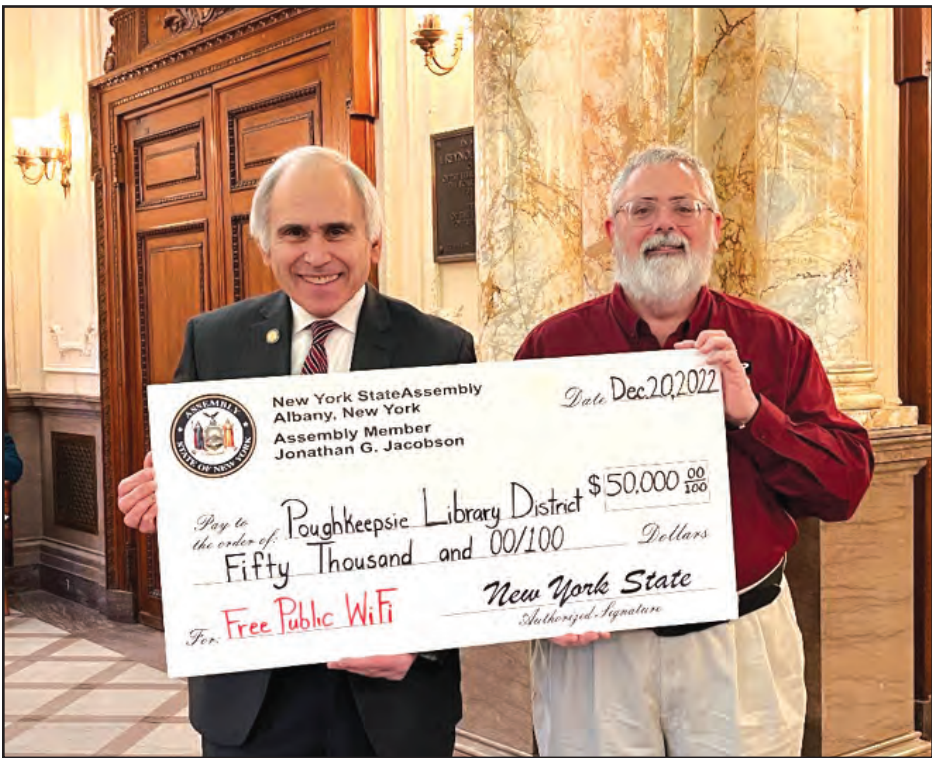
Beacon students receive PRIDE certificates for 1st quarter

Poughkeepsie Library District's Public WiFi Program receives \$50,000 funding

The following is a list of students who were recognized for showing Beacon PRIDE (Positivity - Respect - Integrity - Determination - Engagement) during the 1st quarter of the 2022-2023 school year. Certificates were awarded to the following students on December 19.

Riley Adnams
Nadeen Ahmed
Macy Alencastro
Jared Alston
Isabella Amundson
Jeralizz Araujo
Anabelle Arginsky
Wiles Assael
Daniel Barry
James Bouchard III
Daniel Bridges
Isabel Bunker
Vanessa Campanelli
Kevin Candia
Ella Cason
Sofia Castelhana
Mirianjelis Chavez
Nathaniel Chestnut
Skylar Clair
Peter Cohen
Maryah Culton
Parthib Das
Avery Davis
Krystal Dembo
Chelsea DerBoghossian
Evelina Diebboll
Jacob DiNobile
Deonne Dorsey-Howard
Joseph Faircloth 3rd
Jayden Featherstone
Amadea Ferris
Journey Fleming
A'Janae Foreman
Lucas Foret
Isabella Galbo
Sadot Garcia
Messiah Gardner
Jasmine Gibson-Bocus
Darien Gillins
Gabriel Godbee
Antonio Gonzalez IV
Brianna Green
James Greenough III
Jacqueline Griesing
Alexander Guobadia
Harsh Gupta
Javier Gutierrez Jr.
Janai Halloway
Jeremiah Hardwell Jr
Labibah Hassan
Krystal Herrera
Ayden Hooten
Tyler Horton
George Humphreys
Leslie Ilouga Wandji
Xavier Jones
Zuhir Kasem
Kamille Kelley
Devyn Kelly
Gabrielle Khalil
Makayla King
Campbell Kitzrow
Savana Kush
Shy'anne Kush
Prince Yahsir Langford-Jones

