

Conference center plans face local opposition

Six Senses brings ambitious plans to Hudson Valley

By Jim Donick

Intercontinental Hotels, the quintessential businessman’s hotel, has lately been looking to expand their presence by acquiring boutique properties and brands. One of those acquisitions, Six Senses, is better known outside of USA as a line of conference center and spa properties that are anything but a corporate cookie cutter facility. Each is actually a unique reflection of the geographic location where it is situated, be it the a mountain setting like Gstaad in Switzerland, a Mediterranean setting like Marbella in Spain or an urban setting like Rome. They have 27 properties all over the world. No two are alike.

Recently Six Senses has begun a move into the U.S. with six properties to be developed. One is proposed for Route 9G at the edge of the Town of Clinton near the Town of Rhinebeck and bordering the Town of Hyde Park. The property was known as “Old Stone Farm” and, since the late 1990s, it has functioned as a conference center and location of Equine programs and Equine Therapy. Six Senses has developed a plan for the new facility that is designed to maintain the bucolic nature of the site and to fit seamlessly into the Hudson Valley.

They will offer year-round, small-scale “quiet” restorative retreats and immersive experiences, such as bespoke classes and workshops that reflect the seasonal beauty and rich history of the Hudson Valley. They will also offer the opportunity for corporate meetings and retreats.

The property will be available only to pre-registered program/event attendees.

Their programs will vary in duration, anywhere from hours to days. Certain programs are designed for day-visitors, while others are designed for a multi-day experience with overnight stays. All program attendees can enjoy the property’s



This aerial view shows a portion of the Old Stone Farm property, located in the Towns of Clinton, Hyde Park and Rhinebeck. *Courtesy photo*

dining offerings and numerous activities.

Farm background

The farm, itself, traces its roots back to a Swiss family, who established it in the mid-18th century. Some of their original structures can still be seen there today. In the late 1990s, Stu and Sherry Kahn purchased the property with a vision of creating a holistic retreat and equestrian center. They secured a Special Use Permit in 2005 from the Town of Clinton to operate commercially under the Town’s Conference Center designation. The space has functioned ever since.

The property, itself, is 236 acres, most of which is woodland and slated to stay that way to provide hiking trails and to maintain the clearly natural atmosphere

of the property. The proposed developed area, fields and structures, amount to around 32 acres, all but four of which were cleared and developed by previous owners.

Six Senses only proposes to develop those roughly four acres for reasons of emergency access and drainage. The plan indicates that no part of the facility is likely to be visible from the road. The property will also be self-contained relative to water and sewage requirements.

The current 21,000-square-foot indoor riding arena will continue to be used for equine programs. Most of the existing buildings, some dating to as early as 1779, will continue to be used, albeit in

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Common Senses leads resistance to development

By Kaeleigh Banda

InterContinental Hotels Group’s (IHG) plan to build a Six Senses resort on Old Stone Farm property at the intersection of the towns of Hyde Park, Rhinebeck and Clinton has sparked push-back from local residents.

A grassroots group, Common Senses Hudson Valley, is leading opposition to the development.

The organization says the project violates Hyde Park’s Greenbelt protections, Clinton’s zoning laws and both towns’ Comprehensive Plans. Additionally they say the build will take up farmland and wetland habitats, as well as commercialize country roads and possibly pollute waterways.

Tess Rose Lambert, a Hyde Park resident, said she got involved with Common Senses because she is concerned about local laws and how well they are protecting the area both ecologically and the area’s rural integrity.

“Once I saw the Hyde Park town board pass a special law for a multi-billion-dollar would-be-developer, that reverses the legal protections of sensitive land and the rural and agricultural character of our region, I realized this challenge was about more than any particular

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Red Hook Town Board votes 3-2 to proceed with eminent domain acquisition of Boat Club

By Kate Goldsmith

At a special meeting on Tuesday, July 15, the Red Hook Town Board voted 3-2 to approve an eminent domain takeover of the Red Hook Boat Club to create a public waterfront park.

“Red Hook representatives are trying to obtain public access [to the Hudson River] that has been sought after for seven decades,” said Supervisor Robert McKeon as he explained his “aye” vote.

Deputy Supervisor Bill Hamel and Councilman Jacob Testa also voted to proceed with the action. Councilwomen Julia Solomon and Christine Kane voted against the acquisition.

The two-hour meeting drew standing-room-only attendance and was punctuated by frequent disruptions from opponents of the eminent domain procedure.

McKeon repeatedly had to request order over the course of the evening, as members of the public shouted angrily, some hurling obscenities to vent their frustration. Video of the meeting shows police officers near the dais where the board members sat.

Three resolutions were on the agenda. The first determined that the proposed acquisition of the two Red Hook Boat Club properties on Dock Road in Barrytown (approximately 2.37 acres) would not have an adverse environmental impact. The second called for the adoption of the Coastal Assessment Form, which determines whether a project is consistent with the town’s Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP). All board members voted “aye” on these resolutions. The third called for the adoption of the eminent domain action.

Before voting on the final resolution, each board member explained his or her decision.

Hamel offers a primer on eminent domain

Hamel spoke at length of the history of eminent domain, and how it was written into the Constitution’s Bill of Rights, in the Fifth Amendment.

“The biggest disappointment I’ve had in this entire process is, after listening and hearing and reading all the comments ... the realization I had [is] that we do a really lousy job in this country teaching basic civics,” he said. “We don’t really teach people how the government runs, how it was established, how the Constitution was written, its history. And it’s important that you know, because it’s disappointing to me that people don’t really understand

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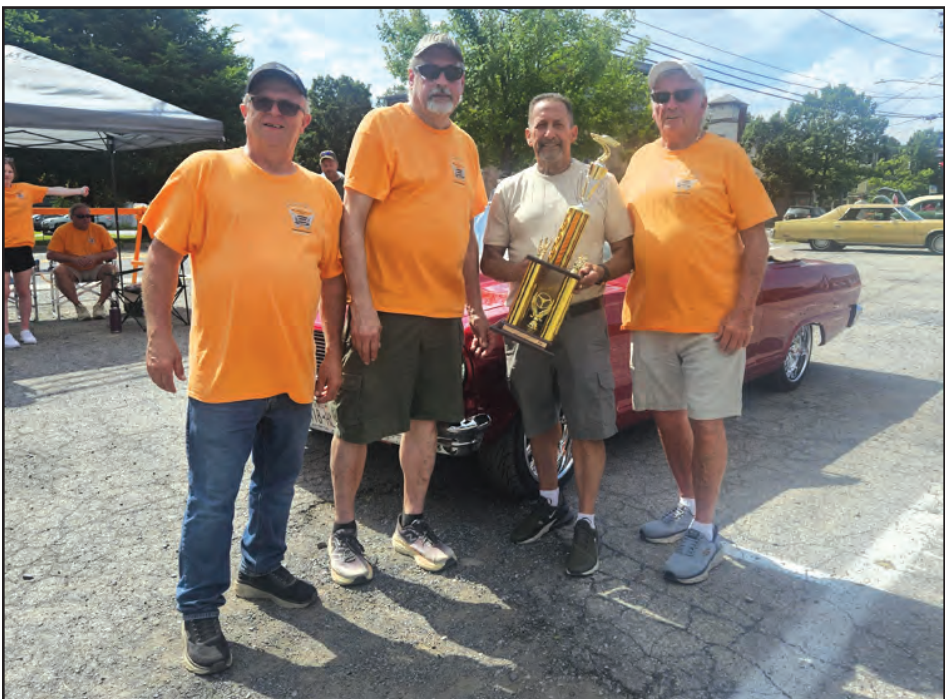
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Annual Hyde Park Car Show attracts enthusiasts of all ages



Clockwise from top right, this year's Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce Car Show was dedicated to the memory of Lynn Golden. Family members honored Lynn and are pictured with her Ford Mustang. Pete Mercado won the Best of Show award with his 1963 Chevy Nova. Dave Koehler of Hopewell Junction is pictured with his 1931 Ford Model A. Bill Jago is pictured with his 1929 Ford Model A Huckster. Mark Grimaldi's 1969 MG Midget heads a lineup of cars with hoods raised. Gary Siggelkow is pictured with his 2015 Chevy Camaro. The Chamber's Choice award was presented to Georgia and Clay Mason with their 1955 Mercury Montclair. Show Director Stu Davis of S&S Vac and Appliances presented the awards. *Photos by Curtis Schmidt*

‘Words to America from Ukraine’ fundraiser set July 27 at Stissing Center in Pine Plains

By Curtis Schmidt

Friends of Ukraine in conjunction with Bartleby & Sage Catering, Oblong Books and Borshch of Art will present a fundraising event entitled “Words to America from Ukraine” at the Stissing Center for Arts and Culture, 2950 Church Street in Pine Plains on Sunday, July 27 at 5 p.m.

The goal of the event is to connect the local community with the unwavering spirit of Ukraine and it is led by co-Leads Mark Lagus and Leevi Ernits, along with Jim Bole, Jeff Brouws, Wendy Burton, Diane Duffus, Anastasia Gudko, Ben Miller, Leslie Nilsson and Jan Schwarz-Miller

Lagus said those attending should “expect to be moved by contemporary war-time Ukrainian poetry blended with vibrant folk music sung by the renowned Ukrainian Village Voices ensemble.”

The keynote address will be given by Jed Sunden, Founder/Director of American Ukraine Political Action Committee (PAC), which works to deepen the American-Ukraine relationship in Congress. An additional address will be presented by Razom Board Member Maria Genkin. Razom’s mission is to build a prosperous Ukraine by increasing civic engagement within the country and by amplifying the voices of Ukrainians around the world.

Ukrainian dishes will be offered by Bartleby & Sage along with borscht from the Szendiuch Family, and the event will include a live auction featuring works

from local artists and local food flair - all in support of Razom for Ukraine.

Event details including links to tickets and a donation page for those who cannot attend can be found at the website WordsFromUkraine.org.

Background on speakers

Jed Sunden

Previously, Jed was the founder of KP Media. The company was launched with the Kyiv Post when he was 24 years old in 1995. KP Media then grew into one of the leading magazine publishers and the largest consumer-facing internet company in Ukraine. Jed was involved in numerous political reform projects focused on free press, anti-corruption and freedom of religion. Jed served as VP of the Jewish community of Kyiv under Chief Rabbi Bleich.

His presentation will focus on “Why the War in Ukraine still matters to America, the unabated horrors inflicted upon her people by Russia, and the work of the American-Ukraine PAC to support pro-Ukraine Democratic and Republican members of Congress to solidify the U.S.-Ukraine relationship.”

Maria Genkin

Born and raised in Lviv, Maria moved to the U.S. to attend Cornell University. Maria started her professional career at Goldman Sachs where she worked in project and program management for the Investment Banking Division. She joined Razom as a board member in 2020. Maria established and led Razom’s development team that grew into a Razom Relief program.



Jen Sunden, left, and Maria Genkin are among the speakers to be featured at the fundraiser “Words to America from Ukraine,” set July 27 at The Stissing Center for Arts and Culture in Pine Plains. *Courtesy photos*



Romain Frugé

A veteran of Broadway, he created the role of Ethan Girard in the original Broadway production of “The Full Monty” and in the subsequent production on the West End in London. He played the title role in Floyd Collins at The Old Globe (San Diego), Goodman (Chicago), Prince (Phila.) and in Playwrights Horizons 2003 revival.

Mike Topp

A poet, he was born in Washington, D.C., and currently lives in New York City. Recent publications include American Air (X-R-A-Y, 2024, with drawings by William Wegman) and The

Frontier Index (Hanuman Editions, 2024, co-written with Raymond Pettibon with art by Pettibon). He is currently working on a zine with Raymond Pettibon called The Circle Club, to be published by Karma Publications.

Leevi Ernits

An architectural designer, humanitarian and event co-lead, Ernits is a native of Estonia—a country which honors its poets and poetry, was a member of her collegiate drama group and invited to the stage in the capital city Tallinn in a semi-professional company. She has been reading and reciting poetry in groups and forums throughout her life.

Mid-Hudson Regional Partnership grant helps improve student outcomes

The Mid-Hudson Regional Partnership Center (RPC) has received a grant of \$10.6 million from the New York State Education Department’s Office of Special Education, funding the RPC’s work based at Dutchess BOCES through the 2028-29 school year.

“Our primary purpose is to support schools by helping to improve outcomes for students with disabilities,” shared Ruairi Gribbon, the systems change facilitator at the Mid-Hudson RPC.

It is one of 12 grant-funded RPCs across the state and has been at Dutchess BOCES, in various forms, for over 20 years.

The grant allows the RPC to staff a team of 10 specialists and one program assistant to do this work. The organization supports a large geographic area, covering Dutchess, Orange, Ulster and Sullivan counties. This area includes about 20,000 students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). The state identifies which schools the RPC will work with, and they receive the support at no cost.

And it works. With the help of the RPC, Dutchess County English language arts proficiency rates on New York State exams for students with disabilities went from 7% in 2019 to 14% in 2024.

Gribbon explained that there are three ways he and his team provide support. “In some cases, we go into the district, visit classrooms, meet the principals, and become part of the school. One or more specialists might be there during the week,” he shared. “In other instances, we bring schools together that have common issues. For example, if a group of schools all have low graduation rates for students

with disabilities, we will bring them together and do professional development around helping to improve those graduation rates,” he added. “Finally, we do trainings in the Dutchess BOCES Conference Center that are available to everyone.”