Isabella Lee
Audrey Lewis
Myasia Lewis
Tiannah Lindsay
Tylynn Lindsay
Melanie Lucero Barbecho
Owen Lynch
Ela Lyons
Ethan Maignan
Josephine Mallon
Abigale Martin
Alexis Mastrantuono
Julia McGuire-Soellner
Elijah McKible
Jonah Mensch
Christopher Milewski
Zoe Moreno
Juan Morochu Llivipuma
Skhy Morris
Karimah Muhammad
Silena Negron
Jaiere Newton
Jeremyah Newton
Megan Nicholson
Lindsay Otero
Aydin Ozkurt
Amaya Paulin
Aniyah Pearson
Lindsay Pedersen
Kaila Ramdeen
Michael Ramos
Nathaniel Ramos
Thomas Rapp
Jonathan Richards
Nathan Richardson
Jalaysia Robinson
Ruby Rodgers
Santiago Romero
Joshua Ross
Gabriel Salcedo
Mikaela Sanchez
Quevil Santos Hernandez
Anthony Scarchilli Jr.
Anthony Schultz
Iannah-Mae Segarra
Demetra Sela
Kayla Selander
Kayleigh Sheehan
Kira Sheehan
Mikayla Sheehan
Tristan Short Jr.
Jalyssia Soto
Clive Stewart
Jessica Testa
Alexsander Tice
Justice Travis
Joanna Trentacosta
Sortia Tripaldi
Jack Twining Freeman
Daniel Vasquez
George Walker
Cody Wansor
Brandon Warren
Ri'Kya White
Jazziah Whitted
Jaden Williams
Jeffrey Wolfe III
Jon-Paul Wood
Isaiah Woody
Jolie Yannantuono
Ava Zeoli



Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-Newburgh) recently announced \$50,000 in funding for the Poughkeepsie Library District's Public WiFi Program. Jacobson made the announcement at Adriaance Memorial Library with Library Director Tom Lawrence.

Jacobson said, "Reliable and affordable internet access is no longer a luxury, it is a necessity of modern life. Internet access is essential for learning and accessing information we all rely upon to do our everyday chores. Students of all ages need internet service to be able to take classes and do required research. That is why I am pleased to have secured \$50,000 for the Poughkeepsie Library District to extend internet service into many of Poughkeepsie's public spaces."

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For more information, call 845-765-0667 or email rhodaja@optonline.net.

Obituaries

Leonard M. Davis. Jr.



Leonard M. Davis, Jr. lived 81 years with gusto and love of God, family, and friends. He was called to be with the Lord on December 17, 2022. Len was born February 26, 1941 in Richmond, VA. He graduated from Virginia Union University with a BS in Chemistry, and from SUNY New Paltz with a master's degree. Len's earliest work was with his father and uncles in construction. After college, he worked at Philip Morris Research Center, helping break color barriers in the process. He joined IBM in Poughkeepsie (later Fishkill) in 1969 and retired after 26 years. For Len's next career, he pursued his dream of becoming a teacher and taught 8th grade science at Poughkeepsie Middle School for 12 years. He called it the best job of his life. Len was deeply spiritual and joined Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Wappingers Falls upon moving to Dutchess County. In addition to service through Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, which he joined in 1962, Len was a former Church Trustee, served on Board of Directors of Catharine Street Community Center, and worked to raise funds to renovate Bethel's Founders' Building. Len was a talented photographer who loved people and was loved by all. Len is survived by his wife of 31 years, Dr. Sherre Wesley; son Leonard M. Davis III (Natasha); grandchildren Jasmin Davis Piper (William), Lene'a Davis, Leonard M. Davis IV, L'ryn Davis Azua; great grandchildren King and Kyon Jones; siblings Mary Estelle Brown, Bethesda, MD, Edith D. Williams, Chevy Chase, MD, Larry Monty Davis (Claudia), Richmond, VA; extended family Tene'a Green and LeSean Harris; former spouse and mother of Leonard III, Katherine T. Davis; and scores of relatives and friends. He was preceded by his daughter, Pamela M. Davis, and three brothers. A Celebration of Life service was held Tuesday, December 27 at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Wappingers Falls, NY. Friends are invited to email reflections or stories to LenDavistribute@gmail.com for inclusion in a special hand-out. Must be received by midnight, December 25. Memorial donations can be made to Realizing The Change Foundation, 2611 South Ave., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Professional Service entrusted to Rhodes Funeral Homes, 43 Fairview Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Alana Mae O'Neill