Transition specialist Monica Baron’s

work focuses on helping schools help their students prepare for post-secondary life through a variety of assessments. “When we progress monitor and see the growth that occurs, I think that’s where the big difference can be seen. My favorite part of my job is making a difference for students,” she shared.

“The RPC has been invaluable in helping us move forward in many ways, and has become a highly trusted partner to us as we strive for continued improvements and growth for our students and schools,” said Iris Goliger, executive director for students with exceptionalities at the Poughkeepsie City School District.”

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some cases repurposed. The current overnight accommodation used by the previous owners amounts to 15 rooms. The Six Senses plan will add an additional 50 rooms for overnight conference participants. No building will be taller than any existing structure on the property. Additionally, Six Senses has committed to what they call a “dark sky,” which means lighting will be subdued and no lights will be pointing up. Thus star gazing and communing with the night sky will be unimpeded. **Local commitment** Part of the Six Senses corporate culture is to integrate their properties into the surrounding communities. The Hudson Valley property will be no different. They expect to have as many as 150 staff for peak conferences, as well as local staff to manage the equine center and all of the

grounds. They are also considering offering boarding to local riders to board their horses. Construction is planned to be contracted to local contractors for all new construction. Six Senses expects to source nearly all of their requirements locally. Their dining service will be highlighting local meat and produce. Six Senses has various community service plans as a part of the facility. Two are the Sustainability Fund, where a portion of the property’s gross revenue will be contributed to a fund for use in various local social and environmental initiatives as defined by the local communities; and the Community Days program, where the property will host specialized programs that are curated specifically for local residents and groups. There are also others under consideration.

As evidence of their commitment to sourcing their need locally, Six Senses note that they are currently doing business with at least fifty local establishments. These companies include providing everything from their building supplies, landscaping materials, building and landscaping services, professional services, as well as plumbing, building, and heating and air-conditioning companies. Six Senses professes to a plan that commits the development to being a benefit to the local economy, while protecting the bucolic nature of the Hudson Valley and of their property. The organization’s team on site hopes to have all of the approvals in order during 2025 and to begin operation and development in earnest shortly thereafter.

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project,” Lambert said. Her concerns are echoed in the group’s broader claims, including that the Six Senses build violates multiple land laws and regulations. One example is the Open Spaces Plan for Clinton that protects property identified as “Important Farmland Area” and containing ecological resources, including rare animal species. This plan comes into play because the land is home to the endangered species of the Blanding’s Turtles. Another example is the Greenbelt District in Hyde Park, which does not allow for any commercial development. A lawsuit filed by the Town of Rhinebeck, Common Senses Hudson Valley and residents against the town boards of Clinton and Hyde Park, claims the two towns made exceptions in their zoning rules and that IHG negotiated with Hyde Park to create a new law that will override the Greenbelt District rules. Dan Berndt, a Clinton resident, said he got involved with Common Senses because he was angered by the issues that Common Senses raised and that the town of Clinton was approving a build for a commercial development that went against town laws. “I’m not anti-development, nor do I live near the property, but it’s a matter of right and wrong for me,” Berndt said. “The law should apply to everyone equally, rather than based on one’s ability to threaten lawsuits against a small town, the thread count of one’s sheets or the clientele one might entertain.”

The overall concern of Common Senses is the way the towns have made exceptions in their laws for Six Senses. Lambert said Hyde Park gave IHG special treatment even after hundreds of residents spoke up. “As a Hyde Park resident, I welcome development in the appropriate zones,” Lambert said. “If IHG Six Senses wants to apply to develop in our region, it should follow the law and find an appropriately zoned area, or apply for a variance like everyone else.” Berndt said he has no issue with the 44-guest conference center continuing to operate at the Old Stone Farm property, despite the trouble it may have caused. “If Six Senses cannot operate the property as-is within the law, at a desirable profit margin, I would sincerely urge them to donate the property to one of the many local land conservancies, for a generous tax write-off,” Berndt said. “Their \$1+ billion annual profits wouldn’t suffer, and perhaps their ongoing self-inflicted reputational damage could be reversed.”

A Town of Clinton Public Hearing is set on Aug. 12, where the Town Board will discuss proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2025, entitled “Conference Center, Hotel and Motel Moratorium.” Berndt said that while a moratorium is needed, the board created another exception for Six Senses because their application is not actively in progress before the Planning Board. “We want people to turn out and let the Town Board know that this lame 'moratorium' is not enough,” Berndt said. “As is legally permitted under New York State law, the moratorium must include all projects that have not been issued permits and not broken ground yet. Any Town Board statements claiming that the town can’t impose a moratorium on submitted applications are patently false. Even a non-legal mind can glean that from reading New York State’s publications on Land-Use Moratorium Law. And case law backs this up.” Anyone interested in joining Common Senses can sign up for e-mail updates or email commonsensesshv@gmail.com and offer to volunteer.

Volunteer firefighters honored at annual County Convention

The Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association (DCVFA) held their 78th Annual Convention at the Pawling Fire Department on Tuesday July 15 in a jammed-packed hall with over 120 people in attendance. Elected officials in attendance were representatives from State Senator Michele Hinchey’s office, State Senator Rob Rolison, New York State Assemblyman A.J. Beephan and Joe Torres representing Didi Barrett, Dutchess County Emergency Response Acting Commissioner William Beale, County Legislatures Andrew House, Chris Rolison, Ryan Travelpiece, Town Supervisors Joseph Cavacini of Wappinger, James Schmitt of Pawling, Mary Albrecht of Pleasant Valley, Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County President Robert Boyles, 1st VP John Steele, FASNY President Gene Perry, 1st VP Don Farrell, 2nd VP Ken Holmes, Director Michael Karashay, Sergeant at Arms Eric Orr, HVVFA President Robert Schrader and Officers of DCVFA, PCVFA, UCVFA and

WCVFA. Also in attendance were eight high school graduates receiving scholarships from the DCVFA. They include Beekman FD member Seth Reinos, Hughsonville Fire Fighters Devin Byrne, Michael VanBuren, Millerton FD Firefighter Eric Golden, New Hamburg FD member Noelle Gerbeth, Pleasant Valley Firefighter Andrew Fanuele, Rhinebeck Firefighter Lillian Eighmy and Wassaic FD Auxiliary Alexis Winters. The Youth Mentor of the Year award went to Daniel Mochon of the Hughsonville Fire Department. Hughsonville Firefighter Mark Liebermann was honored for 55 years of service. Special honors went to Hughsonville FD for a motorcycle vs. car with entrapment, Pawling Firefighter Deputy Chief Chris Greene for an Ice Rescue and Pleasant Valley Firefighters chief John Cronk and Firefighter Ed See for heroic actions taken on a fully engulfed house fire.



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what eminent domain really is.”

He continued, saying “the most basic conveniences that we take for granted on a daily basis, like driving on a road or turning on the lights in your home, are a direct result of eminent domain.” The use of eminent domain in this instance, he added, “is to permanently preserve a piece of unique, important waterfront and make it available for public use without displacing homeowners, without destroying private property.” In essence, “transforming a private waterfront park into a public waterfront park.”

Hamel noted that “Red Hook is one of the only townships on either side of the Hudson River, from Yonkers to Albany, that does not have its own open Hudson River access for its residents” and that it’s “a want that has turned into a need.”

Those in favor fear speaking out, Testa says

Testa said, “While this proposal has been talked about as something that no one wants or agrees with, that has not been my experience in speaking with community members.” He has had many conversations with residents expressing interest in having public access to the Hudson River, he said, but they’ve been “afraid or disinclined to publicly speak out with those thoughts, due to the vitriol and threats made by those opposed to the idea.”

He added, “I refuse to allow those people to be ignored,” while understanding “the anger and frustration that many have expressed.”

Testa said, “I wish that there had been any willingness from the Boat Club to meet with the town to discuss how we could provide meaningful river access to the full community while maintaining club activities. Despite repeated requests from the town to meet, we were sadly never able to hear each other as people and have a serious discussion. I still hope that we are able to find a solution that continues the traditions the club has established alongside public enjoyment of the waterfront.”

Like Hamel, Testa differentiated the proposed eminent domain action from taking someone’s home or converting a property for a private developer’s commercial benefit.

Solomon keeps it short

“I have already stated my opposition to pursuing acquisition of these parcels via eminent domain, so I won’t repeat my position in detail now,” said Solomon. “As you know, I support the goal of increasing public access to the Hudson River and the establishment of a waterfront park in town that is available to all residents. Furthermore, I believe that this location is the best alternative for doing that.

“However, my personal feeling is that, in this situation, the end simply does not justify the means. And that is the reason that I will be voting no.”

Kane underscores her objections to proposal

Kane referenced comments from some opponents of the eminent domain action, who have insinuated that her “nay” vote would be an attempt to salvage her seat on the Town Board; in May, she came in

third in the Democratic caucus for two Board seats, thereby losing the opportunity to be on the Democratic line in the November General Election. (That caucus was deemed invalid, and a second one was held this past Sunday, July 20, with four candidates. Kane again came in last; see sidebar on this page for vote counts.)

“Despite many of the comments that have been made, and assumptions that have been made about how I will be voting and other people on the board will be voting ... I want to make it clear – and I know that my fellow board members will back me up on this – that from Day One I have voiced very serious concerns with this whole idea; and many of my concerns have been echoed in the public comments and the written comments we have received.”

She added, “I do not believe, and have not believed since we started, that eminent domain is the necessary or correct way to achieve [a public waterfront park].”

Kane expressed regret that more opportunities for wider public participation hadn’t occurred.

“I wish, too, that there was a way that we could have sat down and had meaningful conversations about how we could perhaps have opened that up to more public participation,” she said, “but unfortunately, tempers flared and that did not happen.”

McKeon wraps up a lengthy meeting

The Town Supervisor spoke last on why he was voting “aye” on the resolution.

“First, I want to say that I got into public service to try to add to the quality of life in our community,” he said. “We’ve accomplished so many important initiatives, something on the order of 84 capital projects that are enriching the lives of so many, from a complete overhaul of the recreational parklands and playgrounds, to construction of new trails and sidewalks, many clean energy projects, and the creation of seven annual town events, just to name a few.

“So it is with difficulty that I entertain an action that, while I believe is necessary and important, it will also by extension be taking away from a group of individuals, ownership and the exclusive use of a property.”

McKeon maintained his conviction that the Boat Club properties are the only location suitable for a public waterfront park.

“It isn’t easy to disappoint some members of the community, many of them anything but anonymous to me,” he said, including neighbors, a coworker, fire company volunteers and owners of businesses he patronizes. “So it pains me to know I am letting them down, but I am charged with representing all of the public; and after researching the alternatives, this is the only place that it can happen.”

He added, “I am as committed tonight as I was in January to coming up with a solution that works for everyone: Boat Club members, residents of Barrytown, and all of Red Hook.”

Video of the meeting can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HY-TkhDUHTA>

Sides diverge regarding the idea of public/private partnership

Supervisor McKeon maintains that a public/private partnership on the property had been first proposed by a director of the Boat Club, and that the town had been willing to discuss it. Commodore Richard Ross denies that any discussions had taken place.

Contacted by email, McKeon said, “I think it’s important for your readers to know the Boat Club had initially told us they would meet with us months before any mention of eminent domain. As recently as May 2nd, our attorney asked if we could meet to discuss ‘alternatives to eminent domain.’ [Boat Club Attorney William Hurst] indicated ‘There would be no such meeting.’”

The supervisor noted, “We were always clear since Day One that any public/private partnership would have to include the Town owning the property and dedicating it as parklands; with the understanding that we would want the Boat Club to remain. Such an agreement would of course require discussions on how to do that; after telling us for quite some time they would meet with us, they refuse to.

“We were left with no alternative.”

Contacted by phone, Ross said, “There are so many fallacies and false claims. Robert McKeon claims to have tried to establish a public/private partnership from Day One. Nothing in writing, no bona fide [attempts to reach out]. His first genuine effort to communicate came on

June 3 ... six weeks following his initial attempt, he voted to proceed with eminent domain.”

Ross also provided the text from a social media post he created last week as “a clear and concise summary of my sentiments.”

He wrote: “In a narrow 3–2 vote, Robert McKeon and his select pawns betrayed the people they were elected to serve. How could the town possibly initiate, legislate, and force through a vote on eminent domain—all in less than four months? The answer is simple and disturbing—our local government reeks of corruption, secrecy, and abandonment.”

Ross also questioned how Kane could claim there is little to no public support for the acquisition, while Testa asserted there is an abundance.

“What exactly are [they] discussing behind closed doors? [They]’ve turned the town into a complete mockery,” he added.

“One of the most insulting elements in this process has been the false claim of attempted partnership,” Ross said. “Let’s be clear: if collaboration was ever truly the goal, it would have been the first step—not an afterthought buried under the threat of seizure. Calling this a ‘partnership’ while the town demands ownership of private property is a cynical and shameless insult to the heart of the idea.”

Ross noted that there is a 30-day window from the July 15 vote during which the Boat Club can file their objections.

Dousharm, Migliorelli prevail again in ‘Caucus 2’

By Kate Goldsmith

On Sunday, July 20, Kristina Dousharm and Ken Migliorelli were again the top vote-getters in the Red Hook Democrats’ caucus to select the two Town Board candidates who will appear on the Democratic line in the November ballot.

Dousharm received the most votes with 306; Migliorelli came in second with 225. New candidate Zoe Evans received 219 votes; and current Town Board member Christine Kane trailed with 161 votes.

The event was dubbed “Caucus 2” by the Red Hook Democrats, because the first one in May was invalidated by the Dutchess County Board of Elections due to improper posting of the event’s notice.

In a Facebook post on Sunday, the Red Hook Democrats noted that the caucus attracted 466 attendees, “an incredible turnout for a caucus, especially in the middle of summer.”

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Keating improves command to lower earned run average

By Morgan Maier

Hailing from Omaha, Nebraska, corn-fed Matt Keating has been solid for the stellar bullpen this season. Keating enters 2025 with 40 High-A games under his belt, one of 10 returning pitchers to the Hudson Valley Lineup.

Often brought into assuage a bases-loaded jam or a couple runners on, Keating is a core relief pitcher, though he's built like a football player and once swiped bases like a shortstop.

In his native Nebraska, Keating found success at Lincoln's Southeast Community College (SCC) as a first-year player. He received National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American accolades as a hitter first, with a few pitching appearances.

A successful two-way player, Keating dominated on the mound for SCC. After a shortened 2020 season, Keating returned for his first full collegiate season. He received national attention, being named a NJCAA All-American with his offensive prowess.

He stole 27 bases, hit .404, and drove in 62 runs, plus launched 19 home runs for the Storm.

That season, SCC was 24-6 in its conference, with a 25-3 home record. Keating still likes the home cooking, as he has walked just one batter at Heritage Financial Park compared to 13 in away games. His 2.31 earned run average is nearly one full run lower at home, and Keating had a near-immaculate month of June. Keating fanned 13 in seven appearances, with an ERA of 1.64 over 11 innings.

With his second-year transfer to University of Southern California (USC) came increased focus on Keating's arm. Fewer plate appearances, more reps on the mound. He spent one year in the gold and cardinal. Keating fanned 44 batters for a 13.2 strikeout per 9 inning rate, the program's top of the season. He intended to transfer to the University of North Carolina after the 2022 season, but the Yankees scooped him in the ninth round, making him the 280th overall pick.

The righthander made a massive

leap from 2023 to 2024, dropping batting average against (BAA) from .240 to .181 in 40 appearances. Ahead of the 2025 season, Keating added speed on the fastball, adjusting all four pitches in his arsenal. His curveball is liable to fool hitters, and his command his improved on the splitter and slider. In 2025, hitters are sitting around .200 against Keating, with just one home run in 29.2 innings.

As the only Trojan selected by the Yankees in 2022, Keating looks to become the most successful USC draft pick in over a decade.



Matt Keating is a core relief pitcher for the Renegades, who is often brought into assuage a bases-loaded jam or a couple runners on base. *Photo by Dave Janosz*

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	17	7	.708	-	7-3	L1
Hudson Valley NYY	14	9	.609	2.5	7-3	L2
Brooklyn NYM	12	12	.500	5.0	4-6	W1
Aberdeen BAL	11	13	.458	6.0	5-5	W1
Wilmington WSH	11	13	.458	6.0	5-5	L1
Jersey Shore PHI	10	13	.435	6.5	5-5	W2
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Hub City TEX	15	9	.625	-	7-3	L1
Bowling Green TB	13	11	.542	2.0	4-6	W2
Greenville BOS	10	12	.455	4.0	4-6	L2
Asheville HOU	10	13	.435	4.5	3-7	L1
Rome ATL	9	13	.409	5.0	4-6	W1
Winston-Salem CWS	8	15	.348	6.5	4-6	W1



Home Schedule

July			
07/23/25	vs. Rome	12:05 PM	Camp Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/24/25	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	Hudson Valley Retrievers: Who's A Good Dog? Presented By The Brothers That Just Do Gutters Retrievers Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
07/25/25	vs. Rome	07:05 PM	Christmas In July Fireworks Friday
07/26/25	vs. Rome	05:05 PM	Introducing The Hudson Valley Big Apples Big Apples Bucket Hat Giveaway Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets
07/27/25	vs. Rome	02:05 PM	Princess Day Sunday Family Funday
August			
08/05/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Strikeout Cancer Night Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
08/06/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Renegades Musical HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth)
08/07/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Copa De La Diversión: Caribbean Night Presented By Cafe Con Leche HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth)
08/08/25	vs. Brooklyn	07:05 PM	Make-A-Wish Night Presented By Mirabito Energy Fireworks Friday
08/09/25	vs. Brooklyn	05:05 PM	Veterans Night HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth)
08/10/25	vs. Brooklyn	02:05 PM	Halloween In August Kids Eat Free Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets





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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades swept in shortened 2-game series

By Morgan E. Maier

After just spending just shy of a week away from the game, the Hudson Valley Renegades (14-9) were back in action for a beach trip, spending the weekend with a faceoff against the Jersey Shore BlueClaws (10-13). Seeking to play spoiler in the second half, Jersey Shore had the Renegades salty from twin Friday and Saturday losses. Weather-induced poor field conditions postponed the Sunday matinee, holding the Renegades winless on the shore. Hudson Valley never held a lead in this shortened series, returning to play after a week of inactivity for the All-Star festivities in Atlanta. They scored in two

innings over the pair of games - a three-spot in Friday's seventh inning, followed by one run on Saturday. Cheers to the BlueClaws pitching staff. Gabriel Barbosa improved to 3-0 after five hitless innings on Friday. In the 9-3 Jersey Shore victory, Hudson Valley was held to just two hits, scoring three late runs off the bullpen. Griffin Herring was the losing pitcher, giving up two runs and striking out six in four innings. Each team left seven runners on base, but the BlueClaws had more opportunities to crack the game open. The sixth inning proved it. In a six-run carouse around the bases, the BlueClaws added a handful (plus one) insurance run. Hudson Valley's

three-run response in the following frame hardly scratched the surface of the deepening deficit. A bases-loaded walk by Kiko Romero made it 8-1 Claws. An RBI single from Dillon Lewis, then a run crossed by a wild pitch. The BlueClaws scored their ninth run in the bottom half of the seventh, which stood as the final run of the game. The man at the corner, 3B Josh Moylan, is on a hot streak. He extended his streak of reaching base safely to 20 games, a sign of offensive improvement after a sluggish start to the season. In Saturday's loss, Moylan was 2-2 with a triple and a walk. He scored the Renegades' lone run on an RBI groundout by Manuel Palencia. On Saturday, the Renegades debuted a

new identity in a clash of the Locals and the Bennys. An honorific of a traditional conflict in a beachfront town, Hudson Valley was the Bennys (see also: annoying, cliché-driven tourists). The hosting BlueClaws were the Locals. As is the case for many a feel-good teen beach movie, the hometown team prevailed again. The Renegades tied the game at one, but couldn't come back from the subsequent three-run deficit. Up next, the Renegades return home against the Rome Emperors of the SAL South. In an interdivision matchup, Hudson Valley will see Rome for the first time all season. With a hot start to begin the second half, the Renegades are 8-1 at home.

RENEGADES FEATURE

Renegades alums shine bright on the Major League level

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades have reached the All-Star Break, in the hunt for the second-half title. True to minor league methods, the team is playing a vastly different lineup from the Opening Day roster. Since becoming a Yankees affiliate in 2022, former Renegades have starred under the bright lights of the Bronx and beyond. Some earned a regular roster spot this season, or earned call-ups in the wake of injuries. Others have inherited a premature comparison to legends of the game. Six straight days without Renegades baseball? What a fine time to check up on some former Hudson Valley heroes! The New York Yankees feature five former Renegades on the regular roster, plus a few key bench players. Austin Wells, the 28th pick in the 2020 draft, wears the same number across his back as New York's everyday catcher. Homegrown shortstop Anthony Volpe holds the highest career slugging percentage (.587) in Hudson Valley history. After the Yankees' slide of June and July, Volpe was the topic of heavy conversation - is this 24-year-old a bust, or on the cusp of blooming? In the Yankees' return from the All-Star Break, Volpe had a career night on July 19, with two home runs and four RBI to help mount New York's 7-run comeback against the Atlanta Braves. While Volpe continues to make milestones, including his first career multi-homer game, his go-ahead Game 4 grand slam stands as New York's lone highlight of the 2024 World Series. Viva El Marciano, Renegades alum of 2023! The Martian, Jasson Domínguez, touched down for good in the Yankees clubhouse, with key offensive contributions at the plate and in the outfield. The switch-hit-

ting Domínguez saw early offensive struggles, but is showing improvement from the right side. Yankees fans continue to marvel at his silky lefty swing and propensity to take right-handed pitchers to the moon. Some former Renegades are fan favorites in rival farm systems, like Carlos Narváez. The Boston Red Sox acquired the hard-swinging backup catcher for flamethrower RHP Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz this past December. Much like Renegades fans cheer the fortune that brought E.R.C. to the Valley, Red Sox Nation is pleased to have Narváez defending their home plate. Other prospects have punched a ticket to this year's MiLB playoffs. Former first-rounder LHP TJ Sikkema was drafted alongside Volpe in 2019. In 2022, Sikkema appeared in 11 games for Hudson Valley, holding opponents to a measly .165 average. Sikkema now plays for the AA Chattanooga Lookouts. The Cincinnati Reds affiliate captured the first-half title in the South League, a year after going 45-90 on the season. First-round draft picks C Anthony Siegler and SS Trey Sweeney proved MLB worthy for different franchises. Sweeney's development was less favorable than Volpe's, and the organization dealt him to the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 2023 off-season. Hardly six months later, Sweeney was packing again, landing with the Detroit Tigers with whom he debuted in August 2024. Sweeney made his first Opening Day roster this season, becoming a piece of the young core that looks to make another post-season run. Siegler made waves as a switch-hitter and pitcher as a high school prospect, ultimately selecting free agency from New York and signing with the Milwaukee Brewers this past offseason. Siegler held a .881 on base plus slugging



Former Renegades Austin Wells (above), Jason Dominguez (left) are starring for the Yankees. Photos by Dave Janosz

percentage (OPS) in 63 games with Triple-A Nashville before getting the call to the Brew Crew on July 1. Nobody is having a year quite like Spencer Jones, who in 2023 became the first Hudson Valley Renegade to be named to the All-Star Futures Game. Jones leads all minor league players in home runs (24). He's been having the best individual offensive season across the 120 MiLB teams, including a 1.390 OPS. Now in Triple A-Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Jones is hitting a monster .397, including a 4-5, 3 RBI performance on July 19. Jones's success led the way for New York's top prospect George Lombard Jr., who began this season as a Renegade. A few months into his AA career, Lombard

has rediscovered his power, contributing solid offensive performances and being named the Yankees' sole representative in the Futures Game. Hailing from colleges, high schools, and countries across the world, Hudson Valley Renegades alumni find themselves on different, uncertain paths to the dream. That player may become a Hall of Famer. He could find a passion outside of baseball. Wherever he goes, thousands of fans will be in the Valley, cheering him on every minute of his career. Once a Renegade, always a Renegade.

Welcomed back home: Vassar-Warner Home introduces Vassar-Warner ‘Home for the Day

After months of fighting to maintain its position in the Dutchess County community, Vassar-Warner Home recently celebrated its reopening as Vassar-Warner “Home for the Day” – a social model adult day care program – with an official Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting.

The social model adult day care program – which operates Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – provides personalized care to Hudson Valley seniors, tailoring its services to meet dietary restrictions, health concerns, interests and overall wellness.

The event included remarks from Vassar-Warner’s Executive Director Ericka Von Salews, who highlighted the support of the organization’s board of directors, particularly Board President Richard Schuster, staff, friends and family. New York State Senator Rob Rolison, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, New York State Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson and Poughkeepsie City Administrator Joseph Donat were in attendance. Marcia Dunn, the program’s first participant, was also introduced.

“I can’t express enough thanks to everyone involved who has worked tirelessly to bring this vision to life and for those who have given us their unwavering support,” said Von Salews. “This new endeavor will once again offer Hudson Valley seniors a safe haven, an environment designed to provide elders with the highest level of support, comfort and care.”

Housed in an 1835 Greek Revival building, Vassar-Warner Home, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, began as the Dutchess Academy for Boys. In 1870, Jonathan Rowland Warner transformed the Academy into a refuge for elderly women, a vision he pursued with local church groups. Despite his passing, his legacy endured and the Old Ladies Home opened its doors to the first residents in 1871. By 1896, the Home faced high demand, prompting Smith Brothers cough drop manufacturer William W. Smith to fund an expansion to accommodate 27 new rooms. The Old Ladies Home merged with the Vassar Home for Aged Men, originally founded by Matthew Vassar Jr.



From left are New York State Senator Rob Rolison, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, Vassar-Warner's Executive Director Ericka Von Salews and Vassar-Warner's Board President Richard Schuster. Photo by Nicholas Cerbone, Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce

and John Guy Vassar, and in 1974, became Vassar-Warner Home, which served as Dutchess County’s sole non-profit senior living facility for 153 years.

For more information about the history of Vassar-Warner Home and its present services in the community, visit <http://vassarwarner.org>.