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Alana Mae O'Neill, a resident of Wappingers Falls, entered into rest Monday, December 19, 2022 at her home surrounded by her family and friends. She was 48. Daughter of the late Patrick and Rosaline Hyland O'Neill, she was born August 7, 1974 in Yonkers. Alana worked as an Office Manager for Priority Eyewear in Poughkeepsie. She loved animals, especially pugs and her beloved cats. Alana enjoyed collecting antiques and vintage signs. Survivors include her twin sister, Fiona O'Neill, of Brooklyn; her brother, Keith O'Neill and his partner Laura Murphy of Poughkeepsie; her sister-in-law, Bretagne Savage O'Neill; and her nephew, Reilly O'Neill. Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Alana's name to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Arrangements are under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Serge A. Cryvoff



FORMERLY OF WAPPINGERS FALLS - Serge Alexey Cryvoff, known for his determination, excellence, quick wit and true Renaissance spirit, died peacefully in Brunswick, Maine on December 15, 2022. He was 80. Born on December 4, 1942 in Oneida, NY, Serge grew up on a farm in the nearby village of Durhamville with his immigrant parents, Alexey Sergei and Caroline Mary (Cepuch) Cryvoff, along with his younger sister Anna. Despite the hardships of farm life, his parents instilled in him a strong work ethic, a love of music and a responsibility to share his talents with the community. For Serge, anything worth doing was worth giving 110%. At school, he excelled in his studies earning a B.S. in

Mechanical Engineering from Clarkson College of Technology in 1964. In 1965, he married his hometown sweetheart, Helen Simchik, with whom he shared 57 years of marriage. Soon after, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and went onto serve in the Vietnam War, earning a Bronze Star Medal. After his military service, Serge joined Texaco Research Labs in Beacon, NY where he worked for nearly 40 years. He co-authored numerous research papers during his career and is named inventor on two patents. He and Helen settled in Wappingers Fall, NY where they welcomed their daughter, Cathy. He began sharing his musical gifts as a youth when he accompanied school pageants on the piano. Throughout his life, his love for sacred and classical music found him playing the organ for mass, choir rehearsals, weddings and funerals. He also accompanied several amateur musical productions. Beyond music, Serge had an insatiable thirst for speed. Whether driving sports cars, motorcycles, sailboats or skiing, Serge loved one thing above all else: to go fast. He joined the Poughkeepsie Sports Car Club, Chelsea Yacht Club, and Family Ski Meisters—feeding his competitive nature and fostering long-lasting friendships along the way. At Chelsea Yacht Club, he was a natural leader as Rear Commodore of House, managing repair projects at the clubhouse both large and small. He led two years as Commodore throwing himself into everything from regattas to pig roasts to afternoon cocktails by the water. He enjoyed taking new sailors onboard his boat, Noteworthy, and showing them the ropes (or lines, as the case may be.) As a master carpenter, Serge designed and created many beautiful pieces of furniture in his lifetime. Cherry mission chairs, coffee tables, kitchen cabinets, dressers, headboards...all lovingly made for his wife and family. Beyond his family, he used his talents to help those in need in Dutchess County. At Rebuilding Together, a non-profit organization which offers no-cost home repairs to those in need, Serge shared his skills and was dubbed a fixer-of-all-things. He served as both board member and house captain—where he visited people's homes to assess needed fixes and supervised volunteer teams on projects. During his twenty years of service, he helped make hundreds of homes in Duchess County dry and safe. He approached every home with the expertise of a master carpenter, and every homeowner with dignity and respect. When not helping others, Serge loved adventure and exploration. He road tripped Route 66, skied from the Alps to Utah and sailed from the Gulf of Maine to the Virgin Islands. He traveled often to Europe with Helen and dear friends. In his last few years, Serge's health declined. His hands and body, which had served him so well all his life, started to fail and weaken. His tools sat unused and his projects dwindled. Despite his decline, Serge always had a big smile for those who visited. He suffered a grand mal seizure the day before Thanksgiving and died peacefully in his new home surrounded by Cathy and Helen in Brunswick, Maine on December 15, 2022. He was a man who lived life to the fullest, embracing every challenge and adventure that came his way. His love and dedication to his family and community will leave a lasting impact. Serge is survived by his wife Helen, daughter Cathy, and grandchildren Connor (and wife Beth), Aaron, Leah and Owen. A funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, New York on January 7, 2023 at 10 am. A celebration of life reception will follow at Chelsea Yacht Club, 22 Front Street, Chelsea, New York. Condolences may be shared at FuneralAlternatives.net.