Vietnam veteran, volunteer honored posthumously by officials

By Kristine Coulter

The late U.S. Navy Petty Officer Paul Davidson was honored posthumously during Dutchess County’s latest “Honor-A-Veteran” Ceremony held at the Knights of Columbus St. Mary’s Council #4065 in East Fishkill. The former East Fishkill resident was recognized on Thursday, July 17. During the ceremony, Davidson’s family was presented with numerous awards and proclamations for his legacy of military service and volunteer work.

“This was amazing,” Davidson’s widow, Susan Davidson, said after the ceremony. “I kept looking at his picture.” She said, “Paul would have been very humbled by it. Me – I’m bursting at the seams.”

Paul was born to Jack and Elizabeth Davidson on July 23, 1948, in the Bronx. During the Vietnam War, it was stated, Davidson served on the destroyer, USS Robert H. McCard and then joined Operation Game Warden, Task Force 117 on a Patrol Boat River (PBR). There, from 1967-68, he patrolled the Mekong Delta. He earned three Bronze Star Medals and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Davidson was a New York City cab driver, employed by Penn Central, and then a freight conductor for Conrail.

“It’s great the families speak up and tell their stories so young people can hear them,” said County Executive Sue Serino. Davidson began the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Transportation Program at Castle Point VA Medical Center campus in 1994. Three years later, he was awarded the DAV’s national George H. Seal Memorial Award Honorable Mention for his service to veterans. He was also honored by being named Castle Point’s Volunteer-of-the-Year.

“It’s not just what Paul did, but how he lived,” Serino told those gathered at the ceremony. “He stepped up,” she said.

Davidson was a member of the Color

Guard at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5913 in Wappingers Falls. He served as adjutant of the Beacon VFW Pvt. William B. Wilson Post 666.

Davidson was also a local volunteer. He gave his time by driving seniors to medical appointments for Friends of Seniors. He also volunteered his time as an Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) driver for the local American Red Cross.

NYS Senator Rob Rolison (Senate District 39) said he met Davidson at the American Red Cross. “He didn’t talk about his time in Vietnam. We talked about his time as an engineer for the railroad,” stated Rolison.

Rolison presented Davidson’s family with The New York State Liberty Medal, in honor of the Navy veteran.

“Paul’s unwavering commitment to the people of our region, through his selfless volunteerism and dedication to improving the lives of others, epitomizes what the Liberty Medal stands for,” said Rolison during the ceremony. “When I worked with the Red Cross, Paul was one of our most dedicated volunteers and someone I counted as a friend. I was never aware of his distinguished military service because, like so many veterans, he didn’t speak of it. It was a special privilege to recognize him today—not just for his quiet service to our country, but for the lasting difference he’s made in our community.”

NYS Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr. said Davidson helped others “who serve us.”

East Fishkill Town Supervisor Nick D’Alessandro said, “This is a wonderful event,” and “we have to honor veterans for all they do.”

Dutchess County Chairman Will Truitt, along with legislators Steve Caswell, Tony D’Aquanni, Rob Faust, Lynne Versaci, Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini, Town of Fishkill Councilman John Forman and Dutchess County Court Judge Edward McLoughlin, were in attendance.

“When you look at what Paul went through, losing his friends and comrades, it’s unimaginable,” Truitt stated during his remarks. Davidson is “a hero,” he said.

Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche remarked Davidson “returned home carrying invisible scars” but he showed “immense courage” and became “a beacon of hope” for others.

Members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee, along with Serino and Roche, presented Davidson’s family with a:

- U.S. flag flown in Dutchess County for 30 days in his memory;
- proclamations;
- Veterans Challenge Coin from the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee
- handmade quilt from Mental Health America of Dutchess County’s Veterans Programs’ Quilts2Honor.

Local resident Dani Masterson played “Taps” to honor Davidson.

Serino began the monthly series to recognize the lives and services of local veterans who have died. The inaugural ceremony was held earlier this year in April.

According to County officials, monthly “Honor-A-Veteran” ceremonies will continue through November. It was noted that future ceremonies will take place at 9



Late East Fishkill resident and U.S. Navy veteran Paul Davidson was recognized posthumously during Dutchess County’s “Honor-A-Veteran” Ceremony on July 17 in East Fishkill. Photo by Kristine Coulter

a.m. on or about the third Thursday of each month.

Applications for the program can be found online at dutchessny.gov/honoraveteran or in person at the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley. All submitted applications must be accompanied by a copy of the veteran’s military separation papers (DD-214, WD AGO 53-55, NBG-22 or report of casualty), obituary and death certificate, according to officials.

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Women’s networking event draws more than 100 from across Dutchess County

HYDE PARK - Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino welcomed more than 100 women to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum’s Henry A. Wallace Visitor & Education Center on Thursday evening for her ninth Women’s Networking Event, an evening dedicated to connection, storytelling and celebrating the quiet strength women demonstrate every day.

Speakers at this year’s event included Karmen Smallwood, Dutchess County Assistant Commissioner for Youth Services; Epiphane Musabyemariya, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide; and Britney Ettinger, Program Director of Bolger House at Mental Health America of Dutchess County.

“This night is always a highlight of my year because it proves that when women show up for one another, incredible things happen,” said Serino. “Karmen, Epiphane and Britney each brought a powerful reminder that resilience isn’t limited to dramatic comebacks, but in the quiet, everyday moments that shape who we are. Their stories touched every person in the room, and I’m so grateful they were willing to stand up and share them.”

Smallwood shared her journey as a young single mother and how receiving a car through what is now the County’s Way to Work program changed the trajectory of her life. She reflected on the full-circle moment of now helping oversee

the very programs that once helped her build a better future.

“What made this night so special was the sense of shared experience in the room,” said Smallwood. “Resilience isn’t always loud – it’s steady and it shows up in the ways we care for others and keep going, even when it’s hard. I’m grateful for the chance to share my piece of that, and to be reminded that none of us are in this work alone.”

Musabyemariya spoke about the pain of unimaginable loss, the courage it took to leave an abusive relationship, and the faith that helped her build a new life in Dutchess County. Her story, filled with strength, grace and hope, served as a powerful reminder that resilience sometimes means starting over – not once, but many times.

“I was humbled and grateful to share my journey,” Musabyemariya said. “To be in a room like that – so full of strength, compassion and hope – reminded me just how powerful community can be. We don’t all walk the same path, but we can walk beside each other.”

Ettinger discussed her lived experience with addiction and recovery, and how those experiences led her to become a strong advocate for others walking similar paths. She emphasized the importance of meeting people where they are, building trust and creating spaces where individuals in recovery feel seen, sup-



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino greeted attendees at her latest Women’s Networking Event, held Thursday, July 17, at the Wallace Center in Hyde Park. *Courtesy photo*

ported and empowered.

“There’s something so powerful about being in a space where vulnerability is met with understanding and strength,” Ettinger said. “The response in that room reminded me why we do this work – because healing doesn’t happen in isolation, it happens in community. I left the event feeling uplifted, connected and proud to be part of a County that creates space for real conversations.”

To read more about each speaker, read the event program online at

www.dutchessny.gov.

Serino launched the Women’s Networking Event while serving in the New York State Senate. Since then, more than 1,000 local women have taken part, forming new partnerships, mentorships and friendships that extend well beyond the event itself.

Those interested in future networking opportunities are encouraged to contact the Dutchess County Executive’s Office at 845-486-2000 or CountyExec@dutchessny.gov.

Shrestha to host town hall info sessions on bill to create nonprofit power authority

By Kate Goldsmith

State Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha (D-103) will hold a series of town hall meetings to provide information about proposed legislation to replace Central Hudson with a “not-for-profit state corporation whose goal is to keep the rates low, the lights on, and invest in a resilient grid,” according to a flyer sent to constituents last week.

Shrestha represents parts of Ulster County as well as the towns of Red Hook and Rhinebeck.

The schedule for town halls:

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 6 p.m., Gardiner Public Library;

Friday, Aug. 8, 6 p.m., Olive Free Library;

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 6 p.m., Orpheum Theatre, Saugerties;

Saturday, Aug. 16, 4 p.m., Woodstock Community Center;

Thursday, Aug. 21, 6 p.m., Starr Library, Rhinebeck;

Wednesday, Aug. 27, 6 p.m., Rosendale Community Center.

RSVP to reserve a seat at <https://bit.ly/hvpa-103>

Details about the proposed bill, The Hudson Valley Power Authority Act (A2127 Shrestha/S2026 Hinchey) are available at <https://hudsonvalleypowerauthority.com/>.

Pine Plains National Guard soldier receives new rank, new responsibilities

LATHAM, NY - Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant general for the state of New York, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Melanie Van Buskirk from Pine Plains, assigned to the Signal Intelligence and Sustainment Company, 42nd Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, received a promotion June 19, 2025 to the rank of specialist.

Army National Guard promotions are based on a soldier’s overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential. These promotions recognize the best qualified soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.

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For more information about the New York Army National Guard, visit www.dmna.ny.gov or www.1800goguard.com

The New York National Guard (New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs) is the state’s executive agency responsible to the Governor for managing New York’s Military Forces, which consists of nearly 20,000 members of the New York Army National Guard, the New York Air National Guard, the New York Naval Militia and the New York Guard.



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Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair will continue his series of Town Halls around the county, with the next one happening on Thursday, July 24, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Pawling Library, 11 Broad St., in Pawling. Aymar-Blair will host another Town Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Amenia Library, 3309 Rte. 343, Amenia.

At the Town Halls, the Comptroller will explain the functions of the Office, findings from recent reports, and will conclude with a Q&A session. In addition, a representative from the NYS Office of the Comptroller will be on site to assist with unclaimed funds.

The General Richard Montgomery House Museum-Chancellor Livingston DAR Chapter House will be open from 2pm-4pm Saturday July 26, and August 2, 9 and 16, 2025. The House, located at 77 Livingston Street, is the oldest clapboard house in the village of Rhinebeck. General Richard Montgomery and his wife, Janet Livingston Montgomery, resided there in 1773 while building Grasmere. The house belongs to the chapter and is an accredited museum on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Rhinebeck Village Historic District.

This is an opportunity to view the many items that have been donated over the years. Admission is free; donations welcomed. Open also by appointment. (845) 871-1777, or email darrhinebeck@gmail.com. <https://sites.google.com/view/clcdar/>

Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 1872 Salt Point Turnpike in Salt Point, will have their annual chicken BBQ on Saturday July 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. Menu is marinated boneless chicken breasts, baked beans, pasta salad, coleslaw, cornbread, corn on the cob and dessert for \$15 for all ages. Reservations with a pick up time is required. Call Jeanne at 845-797-9621 to make your reservation/time.

The Millbrook Historical Society will hold a lecture related to Quaker history as part of Dutchess County's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution (a.k.a. Rev 250).

Carl Lounsbury of the College of William and Mary and Colonial Williamsburg will speak on the architecture of the Nine Partners Meetinghouse on Sunday, July 27, at 2 p.m. His talk, "Nine Partners Meetinghouse Plan: A New Form in the Hudson Valley," will put the structure in the context of other later 18th-century houses of worship in New York and New England. Lounsbury is the author of many works on early American architecture.

The talk will be held at the historic Nine Partners Quaker Meetinghouse in Millbrook. Enter through the cemetery gate on Church St. The program is free and open to all.

Ruby Hill Farm, at 2325 Salt Point Turnpike in Clinton Corners, will host a Crafters Market from noon to 4 p.m. on the following Sundays: July 27, and August 24. See beautifully handmade items made by local artists and visit the farm store offering in-season

goods. Entry for public is free. Vendors please register using the vendor ticket on Eventbrite. For questions, contact rubyhillfarm@yahoo.com. Visitor passes may be purchased for viewing the farm animals at the farm store. Vendors may sign up online at www.rubyhillfarm.com/events.

“Words to America from Ukraine” is an experience to connect our Dutchess County community with the unwavering spirit of Ukraine. The event will be held on Sunday, July 27, from 5 to 8 p.m., at The Stissing Center for Arts and Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains.

Every ticket, every bid, every donation directly supports Razom for Ukraine, providing critical aid and keeping Ukraine's fight for freedom in the hearts and minds of Americans. Our actions will change lives. WordsFromUkraine.org

Daily Vacation Bible School, a ministry of Grace Bible Fellowship Church, will meet July 28-Aug. 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at the church at 6959 Route 9, just north of the 9/9G light in Rhinebeck. The Bible School is geared to ages 4-18; each day includes Bible lessons, music, skits, crafts, activities and refreshments. There is no fee to attend, and all are welcome. Call (845) 876-6923 or (845) 876-7214 or email fdcrone@aol.com for more information.

Sunday, August 3, 2025 2:00 - 5:00 PM at the Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston, NY. Showing of the new documentary "Who Killed Shireen," an investigation of who is responsible for the murder of a prominent Palestinian-American journalist in the West Bank. Free admission. Cosponsored by: Middle East Crisis Response mideastcrisis.org, Mid Hudson Valley DSA, Rally Middletown, JVP Hudson Valley, Peace Education Center, and Veterans For Peace, Women In Black - New Paltz. Contact: mecr@mideastcrisis.org or 845 876-7906

A brunch to benefit the Hyde Park Library's accessibility project will be held at Joseph's Italian Steakhouse (728 Violet Ave.), from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3. The event will feature a delicious breakfast as well as a silent auction and raffles. Tickets are \$70 at the library's circulation desk, but can be purchased in advance for a small processing fee when you visit the library's online calendar. Proceeds will be put toward the upcoming construction taking place in the library, which will include an accessible restroom and the installation of a lift. For more information call the library at 845-229-7791.