Partnership offers free online classes for older adults, bridging social isolation

Adults 50+ are welcome to join thousands of their New York peers who have already explored GetSetUp for health and wellness, skills-training, and more

The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) and Association on Aging in New York (AgingNY) have expanded their partnership with GetSetUp to continue offering free online classes for hundreds of thousands of older adults in New York State.

NYSOFA and AgingNY began their partnership with GetSetUp during the pandemic as a solution to combat social isolation and bridge the digital divide for older New Yorkers. New Yorkers have since flocked to it in droves, with over 122,000 New York learners taking 169,000 classes in the first year and expanding rapidly.

GetSetUp was designed by and for people who are 50 and older to learn new skills, connect with others, and unlock new life experiences. Users can browse and enroll in courses at <https://www.getsetup.io/partner/NYS-TATE> or refer a friend at

<https://dost.gsudevelopment.com>. NYSOFA Director Greg Olsen said: "GetSetUp has far exceeded our expectations in helping to combat social isolation, foster mental and physical well-being, and bridge the digital divide for older adults. The numbers speak for themselves: nearly 200,000 users have been empowered by this user-friendly platform to learn new technologies, improve their health, engage their intellect, connect with others, and share their unique talents, skills, and expertise."

In a January 2022 survey of GetSetUp users in New York, 94% said they consider the platform a reliable source to learn about advances in health technology. New York users also rate mental engagement, physical fitness, and social engagement as the areas where they saw the most improvement thanks to GetSetUp classes, giving the classes an average 4.6 out of 5-star rating.

Physical exercise, balance, and agility classes rank among the most popular offerings for New York users, including classes on morning fitness, Tai Chi-

Shibashi, and Stretch and Destress Yoga. The platform also offers practical skills-training classes with an emphasis on reskilling and upskilling curriculum for older New Yorkers to access new economic opportunities.

The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) works to help the state's 4.6 million older adults be as independent as possible for as long as possible through advocacy, development and delivery of person-centered, consumer-oriented, and cost-effective policies, programs, and services that support and empower older adults and their families, in partnership with the network of public and private organizations that serve them. Stay connected—visit the NYSOFA Facebook page; follow @NYSAGING on Twitter and NYS Aging on Instagram; or visit aging.ny.gov.

The Association on Aging in New York supports and advocates for New York's mostly county-based Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and works collaboratively with a network of organizations that exist

to promote independence, preserve dignity, and provide support for residents of New York State as they age. For more information, follow us on Facebook, visit www.agingny.org or call (518) 449-7080.

GetSetUp is on a mission to help those over 55 learn new skills, connect with others and unlock new life experiences. The social learning platform helps over 4.6 million older adults in 160 countries stay mentally and physically fit, creates economic opportunities through jobs and reskilling, and provides a community where people find meaning and purpose by sharing their knowledge and passions and forming new connections. Classes are taught by older adults on a highly interactive, custom-built video platform where older adults can connect during and in between classes. Classes are taught in English, Spanish, Hindi, and Mandarin. Learn more at <https://www.getsetup.io/partner/NYS-TATE>.