St. Paul's Church will host their Annual Fundraiser at Outback on Sunday, Aug. 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. An amazing lunch will be served for \$25. It will include an appetizer to share, salad, choice of 6 entrees including a side, plus dessert and beverage. Call the church at 845-452-8440 for tickets. St. Paul's Church - 161 Mansion St., Poughkeepsie. You may either eat in or take out. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Men's fellowship and Bible study: Tuesday nights, 7-9 p.m., in the home of David Mahoney, 21

PV Garden Club meets first Thursday of the month. Want to learn more about gardening while helping your neighbors? Join Pleasant Valley Community Gardens for its monthly meetings at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at the Pleasant Valley Library. No experience necessary. Pleasant Valley Community Gardens are volunteers learning as they grow vegetables and flowers in Helen Aldrich Park on Route 115. Everything we grow is to benefit local food pantries. See our Facebook page and web site at www.pleasantvalleycommunitygardens.com.

FARMERS MARKETS

Arlington Farmers Market, Vassar College Alumnae Lawn, Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Thursdays, 3-7 p.m., through Oct. 30. <https://arlingtonhasit.org/farmers-market/>

Eastdale Farmers Market, Eastdale Village, 10 Otto Way, Poughkeepsie. First & third Sundays through October, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Shop farm-fresh produce, handmade goodies, and local treats while soaking up the community spirit. Located in front of Sims Podiatry & Jolie Medi Spa on Eastdale Avenue South. <https://www.eastdalevil lage.com/farmers-market>

Millbrook Farmers & Makers Market,
Front St., Millbrook. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
through Oct. 25. Locally harvested foods,
artisanal items and ready-to-eat goodies.
Children's activities, special events and
more. See Facebook page for more info.

NECC Farmers Market, Millerton. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through Oct. 25. Offers a wide variety of seasonal produce, pasture-raised meats, fruit, cheeses, baked goods and prepared foods. All vendors are local and use sustainable and ethical growing practices. <https://www.neccmillerton.org/farmers-market-millerton>

Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market, 4390
Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park (across from
Town Hall). Runs Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
through Oct. 25. Local fruits & vegetables,
meats & eggs, Italian specialties, baked

Garden garden. For information about the nonprofit BFGA, a Park Partner to the National Park Service, visit the website: www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org.

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. You need to be eighteen years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For further information, visit www.vanderbiltgarden.org or call 845-229-6432.

Meals on Wheels of Hyde Park and the Village of Rhinebeck is seeking volunteer drivers during the hours of 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Drivers are needed Monday-Friday. You can drive one or more days each week or substitute as needed. All drivers work in teams so couples or friends are encouraged to volunteer together. For more information visit www.mealsonwheelsofhp.org or, contact Andrea Tkazyik at (845) 229-5896.

goods, breads & bagels, arts & crafts, eat-there foods & beverages and more. Sponsored by the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce. More info on Facebook, or email oakgreen@optonline.net.

Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market, The Pavilion at Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, 75 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie. Open Tuesdays through Oct. 21, 2-6 p.m. Features farm fresh vegetables, fruits, meat, eggs, poultry, baked goods, maple products and more. (845) 471-0589

Rhinebeck Farmers Market, Municipal
Parking Lot, 61 E. Market St., Rhinebeck.
Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., through Dec. 28.
Rain or shine. More info at www.rhinebeck-farmersmarket.com

Roosters' Roadside Farmers Market,
669 County Rte. 2, Elizaville. Sundays, 11
a.m.-3 p.m. Produce, meat, soap and other
local items. @roostersroadsidegrill

Todd Hill Outdoor Market, 4640 Taconic State Parkway North, Poughkeepsie. Run by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County to bring its stakeholders together throughout the summer and fall seasons. The market includes seasonal produce, craft beverages, textiles, and value-added products that result from farming efforts or small businesses with a link to sustainable agriculture and horticulture in the Hudson Valley. (845) 849-0247 or <https://tastenyoddhill.com>

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region (UWDOR) will hold their Campaign Kick-Off, "The Imagination Breakfast," on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 7:30 to 9 a.m., at the Doubletree by Hilton, 40 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. United Way's campaign seeks to bring together Hudson Valley businesses and organizations to a common goal: to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person in the community. The organization is looking for businesses to encourage their employees to support the organization through payroll deductions and by volunteering their time.

At this special breakfast, attendees will learn about the significant contributions UWDOH makes to the community. Highlighting their programs, including the Essential Supply Hub, which provides a variety of products distributed at the Days of Sharing, and the Annual Diaper & School Supply Drives, as well as the crucial support extended to many

local non-profits with exceptional community programs. Discover how your partnership can help them sustain these efforts.

Their newest initiative is the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program. This program delivers free, high-quality, age-appropriate books directly to children's homes every month from birth until they start kindergarten. UWDOR has launched the program in two areas so far, in the towns of Amenia (Dutchess County) and in Pine Bush (Orange County). Children in these areas can register to start receiving books.

The culmination of the United Way's Kindness Champion contest will also be celebrated at the Imagination Breakfast. This event will recognize individuals from Dutchess and Orange Counties who were nominated for their empathy, compassion, and willingness to help others. To learn more about nominating and voting for these individuals, visit uwdor.org/kindnesschampion.

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ENY dairy, goat events at DC Fairgrounds



The Eastern New York Holstein Club hosted the annual show at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds on July 18 and 19. Youth members show goats in the top photo. Bottom left, Blakely Waz counsels her young goat. Below right, Holstein judge Luke Getty is pictured with Master Showman Kaelyn Tompkins and Reserve Master Showman Meridyth McGhee. *Photos by Curtis Schmidt and courtesy photo*



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Youth in Agriculture
supplement in our August 13 papers

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange distributes over 100,000 diapers

The United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region (UWDOR) successfully hosted its fifth annual 100,000 Diaper Distribution, providing a vital supply of essential baby care items to non-profit organizations and faith-based groups across Dutchess and Orange Counties. This year's distribution underscored a persistent and critical community challenge: one in three families struggle to afford enough diapers for their children. Throughout the past year, community feedback consistently highlighted diapers as the most pressing need for local families. In response, UWDOR will distribute 100,000 diapers, wipes and other baby supplies today and continue to do so throughout the year, ensuring sustained support for those facing financial hardship, housing instability and domestic violence. The event kicked off with opening remarks from Jeannie Montano, UWDOR's President and CEO, who was joined by United Way Board Chair Kevin Cleary, Senator Rob Rolison, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, and Mayor Yvonne Flowers of Poughkeepsie. Their presence highlighted the widespread recognition of this essential community initiative.

The success of the distribution was further amplified by the dedicated efforts of volunteers from UPS, IBEW Local 320, and Central Hudson, including Adam Podpora, Chair of the 2025 Central Hudson United Way Campaign. These volunteers played a crucial role in assisting partner agencies with packing and loading thousands of diapers and other critical supplies into their vehicles for immediate distribution to families in need. "We are profoundly grateful for the extraordinary generosity of our donors, whose commitment makes this vital program possible," said Rebecca Lull, UWDOR Director of Community Impact. "Thanks to the support of organizations like Collection Bureau of the Hudson Valley, Hudson Valley Credit Union, Ulster Savings Bank, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp., IBEW Local 320, UPS, IBM Corporation, and TD Bank, we are able to provide essential resources to local families, offering a measure of relief and stability during challenging times. Each partner agency will receive thousands of diapers to distribute directly to those who need them most."

Ulster Saving's Hyde Park Branch Community Appreciation Day set Aug. 2

Community members are invited to Ulster Savings Bank's Community Appreciation Day on Saturday, August 2, from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. at the Hyde Park location at 4240 Albany Post Road. Activities and entertainment include fun games and a live broadcast remote from Q92. Enjoy free refreshments (while supplies last). They will have local businesses from the community attending plus donation collections for the Dutchess County SPCA.



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A cosmopolitan plant

Plantain is the common name for the *Plantago* genus of plants. Their common name brings to mind the banana-looking fruit in the unrelated *Musa* genus. Linguists believe the shared moniker resulted from both being edible, similar to other foods that refer to multiple types, like pepper or biscuits.

Worldwide, 200 differing species of adaptable plantains grow in various habitats. Most are wind pollinated, producing up to 20,000 seeds per plant. About 35 *Plantago* species are native to North America. But in Dutchess County, you are more likely to encounter European varieties that arrived during the colonial period and have become naturalized.

A useful weed

Plantain leaves and seeds have been consumed as human food since prehistory. The plants have antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and antihistamine properties; they have been used to treat insect bites, rashes, and skin irritations, as well as coughs and intestinal upset. The

ovata species of *Plantago* is instrumental in psyllium, found in Metamucil, which promotes bowel movements.

Fibers and dyes for textiles, as well as mucilage for glue, are also made from *Plantago*. As a weed in your lawn, the deep tap root which makes it nearly impossible to eradicate, is also the quality that allows the plant to loosen compacted soil and draw nutrients up into the range where other plants can use them. Plantain out-competes lawn grass, but it is a useful weed.

Can it be served in a martini glass?

In botany, “cosmopolitan” does not describe a plant’s elegantly simple fashion sense, nor its use as an ingredient in a vodka-cranberry drink. Plantains are cosmopolitan because they can be found in the Americas, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, and Europe. Also, in some of the finest yards in Stanford, Wappinger, and Pawling.

The two main types of *Plantago* in Dutchess County are Broadleaf Plantain



The two most common *Plantago* in Dutchess County are Broadleaf Plantain (*Plantago major*, above) and Narrowleaf Plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*, right). Photos by Francine Wizner



(*Plantago major*) and Narrowleaf Plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*). These common weeds thrive in various conditions, including lawns, gardens, sidewalk cracks, along roadsides, and disturbed areas.

As its name indicates, Broadleaf Plantain has wide, oval leaves with a waxy surface and pronounced veins. It has small, white-petalled flowers. Its ability to regenerate from its crown and its resistance to many herbicides can make it difficult to control. Narrowleaf Plantain has lance-shaped leaves and can be identified by its distinctive flower heads. It is well adapted to dry, low-fertility soils, and can withstand mowing. Its long tap-

root makes it difficult to eradicate. Plantains emerge in winter or early spring and grow through fall until colder weather beats them back.

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Musa paradisiaca, commonly known as Plantain, the cooking banana, is unrelated to the *Plantago* genus. Right: Botanically speaking, plantains are “cosmopolitan,” meaning they are found in many places around the world. Pictured is a “cosmopolitan” plant (Broadleaf Plantain) with the famous drink and magazine. Photos by Francine Wizner



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Exhibit at Dia: Beacon leads Upstate Art Weekend

By Alexander Tsahalis

When you think of art, you probably think of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, or the Guggenheim in New York City. Art isn't limited to the city, and Upstate Art Weekend (UAW) is a great reminder to get out and see what the Hudson Valley has to offer.

Founded by Helen Toomer in 2020, UAW began with 23 participants and has since grown to over 155 this year. "Upstate Art Weekend is about community, collaboration, art, and the outdoors, which are essential to our well-being," says Toomer, "This event was created to shine a light on the incredible organizations in the region and to solidify lasting connections with those visiting and those discovering what lies in their neighborhoods."

This year, UAW kicked off with a presentation of Kishio Suga's works at Dia: Beacon. Kishio Suga is a Japanese artist whose work frequently incorporates industrial materials, including stone, cement, glass, rope, and wood. "In the 1960s Suga went to Tama Art University, which had a lot of artists interested in rethinking traditional mediums," says

curator Matilde Guidelli-Guidi, "By the time he graduated in the late '60s, he had become kind of a key figure in what is known as the Mono-ha school of thought." Mono-ha is an art movement that can be translated as the School of Things, with a heavy focus on materials and their combination. A good example of this is the centerpiece of the Suga installation, Soft Concrete.

Soft Concrete is a fascinating work of art. It's comprised of a softly mounded pouring of concrete with four stone rectangles sunk in it. Suga also added machine oil to the concrete to help it stay soft. "In the early 70s Suga was working at a lot of construction sites and he used a lot of materials from those sites in his art," says Guidelli-Guidi. "He was trying to give attention to what the material is beyond our daily use case." Suga's focus on industrial materials is also evident in his other works, which range from piles of rope to stones placed at angles and held in place by metal wires. The installation contains a total of seven works of art by Suga.

The Kishio Suga exhibit is on display now at Dia: Beacon. Admission to Dia: is also free for all residents of the Hudson Valley on the last Sunday of each month.



Kishio Suga's works at Dia: Beacon will highlight Upstate Art Weekend. Suga is a Japanese artist whose work frequently incorporates industrial materials, including stone, cement, glass, rope, and wood. Founded by Helen Toomer in 2020, UAW began with 23 participants and has since grown to over 155 this year. *Photos by Alexander Tsahalis*



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Upcoming events at Innisfree Garden

Innisfree Garden in Millbrook hosts a number of upcoming events, including a Late Summer Community Day on Aug. 30.