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SUPREME COURT
OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK
COUNTY OF
DUTCHESS
INDEX NO.:
2022-52860
**SUPPLEMENTAL
SUMMONS**
Originally Filed:
September 2, 2022
Plaintiff Designates
DUTCHESS County
as the Place of Trial
Premises:
3HOOKROAD, UNIT
13F
POUGHKEEPSIE
NY 12601
Venue is based upon
the county in which the
premises are situated
1900 Capital Trust II,
BY U.S. BANK
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IN ITS INDIVIDUAL
CAPACITY BUT
SOLELY AS
C E R T I F I C A T E
TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,
-against-
BRUCE A. NERI
A/K/A BRUCE NERI if
living, and if he/she be
dead, respective
heirs-at-law, next-of-
kin, distributees,
executors, adminis-
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devisees, legatees,
assignees, lienors,
creditors, and succes-
sors in interest, and
generally all persons
having or claiming,
under by or through
said defendants who
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purchase, inheri-
tance, lien or other-
wise, any right, title or
interest in and to the
premises described,
all of whom and hose
names and places of
residence are
unknown to Plaintiff;
THE BOARD OF
MANAGERS OF THE
ARBOS HOME-
OWNERS ASSOCIA-
TION; THE
PEOPLE OF THE
STATE OF NEW
YORK; THE UNITED
STATES OF
AMERICA,
Defendants.
TO THE
ABOVE - NAMED
DEFENDANTS:
YOU ARE
H E R E B Y
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 Sum-
mons, to serve a
notice of appearance,
on the Plaintiff's Attor-
ney(s) within 20 days
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State of New York); the
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swer within 60 day of
service hereof; and in
case of your failure to
appear or answer,
judgment will be taken
against you by default
for the relief de-
manded in the Com-
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TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Christi J. Acker, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Dutchess County, entered Nov. 9, 2022 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office.

THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess County on June 26, 2011 in Document #01 2011 5794, covering premises known as 3 Hook Road, Unit 13F, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 a/k/a Section 6163, Block 03, Lot 107398.

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 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.

DATED: October 31, 2022
New York, New York
Michael C. Manniello, Esq.
HILL WALLACK LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
261 Madison Avenue
9th Floor, Suite 940
New York, NY 10016
Phone: 929-504-7005
E m a n n i e l l o @ hillwallack.com
File No. 20292-1530
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
INDEX NO. 2019-54435
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS as the place of trial situs of the real property
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Mortgaged Premises:

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3 IDELEWILD DRIVE,
POUGHKEEPSIE,
NY 12601
Section: 6164,
Block: 02,
Lot: 778714
PHH MORTGAGE
CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL D.
SHEEDY; HEIDI
S E E L B A C K ,
D U T C H E S S
COUNTY COMMIS-
SIONER OF
FINANCE, AS
ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ESTATE OF
JENNIFER L
SHEEDY; KYLE
SHEEDY, AS HEIR
AND DISTRIBUTE
OF THE ESTATE OF
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GAYLE SHEEDY, AS
HEIR AND DISTRIB-
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OF JENNIFER
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KNOWN HEIRS AND
DISTRIBUTEES OF
THE ESTATE OF
JENNIFER SHEEDY,
any and all persons
unknown to plaintiff,
claiming, or who may
claim to have an inter-
est in, or general or
specific lien upon the
real property de-
scribed in this action;
such unknown per-
sons being herein
generally described
and intended to be
included in the follow-
ing designation,
namely: the wife,
widow, husband, wid-
ower, heirs at law, next
of kin, descendants,
executors, adminis-
trators, devisees,
legatees, creditors,
trustees, committees,
lienors, and as-
signees of such de-
ceased, 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, hus-
bands, widowers,
heirs at law, next of kin,
descendants, execu-
tors, administrators,
devisees, legatees,
creditors, trustees,
committees, lienors
and assigns, all of
whom and whose
names, except as
stated, are unknown
to plaintiff; NEW
YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF
TAXATION AND
FINANCE; UNITED
STATES OF
AMERICA;
"JOHN DOE #1"
through "JOHN DOE
#12," the last twelve
names being fictitious
and unknown to plain-
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intended being
the tenants, occu-
pants, persons or cor-
porations, if any, hav-
ing or claiming an in-
terest in or lien upon
the premises, de-
scribed in the com-
plaint,
Defendants.

To the above named
Defendants
YOU ARE HEREBY
SUMMONED to
answer the Complaint

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in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$117,550.00 and interest, recorded on February 28, 2000, in Document Number 01 2000 1967, of the Public Records of DUTCHESS County, New York., covering premises known as 3 IDLEWILD DRIVE, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

DUTCHESS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE

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ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.
Dated:
December 7, 2022
ROBERTSON,
ANSCHUTZ,
SCHNEID, CRANE &
PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Oluwatobi
Adedokun, Esq.
900 Merchants Con-
course, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590
516-280-7675

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Pleasant Valley Board of Fire Commissioners will hold their Re-organizational meeting for 2023 on Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 10:00 am at the Pleasant Valley Fire District Headquarters, 1619 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York.
By order of the Pleasant Valley Board of Fire Commissioners.
Signed: Jennifer Broas, District Secretary

NEW HACKENSACK FIRE DISTRICT
217 Myers Corners Road
Wappinger Falls, New York 12590
Please take notice that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the New Hackensack Fire District will be holding their annual reorganization meeting on January 2, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the New Hackensack Fire District Headquarters, 217 Myers Corners Road, Wappinger Falls, New York 12590.
December 28, 2022
Frank P. Borquist
Secretary/Treasurer

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 **10th day of January 10, 2023** 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:
Appeal No.: 22-7773 (Area Variance)
Cesar Barzallo: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R20 Zoning District.
- Where **35 feet** to the front yard property line is required, the applicant can provide

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19.1 feet for a house renovation, thus requesting a variance of **15.9 feet**.
The property is located at **15 Spook Hill Road** and is identified as **Tax Grid No.: 6257-01-003924** 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
December 6, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the County Attorney's Office of Dutchess County. The Public Hearing will be held in the County Attorney's Office at 22 Market Street, 5th floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, on **January 4, 2023 at 10am**, on the following local law:
A Local Law to amend Chapter 97 of the code of Local Laws.
At said time and place, all parties interested will be heard.
DATED:
December 28, 2022
Poughkeepsie,
New York
Marcus J. Molinaro
County Executive

SPECIAL MEETING PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Milan Town Board will hold their Reorganization Meeting on January 2, 2023 at 1:00pm. Said meeting will take place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle.
By order of the Milan Town Board
Catherine Gill,
Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE
The Rombout Fire District will hold their monthly meetings on the Second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. The meeting will be held at the Rombout Fire District Headquarters, 901 Main Street, Fishkill. The District Workshop will be on the Monday preceding the meeting, which will also be at 7 PM at District Headquarters. All meetings are open to the public.
Jill Muller, Fire District Secretary

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2023-01 NAME OF PROJECT: Dutchess County Veterans Cemetery Project
Project Description: Construct a memorial plaza. Project will include purchasing and installing a six sided tapered nine foot +/- tall granite monument and base, site preparation

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ration, constructing a 20footdiametercircular paver walkway around the monument, installing flag poles and constructing stone dust pathways radiating from the monument through future burial plats to the surrounding circular roadway. Beginning **December 28, 2022 at 8:00AM**: Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, E-mail Address. **All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site.** A refundable deposit of \$15.00 is required for each set of bid documents, in the form of cash, credit card or a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102 and will be made by the County upon receipt of a written request accompanied by said USB Flash Drive. Bids due on or before **Friday, January 27, 2023, 11:00am** and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Denise Spens-Gallagher, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to **Legal continued on next page**

Interactive online learning and socialization available for older New Yorkers this winter

NYSOFA’s partnership with GetSetUp includes free access to thousands of peer-based online classes, making it easy for New Yorkers 60+ to stay active and social this holiday and winter

Free online classes are available to any older adult in New York through the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) – a simple way to connect with others right from home throughout the holiday season and winter.

NYSOFA and the Association on Aging in New York (AgingNY) have partnered with GetSetUp to offer interactive online programming for older New Yorkers specifically designed to increase activity and wellness, help individuals

effectively use digital technology, and find other learning opportunities. To take a class, visit the New York partnership page at <https://www.getsetup.io/partner/nystate>.