The event will begin with the sunrise. Arrive early to see the skies brighten above the lake and to watch the garden wake up for the day. Later visitors can enjoy a variety of wellness, creative, and educational activities, including:

- nature-themed scavenger hunts for kids that double as photography challenges for adults;
- a poetry station that will inspire you to express how Innisfree makes you feel in verse;
- a fascinating curator’s tour with Innisfree’s landscape curator Kate Kerin; and
- a restorative Qigong/acupressure session with exercise/movement therapist Cris Caivano.

Thanks in part to a generous grant from the Northeast Dutchess Fund, a fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, Innisfree will offer free admission to the garden and discounted event tickets to residents of these Northeast Dutchess County communities and their hamlets on Aug. 30: Amenia, Clinton Corners, Dover Plains, Millbrook, Millerton, North East, Pine Plains, Pleasant Valley, Stanford, Washington, Wassaic, and Wingdale. Proof of residency upon arrival is required. Advance reservations are requested.

Garden admission tickets are required to participate in Innisfree’s space-limited special programs, and advance registration for those will secure your spot.

More upcoming events:

Aug. 2: Looking at Nature: Great Trees of Innisfree, 10-11 a.m.

Spend an hour investigating some of Innisfree’s exceptional trees, native and otherwise, with noted horticulturist,

teacher, and Innisfree trustee Brad Roeller. Drawing on his work at the New York Botanical Garden, Cary Institute, and noted private estates, Brad will share what makes these trees so special as well as tips on how to successfully incorporate them into your own landscape.

Aug. 23: Sound Bath for Peace with Ben Brown, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

This is a special after-hours event where sound practitioner Ben Brown uses various musical instruments and the sounds and resonance of the garden to create an immersive sound experience that encourages relaxation and a heightened sense of awareness and connection.

Sept. 13: Music for Peace: The Hudson Valley Shakuhachi Choir, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Brown and Ralph Samuelson once again bring the evocative sounds of the Japanese bamboo flute, shakuhachi, to Innisfree with the Hudson Valley Shakuhachi Choir. This ensemble of 10 players performs music that resonates beautifully across the garden in a program of traditional spiritual pieces, folk songs, and new works. Bring a blanket or folding chair and settle in for an inspiring evening.

Sept. 21: Looking at Nature: A Master Naturalist’s Walk for Varied Mobility Levels, 8-10 a.m.

Enjoy for a slower-paced nature walk designed for participants of all mobility levels, from those who need no assistance to wheelchair-dependent individuals, to explore the beauty and life that surrounds us. A local Master Naturalist will show us and discuss plants, birds, fungi and more, as well as discuss the importance of supporting a healthy ecosystem in today’s ever challenging world.

EXHIBITIONS

Art Gallery 71, 71 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through Aug. 3:** “Riverlight,” images by Elisabeth Barnett that highlights the Hudson River with its different nuances and seasons. www.artgallery71.com

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through Sept. 7:** “Beyond the Rainbow: Highlighting LGBTQIA+ Stories,” group exhibition showcasing visual works across a variety of mediums that explore the diverse, complex, and deeply personal experiences of LGBTQIA+ individuals and allies. www.artsmidhudson.org or or (845) 454-3222

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through Aug. 29:** Local artist Jenny Sweeney presents her solo show, “Through the Eyes of a Child,” in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St.; and internationally acclaimed artists Semine Hazar, Fatma Kadir and Ilhan Sayin are featured in a group art exhibition entitled “I Love New York” in the Reception and Hancock Galleries at 12 Vassar St. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Aug. 17:** “Great Green Hope for the Urban Blues,” exhibition that explores the art and myths of the Hudson Valley. The exhibition is part of a legacy that began 200 years ago as landscape painter Thomas Cole traveled up the Hudson River to paint the Catskill Mountains: a voyage that marked the mythical origin of the so-called Hudson River School of American landscape painting. Also on view: “Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Black Space-Making from Harlem to the Hudson Valley,” installation related to “Great Green Hope” by Vassar student Harrison Brisbon-McKinnon ’26; and the second, “Water/Bodies: Sa’dia Rehman.” (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/theloeb>

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, William J. vanden Heuvel Gallery, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through July 7, 2026:** Special exhibition, “Signature Moments: Letters from the Famous, the Infamous, and Everyday Americans,” During their extraordinary public careers, the Roosevelts interacted with a “who’s who” of the 20th century. “Signature Moments” opens the FDR Library’s archives and museum for an insider’s view of the remarkable – and sometimes surprising – variety of personal exchanges with an amazing array of famous (and a few infamous) people, including golden age movie stars, queens and kings, scientists, and legendary military heroes. Visitors will see signatures of literary giants, celebrated artists, world leaders, and, of course, prominent politicians and political activists – including seven American presidents. Regular Library and Museum admission applies to view the exhibit. www.fdrlibrary.org

Millbrook Arts Project, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **Through Aug. 23:** “Generated Utility,” curator Sharon Bates brings together the work of Natalie Beall and Kathy Greenwood, two artists who explore the regenerative possibilities of domestic forms and functions. Through material invention and abstraction, they reimagine familiar objects and traditions, shifting them from the realm of the functional into spaces of poetic ambiguity and formalist play. <https://millbrooklibrary.org/millbrook-arts-project/>

Millbrook Vineyards & Winery, 26 Wing Rd., Millbrook. **Through Nov. 9:** “Art in the Loft,” a juried exhibition and sale of fine art featuring the work 16 Arts Mid-Hudson member artists. On view daily, noon-5 p.m. Visitors are invited to vote for their favorite piece to be featured on an exclusive wine label. <https://www.artsmidhudson.org/art-in-the-loft>

Olana State Historic Site, Sharp Family Gallery, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through Nov. 2:** “What’s Missing?” site-specific artworks in the Olana landscape by Ellen Harvey and Gabriela Salazar. (518) 751-6879 or www.olana.org

Starr Library, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through Aug. 28:** “Address Earth: Overstory,” art that reconnects us to the Earth and to each other. (845) 876-4030 or www.starrlibrary.org

Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring St., Catskill. **Through Nov. 2:** “EMILY COLE: Ceramics, Flora & Contemporary Responses,” placing the art of Emily Cole (1843-1913), a professional artist and daughter of Thomas Cole, into conversation with eight, internationally celebrated contemporary artists including Ann Agee, Jacqueline Bishop, Francesca DiMattio, Valerie Hegarty, Courtney M. Leonard, Jiha Moon, Michelle Sound, and Stephanie Syjuco. The exhibition is the largest display of original painted porcelain and works on paper by Emily Cole ever shown since the 19th century. **Through Dec. 14:** “ON TREES: Georgia O’Keeffe and Thomas Cole,” exhibition brings together two iconic American artists in the COLE 200 anniversary year (1825-2025). The presentation explores how Thomas Cole depicted trees in the year of his transformational first visit to Catskill, NY in 1825, and how Georgia O’Keeffe did so in her pivotal first visit to New Mexico a century later in 1929. www.thomascole.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Aug. 10:** “Hudson Valley Towns: Interpretations of our Beautiful Hudson Valley Villages, Landmarks and Vistas.” (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

The Transverse Gallery for Contemporary Art, Locust Grove, 2683 South Rd., Poughkeepsie. **Through Sept. 14:** “Spirit Rising: Recent Works by Susan Miiller.” A resident of the Hudson Valley for over 25 years, Miller continues the tradition of fine landscape painting that dates back to the early 19th century in America. Her distinct style builds upon the innovations of the past. (845) 454-4500 or www.lgny.org

WomensWork.art, 12 Vassar St., 3rd Floor, Poughkeepsie. **Through August:** “Invoke & Imbibe,” a powerful exploration of feminine power and ecstatic transformation, drawing inspiration from the frenzied, experiential rituals of the Maenads—the wild followers of Dionysus. (845) 293-3660 or info@womenswork.art

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52. *Lewis Carroll's smiley _____
Cat
55. Star Wars attacker
56. First rate (2 words)
57. Foolish
59. Jaws of Life manufacturer
60. *Cereal-praising tiger
61. Lake north of Cleveland
62. Comedian Schumer
63. Health resort
64. Communists, slangily

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1. Summer mo.
2. Flocculant, for short
3. Actress Kendrick
4. Riffraff
5. _____ Jean Baker
6. Certain pudding ingredient
7. Happening soon, old fashioned
8. Ant construction
9. Competent
10. _____ the season!
12. Suitors
13. Type of acid
14. *Garfield's favorite food
19. Sharpens
22. Bldg unit
23. November birthstone
24. Lacking sense
25. Hanukkah coins
26. Atlas stat
27. Chilling
28. Be
29. Champagne flute part, pl.
32. Whisker
33. Not well
36. *What three little kittens lost
38. Decent person, in Yiddish
40. Between game and match
41. "_____ Goosey Gander"
44. Magazine's special feature
46. Kidnapper
48. What pertussis patients do
49. Temporary tattoo ink
50. Class reunion attendee
51. With bloodshed
52. *A. L. Webber musical
53. One in a million
54. Children's author Blyton
55. Repeated Cuban dance step
58. An affirmative

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A & E CALENDAR

Through July 26: “Lips Together, Teeth Apart,” County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls. County Players presents the adult comedy-drama by Terrence McNally. Set on the beachside deck of a house on Fire Island during the 1990 Fourth of July weekend, McNally’s story imagines a gathering between two mismatched couples. Debate, discussion, and disclosure (including secrets, a mystery, and an affair) follow. Content warning: Contains strong mature language. Directed by Kit Colbourn. Performances: Fri. & Sat, 8 p.m., with a matinee on Sat., July 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$26 Adult, \$24 Senior 60+, Military, Students (with ID at the door). www.countyplayers.org

Through July 27: Catskill Mountain Shakespeare presents “Romeo and Juliet,” The Red Barn, 7970 Main St., Hunter. One of the greatest love stories ever told comes alive in an exhilarating new staging directed by acclaimed theater director Rebecca Wahls. Set against the stunning backdrop of the Catskill Mountains, outdoors and under the tent, the performances fuse powerful storytelling with dynamic stage combat, breathtaking design, and the timeless energy of Shakespeare’s classic. catskillmountainshakespeare.com

Through Aug. 10: “Gypsy,” The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Up In One Productions presents a landmark show that explores the world of second-rate show business with brass, humor, heart and sophistication. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m. (except Aug. 9) ;and 3 p.m. on Sundays. There will be a 3 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Aug. 9. Tickets \$29. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Through Aug. 17: SummerScape, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Bard SummerScape returns with opera, dance, Spiegeltent, and the 35th Bard Music Festival, “Martinu and His World.” **July 25-Aug. 3:** The first fully staged American production of Bedrich Smetana’s opera “Dalibor,” widely considered by fellow Czechs to be the composer’s most important opera. “Dalibor” runs for five performances in the Frank Gehry-designed Fisher Center (July 25, 27, 30; Aug. 1, 3). Tickets & more information at fishercenter.bard.edu or (845) 758-7900

Through Sept. 26: Red Hook Eat & Go Free Summer Lawn Concert Series, Baright Associates, 7509 North Broadway, Red Hook. Purchase take-out from local eateries and bring it along to enjoy while a band performs. A tented area and tables with umbrellas are set up for comfortable dining. Concerts take place Fridays, 6-8 p.m. This week: Soul City, 5-piece band bringing the best Motown, Funk and R&B

hits of the past. More info on the Facebook event page.

July 24: Movies in the Park, “Shrek 2,” Fairview Park, 113 Fairview Ave., Poughkeepsie. Film starts around dusk; the fields are open for seating at 7:30 p.m. Presented by the Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation Department. Free. <https://poughkeepsieny.myrec.com/>

July 24-27: Live Entertainment at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. July 24: Latin Dance, 7 p.m. Beacon Dance Beat plays a wide array of Latin rhythmic styles, including Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Bolero and MAS. All seats \$15. July 25: Paul Byrne & The Bleeders; special guest Debbie Lan, 7:30 p.m. No cover; \$20 minimum per person for food & drink. Reservations suggested; call to book your table. July 26: Hot Club of Cowtown; special guest Jenna Nicholls, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. July 27: The Henry Girls, 7 p.m. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

July 25: Clinton Summer Concert Series, Clinton Community Library, 1215 Centre Rd., Rhinebeck. Betty & the Baby Boomers, 6:30 p.m. Food trucks start at 6 p.m. Bring your own chair(s). Rain moves the concert under the pavilion. Sponsored by Clinton Community Library and Clinton Recreation Department.

July 25-27: Powerhouse Theater, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Theater artists experiment and develop new plays and musicals for productions headed to Broadway, off-Broadway and regional theaters around the country. **This week: July 25-27:** “A Trojan Woman,” Main Stage production in the Powerhouse Theater. Bosnia, Gaza, Mariupol - a woman with her child, alone in a devastated city, confronts the indiscriminate cruelty of war. Euripides’ “The Trojan Women” was the original anti-war play, first performed in Athens in 415 BCE as a searing protest against the Peloponnesian War. Now, in a taut, solo, contemporary adaptation commissioned by and first performed at the Interbalkan Festival of Ancient Greek Drama in Athens, Greece, “A Trojan Woman” by Sara Farrington brings this ancient cry of anguish into the present. This urgent production blends biting satire with a howl of grief and rage. **July 26: New Works Play Festival,** 7:30 p.m. in the Susan Stein Shiva Theater. Culminating event for the directors and writers of the Training Company. Along with their coursework, directors and playwrights will have observed the process of bringing a new script to life in a professional rehearsal setting. Each pair of writers and directors will workshop a play which they have developed over the summer. Featuring performances by the actors of the Training

Company, these short plays reflect the student’s unique voice and vision for the future of American theater. Free and open to the public. Reservation required. www.vassar.edu/powerhouse

July 26: “Growing Up in the Woodstock Generation ... in song w/ Marc Black,” Kleinert/James Center for the Arts, 34 Tinker St., Woodstock. Multi-media, multi-dimensional experience. Part concert, part storytelling and part visual time capsule, this program dives deep into the transformative decades of the ’60s and ’70s, when music was the driving cultural force behind a whole new way of seeing the world. NY Blues Hall of Famer, Marc Black and bassist Michael Esposito will perform iconic songs of the era, alongside many of Marc’s originals. Tickets at www.woodstockguild.org

July 26: Movies Under the Walkway, Upper Landing Park, 83 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie. Free, family-friendly movie on the big screen beneath the Walkway Over the Hudson. This week: “Despicable Me 4.” Doors open at 7:30 p.m., followed by the feature film at sundown at approximately 8:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs and picnics while viewing the movies. The events are sunshine only. Free parking will be available at The Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, and Metro North parking areas. Up-to-date information on Facebook: @MoviesUnderTheWalkway, @DutchessCountyParks, and @WalkwayOverTheHudson

July 26-27: Concerts, Arrowood Farms, Accord. July 26: Featuring Drive-By Truckers & Deer Tick. July 27: Guster, also The Mountain Goats. Gates 4 p.m. Show 5-9:30 p.m. Tickets & info: www.impactconcerts.com

July 26-27: New York Stage and Film Summer Season, Marist University, Poughkeepsie. **July 25: “Stokely,”** 7 p.m. in the Nelly Goletti Theatre. “Stokely” is an exploration of the life and legacy of Stokely Carmichael—later known as Kwame Ture—the architect of the Black Power movement. Set in 1998, two years after his diagnosis with prostate cancer, the play unfolds as Stokely records his memories with his mother, May Charles in Guinea, Africa. Through a non-linear structure, the piece interweaves historic moments with intimate reflections, revealing the deep personal relationships—especially with his mother—that shaped the man behind the movement. **July 26: “I Said Evolution,”** 2 p.m. in the Nelly Goletti Theatre. Mo’s the screw-up and Lidia has it all together. At least, that’s what we think when these queer siblings rediscover their unique capacity to teleport to one another. Over four seasons, their relationship is rendered raw with resentment, desperate confessions, dark humor, and devastating devo-

tion. Is their love capable of finding new roots when toxic soil is all they’ve known? **July 26: “Manakin,”** 6 p.m. in the Nelly Goletti Theatre. “Manakin” is a wedding story. But not just any wedding—this one brings together four generations for the union of Son and Daughter. Oh, this wedding is also a Satanic invocation. A raw, lyrical, darkly hilarious piece about inter-generational trauma, love in all its forms, ancient traditions and sacred rituals. **July 26-27: “The Woods,”** presentations on Sat., July 26, 8 p.m.; and Sun., July 27, 3 p.m., in the River Rooms. “The Woods” is an immersive concert experience created by San Fermin, led by composer Ellis Ludwig-Leone, and adventurous production company BalletCollective, led by choreographer/director Troy Schumacher, New York City Ballet. Schumacher and Ludwig-Leone also collaborated closely with Emmy Award-winning set and production designer Jason Ardiszone-West throughout the creative development of “The Woods.” **July 27: “Searching for Mr. Moon,”** 1 p.m. in the Nelly Goletti Theatre. From the moment of the birth of his daughter, Rich Topol searches for a father to replace the one he lost and finds two - his renowned father-in-law Lukas Foss and himself. With themes of family and mortality, the play also explores what it means to juggle being an artist and father at the same time. This funny and poignant tale is filled with Foss’s musical genius, which underscores this Everyman’s journey. www.newyorkstageandfilm.org

July 27: Children’s Book Event, The Playhouse at the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, Rte. 9G, Hyde Park. Family-friendly event celebrating the inspiring legacy of Eleanor Roosevelt through the new children’s book “Like That Eleanor - The Amazing Power of Being an Ally” by Lee Wind and illustrated by Kelly Mangan. Two sessions available: 10-11:30 a.m. & 2-3:30 p.m. ?Recommended for ages 4-8. Tickets: Free, but a donation of \$10+ is appreciated, to benefit the Eleanor Roosevelt Center for future programming. Register at <https://ervk.org/childrens-book-event/>

July 29: Summer Concerts at Greenvale Park, 2260 New Hackensack Rd., Poughkeepsie. The Crew, 7 p.m. Presented by the Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation Dept. Free. <https://poughkeepsieny.myrec.com/>

July 30: Music in the Parks, Vanderbilt National Historic Site, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. Hyde Park Recreation presents free concerts held alternately at Vanderbilt Mansion and Staatsburgh SHS (a.k.a. Mills Mansion), Wednesdays at 7 p.m. This week: Robert Hill Band, blues and roots music. For inclement weather locations & other updates, call (845) 229-8086 or check Hyde Park Recreation on Facebook.

‘The Wild Robot’ next screening in ‘Movies Under the Starrs’ series

Rhinebeck’s “Movies Under the Starrs,” a joint presentation of the Rhinebeck Recreation Department, the Rhinebeck Lions Club, and the Starr Library continues on Tuesday, July 29, with the showing of “The Wild Robot” (2024, rated PG, 1 hour 42 minutes). The movie will begin at 8:15 p.m. at the pavilion at the Thompson-Mazzarella Town Park.

After a shipwreck, an intelligent robot called Roz is stranded on an uninhabited island. To survive the harsh environment, Roz bonds with the island’s animals and cares for an orphaned baby goose.

This showing is sponsored by the Rhinebeck Lions Club. There is no charge for this program. Come out and enjoy the show and bring some friends.

The remaining schedule for Movies Under the Starrs:

Monday, Aug. 4 (Sunset, 8:10 p.m.)

“Thunderbolts”
Sponsored by the Town of Rhinebeck

Tuesday, Aug. 12 (Sunset, 7:59 p.m.)
“Inside Out”
Sponsored by Starr Library

Thursday, Aug. 14 (Sunset, 7:56 p.m.)
“Wreck-it-Ralph”
Sponsored by High Score Arcade + Cafe

In case rainout dates are required, movies will be rescheduled the week of Aug. 25-29.

Get the latest info by visiting and following the Facebook page, Rhinebeck’s Movies Under the Starrs; or for more information, contact Frank Intervallo at (914) 329-8615 or by email at frankintervallo@gmail.com.



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Chicken?

A special pizza order has Mom crying ‘fowl.’

My mother, God rest her soul, was a pip. She was very stringent about what should be served and how it should be served. Pizza was included on her list.

A longtime customer, Richie, came in for a pizza, and my mom was out front. Richie wanted to order his usual pizza with chicken on it. My mother thought Richie was from another planet.

My mother went to my brother John in shock.

Mom: John, Richie hea wants the pizza with chicken on it. We can't do that?

John: Yes, we can do it.

Mom: Oh, come on. How you going to put a chicken on a pizza?

John: Mom, we put the whole chicken on the pizza. Beak, feathers, feet ... The whole chicken; then we put it in the oven.

Mom: Really? I noa think that tastes good.

John: Oh, Mom, it's delicious, The

feathers even tickle a little when its going down.

Mom: You telling me the truth?

John: Yeah. Would I lie about food?

Mom: Oh, come on. Really? Everything?

John: Yeah!

Mom:

Mom looks at John, then slaps him right across his face with a huge smile on her face.

Mom: You think you make a joke to me, huh?

She turns to Richie and give him a light slap also.

Mom: So you wanna the pepperoni on your pizza?

Richie: Yes, Mrs. Coppola.

While you contemplate a pizza with a

whole chicken, please enjoy this recipe from my mother for Chicken Wings Cacciatore.

CHICKEN WINGS CACCIATORE

Ingredients

12 chicken wings (2 lbs.)
1/4 c. olive or vegetable oil
1 lg. onion, chopped
1 med. size green pepper, sliced thin
1 clove garlic, minced
1 jar Coppola's Marinara Sauce
1/4 tsp. oregano
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. basil
1/4 tsp. leaf rosemary
1/2 c. dry red wine
5 potatoes

Method

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.
Rub chicken wings with flour, salt and pepper. Brown in oil in a large skillet.

Remove when brown; keep warm.

Drain off pan drippings into glass measure. Return 3 tablespoons to skillet. Sauté onion and garlic in skillet until soft, about 5 minutes.

Stir in Marinara Sauce, wine, oregano, basil, and rosemary. Bring to boiling.

Return chicken wings; add green pepper and sliced potatoes.

Place skillet into the oven and let bake for 30 minutes.

Luigi Coppola is one of five brothers born to Francesca and Antonio Coppola. The Coppola family came to America from Naples, Italy in 1954. Antonio and his brothers opened their first restaurant in Poughkeepsie in 1961. Luigi and his brothers Nick, John, Antonio and Vincent have carried on the family tradition in the way their parents taught them, using classic recipes taught to them at their apron strings. Visit their website at www.coppolas.net.

New accessible playground at Bowdoin Park now open

On July 8, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and Dutchess County Parks celebrated the opening of a brand-new, universally accessible playground at Bowdoin Park with a special ribbon cutting. The playground, located near Pavilion 2 and the soccer field area, is now open daily during regular park hours.

"We are thrilled to open this great new feature at Bowdoin Park just in time for summer fun for the whole family," said Serino. "We asked residents to help pick which design was their favorite last year, and we listened! We are grateful to the dedicated team at Dutchess County Parks for bringing this exciting project to fruition and encourage park-enthusiasts all ages and abilities to come explore this new feature."

More than 1,400 people weighed in last year when Serino asked for feedback about two different accessible playground designs. Nearly 70 percent of survey participants chose a design from playground designer KOMPAN that highlighted Bowdoin Park's natural beauty and local wildlife.

The new playground includes over 8,000 square feet of cushioned "pour and play" surface designed to represent a river, a stream, and land inspired by the park's rich natural history. Play structures continue the nature theme with snapping turtle "springers," birds such as park-favorite eagles perched above the swings and other structures, and climbing towers that look like trees. Accessible features include adaptable swings, a universal carousel, sensory play features, and wheelchair accessible ramps on some structures. The playground also includes two shaded areas for wheelchair users or camp chairs.



Children enjoy the new accessible playground at Bowdoin Park, which opened on July 8. Courtesy photo

A plan for future additions to the area's landscaping, such as benches and shade trees, is being developed by the Parks team.

Bowdoin Park is located at 85 Sheafe Road in the Town of Poughkeepsie. The new playground is the latest in a series of ongoing improvements to Dutchess County Parks, including the opening of a sprayground water feature at Wilcox Memorial Park in Milan last summer.

To learn more about all the amenities and programs available at Bowdoin Park as well as other Dutchess County Parks, visit www.dutchessny.gov/parks or call the Dutchess County Parks at (845) 298-4600.

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County and City of Poughkeepsie at odds on YOU project, Oakley Street shelter

Following Dutchess County’s decision to place the Youth Opportunity Union (YOU) on hold, the City of Poughkeepsie invited County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair to deliver the findings of his report on the YOU at the City’s Common Council meeting on July 1.

This follows the Dutchess County administration’s April 2024 decision to place the (YOU) project on hold and redirect millions in (American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. At the same time, the county recently chose to move forward with plans for a centralized homeless shelter on Oakley Street in the City of Poughkeepsie’s 5th Ward. The county comptroller gave an overview of the fiscal impact of these decisions on the City of Poughkeepsie and the county’s obligations under existing contracts.

On April 4, 2024, the YOU project—originally envisioned as a transformative

youth and community center—was officially put “on hold” by the incoming administration of County Executive Sue Serino.

Just three months later, on July 19, 2024, the Dutchess County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 2024142, reallocating \$4,009,585 in unspent federal ARPA funding away from the YOU to general education initiatives. Currently, no further County appropriations have been made to support the completion of the YOU.

Said Mayor Yvonne Flowers, “The decision to prioritize a homeless shelter on Oakley Street, while leaving the Youth Opportunity Union project in limbo, sends the wrong message to our community. The YOU project represented an investment in our youth and the future of the City of Poughkeepsie. We are deeply concerned about the long-term impact of

the county’s failure to meet its contractual obligations, especially since these commitments were made in response to the jail expansion in the City of Poughkeepsie. Nevertheless, the City is committed to continuing to advocate for the residents of our City and we will continue to work with the county to fulfill its commitment.”

Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Will Truitt commented, “When this project was proposed to us, the County Legislature committed to allocate up to \$25 million towards its completion, which was to be matched by private fundraising efforts. This included \$10 million immediately allocated for demolition and remediation of the old, asbestos ridden building that sat on the site, in addition to design work to draw up project blueprints. The original project stalled when private fundraising did not come close to meeting the initial expectations

that was promised to the Legislature. We remain committed to this project and we have been engaging with the new administration on finding the best path forward to ensure its success. At the same time, Dutchess County continues to invest in our youth through many avenues, including the recently awarded YOU Drop-In grants that awarded \$250,000 to community based, non-profits that serve youth in our community, more than half of which were directed to organizations within the City of Poughkeepsie.”