According to one analysis, up to 43 percent of people 60 and older reported feeling lonely. This sense of isolation often gets worse during the winter when weather conditions make it harder for people to interact in-person. Through GetSetUp, New Yorkers can access thousands of engaging classes taught by older adults to their peers. Classes are available at the click of a button around the clock.

GetSetUp also helps active older adults become more fit, learn to manage their

finances, develop new skills and supplement their income. Special “New Year, New Me” programming is running into the new year to help people accomplish their new year’s goals in one or all three learning tracks on Health and Wellness, Money and Business, and Growth and Development. Plus, classes are available in multiple languages including English, Mandarin, Hindi, and a growing number of weekly classes in Spanish.

GetSetUp’s custom-built video learning interface has been tailored to older adults of all tech levels. The platform offers support via phone to assist learners with technology. It also includes a booking system complete with regular

reminders and after-class notes. New York’s older adults can easily connect with a safe community of over 4.6 million peers globally.

NYSOFA Director Greg Olsen said: “With shorter days and even colder weather ahead, older adults may find it harder to socialize and stay active. In addition to in-person programs offered by local offices for the aging, our partnership with GetSetUp presents another solution, creating an online community where older New Yorkers can interact and learn from one another in powerful ways right from the comfort of home at any time of day. I encourage all older adults to explore the offerings that are available this winter to stay engaged.”

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bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. **Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 197 392 889#.** Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders’ security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business January 19, 2023 and emailed to Denise Spens-Gallagher at d.p.w.contracts@dutchessny.gov with the County’s response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is March 15, 2023 with the anticipated completion date of May 26, 2023, respectively. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2022013784. APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM: Dutchess County requires that any contractor or subcontractor have, prior to entering into a Contract for the process of building, renovating or demolishing a public

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building, owned, operated and maintained by Dutchess County, with a value in excess of \$250,000., apprenticeship agreements appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed and which have been registered with NYS Department of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the Labor Law. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the resolution published herewith has been adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, on the 15th day of December 2022 and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Date: Poughkeepsie, New York December 21, 2022

Leigh Wager Clerk, County Legislature
RESOLUTION NO. 2022231 BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 15, 2022. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$941,320 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT, FOR

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SAID COUNTY WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which regulations state that Type II Actions will not have a significant impact on the environment, and **WHEREAS**, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, as follows: **Section 1.** The purchase of vehicles for the Sheriff’s Department to replace those in service for at least one year, including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith, are hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$941,320. **Section 2.** It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is \$941,320, and that the plan for the financing thereof shall be by the issuance of \$941,320 serial bonds of said County hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law. **Section 3.** It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is five years, pursuant to subdivision 77(1st) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. **Section 4.** 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 the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby dele-

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gated to the Commissioner of Finance, 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 Commissioner of Finance, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law. **Section 5.** The faith and credit of said County of Dutchess, New York, 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. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said County, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable. **Section 6.** Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the County of Dutchess, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance 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 County Clerk. **Section 7.** The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as she shall deem best for the interests of the County; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, she shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of

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the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Commissioner of Finance shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money. **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 County by the facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the County), 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 Commissioner of Finance. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the County not to impose and collect from registered owners of such serial bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and

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RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to post notice of such meeting.
MOTION: COUNCILMAN MAZZELLA
SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN ALBRECHT
DATED: December 21, 2022
ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Albrecht
Councilman Rifenburgh
Councilman Mazzella
Councilman O’Hanlon
Supervisor DelVecchio
CARRIED.

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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 Commissioner of Finance shall determine. **Section 9.** This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allowed 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 said County 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,

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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.** This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in the official newspapers of said County, together with a notice of the Clerk of the County Legislature in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-05-23
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 19th day of January 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 website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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Libby Funeral Home, Fishkill Rural Cemetery honor veterans with wreath-laying ceremony



Veterans were honored during national Wreaths Across America Wreath ceremonies held across the country. A ceremony was held at the Fishkill Rural Cemetery, on Route 9 in Fishkill, with Libby Funeral Home on December 17.

-Courtesy photos



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