As the county pushes forward plans for a centralized homeless shelter on Oakley Street, the City of Poughkeepsie is raising concerns about the failure to meet benchmarked obligations outlined in the Contract of Sale for the YOU site. The comptroller’s address called attention to what these broken financial and legal commitments mean for the City of Poughkeepsie and its residents.

RED HOOK VFW COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR KINDERGARTEN CLASS

The VFW Post 7765 & VFW 7765 Auxiliary have launched a drive to collect school supplies for the Red Hook Central School District Kindergarten class.

Supplies may be dropped off from now until Aug. 20 at the following business sponsor locations:

Conway's USA - Lawn & Power Equipment
CJs Pizza and Italian Restaurant

Hannaford Red Hook
Kingston Fine Jewelry
Minuteman Press Red Hook
MMA Martial Arts Academy
Rhinebeck Savings Bank Red Hook Branch
Ulster Savings Bank Red Hook Branch
VFW Post 7765 Canteen

To make a monetary donation for the VFW to purchase additional supplies, please make your check out to Red Hook VFW Post 7765 with “School Supplies” in the memo. You can mail it to PO Box 293, Red Hook, NY, 12571; or drop it off at the VFW at 30 Elizabeth St., Red Hook. Call (845) 758-6212 for more information.

COLLEGE NOTES

VALDOSTA, GA - Valdosta State University congratulates Steven Mauro of Stormville for earning a spot on the Spring 2025 Dean’s List.

To qualify for Dean’s List at VSU, students must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on nine or more semester hours with an institutional grade point average of 3.00 or higher.

ALBANY, NY - Stephanie Marcos of Dover Plains has received the University at Albany’s Spellman Award for Highest Academic Achievement.

The Spellman Awards program at the University at Albany was established in 1986 as a way to recognize and acknowledge the academic achievements of UAlbany students of African, Asian, Latino and Native American heritage.

The Spellman Award for Academic Achievement is presented annually to scholars who are full-time undergraduates with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above and have been matriculated at the University for a minimum of two consecutive semesters. Top Academic Achievement Award honorees are the highest-ranking male and female recipients of African, Asian/Pacific Islander, Latino and Native American heritage in their class.

WINCHESTER, VA - Molly Sobolewski of Lagrangeville was among the 1,369 graduates who received their degrees and/or certificates from Shenandoah University during the 2024-25 academic year.

Sobolewski earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy and a Master of Science in Athletic Training.

ROCHESTER, NY - Lauren Sanford of Hyde Park graduated Summa Cum Laude from Nazareth University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work with a minor in Developing Child and Families during the 98th Commencement ceremony on campus at the Golisano Training Center on

Saturday, May 17, 2025.

MEDFORD, MA - Tufts University recently announced the dean’s list for the spring 2025 semester. Local students making the list include Minali Abraham-Aggarwal, Class of 2026, of Pleasant Valley; and Christina Bellin, Class of 2028, of Millbrook.

Dean’s list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

BRISTOL, RI - Select students have been named to the Spring 2025 Dean’s List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Local students include Sofia Mackey of Millbrook, and Talia Moine of Pine Plains.

Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean’s List that semester.

ONEONTA, NY - Hartwick College congratulates the 376 students named to the Spring 2025 Dean’s List. Local students include Shane Baxter of Hyde Park, Noah Curtis of Clinton Corners, Abigail DeMan of Pleasant Valley, and Terence Weidner of Pleasant Valley.

Making the Dean’s List is an indication of excellence in academic work. To qualify, students must complete at least 12 academic credits during a term with a grade point average of at least 3.50 and no incompletes.

ONEONTA, NY - Two hundred fifteen SUNY Oneonta graduate students completed the requirements for a master’s degree, Certificate of Advanced Study or Advanced Graduate Certificate following the Spring 2025 semester. Family, friends, faculty and staff gathered on campus to celebrate the scholars, athletes, activists, artists and leaders who make up SUNY Oneonta's Class of 2025 during Spring Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 17.

Kaitlyn Mccabe of Hyde Park earned a

Master of Science in Education for completing the Literacy Education (B-6) program.

Caitlyn Salvagio of Pleasant Valley earned a Master of Science in Education for completing the Literacy Education (B-6) program.

Madison Winters of Red Hook earned a Master of Science in Education for completing the Literacy Education (B-6) program.

ONEONTA, NY - Six hundred twenty-nine SUNY Oneonta students completed the requirements for a bachelor’s degree following the Spring 2025 semester. Family, friends, faculty and staff gathered on campus to celebrate the scholars, athletes, activists, artists and leaders who make up SUNY Oneonta's Class of 2025 during Spring Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 17.

Jennie Koch of Hyde Park earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.

Leah Brody of Red Hook earned a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood/Childhood Education (B-6).

Christopher Colton of Hyde Park earned a Bachelor of Science in Sport Management.

Nammari Drayton of Pleasant Valley earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.

Madison Knapp of Red Hook earned a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science.

Andrew Stremel of Stanfordville earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

The day before commencement, seniors took part in the Pass Through the Pillars tradition. With friends, family and faculty and staff cheering them on, seniors walked through the pillars a final time, representing the end of their Oneonta journey and transition into the alumni family.

TAMPA, FL - University of Tampa has honored 2,340 students who were named to the dean’s list for the Spring 2025 semester. Margaret Hayes of Pleasant Valley earned dean’s list honors as a

Junior in the Spring 2025 semester. Hayes is majoring in Psychology BA.

Jamison Soden of Hyde Park earned dean’s list honors as a Junior in the Spring 2025 semester. Soden is majoring in Entrepreneurship BS.

Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean’s list.

PURCHASE, NY - Purchase College announced that more than 1,300 students were named to the Dean’s List for the spring semester. Local students include Holly Bancroft of Clinton Corners, Ryan Dupont of Red Hook, Keara Nielsen of Clinton Corners, Macey Veeder-Shave of Hyde Park, Caitlin Pfisterer of Clinton Corners, Emma Hostetter of Stanfordville, Rebecca Quick of Millbrook, and Asher Haley of Red Hook.

Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and taken a minimum of 12 credits. For BA and BS programs, a semester GPA of 3.50 is required. For BFA and MusB programs, a semester GPA of 3.75 is required.

BRISTOL, RI - Roger Williams University announced the following students received their degrees in May as part of the Class of 2025: Talia Moine of Pine Plains, and Nora Shanahan of Rhinebeck.

DELHI, NY - SUNY Delhi congratulates almost 800 students who achieved the Dean’s List for the Spring 2025 semester. Local students include Maddox Buel of Hyde Park, Gina Coluccio of Hyde Park, Leonardo De Anda of Stanfordville, Sara Dragula of Red Hook, Riley Leo of Stanfordville, Jennifer Massarone of Rhinebeck, Marist Parr of Rhinebeck, Jason Robinson of Red Hook, and Karen Root of Pine Plains.

The Dean’s List is a recognition of academic achievement for students who enrolled in six or more credits and earned a 3.5 or higher grade-point average for the semester.

OBITUARIES

Michael Robert Hanson

Michael Robert Hanson, 70, of Clinton Corners, New York, passed away on July 11, 2025.

Michael was born on July 23, 1954, in Flushing, Queens, New York, to Edward and Elizabeth (Stibrany) Hanson. He graduated from St. Kevin's School and Francis Lewis High School in Flushing. Michael went on to become a dedicated electrician with the New York City Police Department, where he served with distinction until his early retirement. He was also a member of the relief team at the World Trade Center disaster, an experience he took great pride in.

Michael's passions extended beyond his work. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed tapping the maple trees on his property to make his own syrup. His father instilled in him a love for working on cars, and Michael's expertise in fixing and maintaining them became well known among family and friends. He was often referred to as the "fixer" of the family, always ready to lend a hand to anyone in need.

Michael is survived by his wife of fifty years Andrea (Furio) Hanson, his children Christina Hanson, Jillian (Neftali Deyne) Hanson, Rebecca (Joseph) Trainor, Charlotte Hanson, and Alexander Hanson, his grandchildren Enoc (Kaila Silvestri) Esteves, Emily Hanson, Jacob Esteves, Olivia Deyne, Aiden Deyne, Eleanor Trainor, and Winnie Hanson, his great-granddaughter Kali Esteves, his sisters Diane Viccari and Sharon Freeman, his step-mother-in-law Victoria Mayes, his sister-in-laws Claudia (Robert Bott) Furio, Francesca (Jamie Graham) Furio, Christina (Mark Butkowski) Furio, Carla Furio, and brother-in-law Frank Furio. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Edward Hanson, sister Betty-Ann Jaros, father-in-law Frank Furio, and sister-in-law Sora Furio.

Arrangements are under the care of Burnett & White Funeral Homes in Red Hook, New York. A celebration of life will be held at a later date for family and close friends.

Michael's legacy lives on through the many lives he touched with his kindness, work ethic, and generous spirit. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you make a donation in Michael's memory to the Dutchess County SPCA.

Rest in peace, Michael. Your memory will forever remain in our hearts.

Darrell 'Pops' Lucia, Sr.

Darrell L. 'Pops' Lucia, Sr., 83, passed away Thursday, July 17, 2025.

Darrell was a lifelong Rhinebeck resident. He was born October 12, 1941 in Rhinebeck, the son of Leo and Beatrice (LaBarre) Lucia.

Darrell had many occupations and pas-

times; for many years he had owned and operated Quality Mobil Home Service; he also owned and managed many properties in the area, as well as always being there for anyone who needed help with a project.

He enjoyed camping, boating, fishing and anything outdoors. Darrell was involved in many organizations including The Red Hook Elks Lodge #2022, the Hyde Park Moose Lodge, The American Legion Montgomery Post #429, the Kingston Power Boat Assoc., the Red Hook Boat Club, and the Reformed Church of Rhinebeck.

Darrell is survived by his wife Barbara (Werner) Lucia of Rhinebeck; his son Darrell L. Lucia, Jr., and his wife Ellen, of Dover; daughters Stephanie Beach, and her husband Peter, of Deer Isle, ME, and Pamela Lucia of Rhinebeck. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son Brian G. Lucia on March 1, 2002, and his sister Joan Purdy.

Calling hours were held Tuesday, July 22nd, at the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, Rhinebeck. Members of the Red Hook Elks Lodge conducted services during calling hours. Memorial services are Wednesday, 11:00 AM, at the Reformed Church of Rhinebeck.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place • Memphis, TN 38105.

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Irene Manelski

June, 2025. Irene Grace Manelski passed away peacefully after a long battle with dementia and cancer at Ridgewood Center, Bedford, NH, with her daughter and son-in-law at her side.

She was born on January 5, 1938, to John and Genevieve (Stewart) Cunningham in Brooklyn, NY.

She attended elementary school at St. Raymond's Parochial School in Lynbrook, NY. She graduated high school from Queen of the Rosary Academy in Amityville, NY.

After graduation she worked for defense contractor Sperry Corporation as an accounts auditor.

In 1960 mutual friends set her up on a blind date with her future husband and love of her life.

Irene married George Manelski on May 30, 1962, at St. Raymond's Catholic Church in Lynbrook, NY. They settled in Pleasant Valley, NY. Their daughter was born in July of 1963 and their son the following July.

She was a stay at home mom for several years during which time she volunteered at her children's schools, the Pleasant Valley Library, and ran her daughter's 4-H club. In the late 70s, she began a very successful career selling floor coverings at Sears.

In retirement she continued to play tennis with her Golden Girls, and enjoyed volunteering with church groups, traveling, gardening, seeing Broadway shows and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her beloved George. She is survived by her daughter Diane Moser (David) of Merrimack, NH, her son Robert Manelski (Deanna) of Sandpoint, ID, grandsons Joshua and Christopher Moser, granddaughters Madison and Jennifer Manelski, and great-grandsons Caleb and Foster Moser.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. on July 23 at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Millbrook, NY, with a reception to follow at Jason Patrick's in Poughkeepsie.

Victor Louis Pociask, Jr.

Victor Louis Pociask, Jr. was born on January 5, 1942 in Patterson, NJ to Victor and Ann Pociask and passed away on July 12, 2025. He left behind a life defined by amazing fun, guidance, support and love to his family. His love for boating, fishing, old cars, and pretty much any outdoor activity were among his major interests, not to be outdone by any opportunity to spend time with his grandchildren. One of Victor's greatest accomplishments was that he achieved the coveted rank of Eagle Scout in his youth. He was also a member of the Pirate Canoe Club, where he always loved the comradery with the members. Victor spent 39 years working for IBM as a manager.

Victor is survived by his loving wife of almost 60 years, Marlene Pociask, his son Chris Pociask, his wife Lori, his grandkids Brooke and Joseph Pociask, his brother in law Robert Miller, and many nieces and nephews Maria Drozenski, Mark Drozenski, Stan Drozenski, Rick Drozenski, Mike Sheedy, Brian Sheedy, Michelle Sheedy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Pauline Drozenski, and his beloved daughter Dawn Marie Pociask.

Victor spent 2 years in the United States Army and graduated from Dutchess Community College with a Computer Programming degree.

We were so blessed to have Vic as a husband, amazing father and the greatest "Pop". His legacy will live on through us and he has made us all better people. He will be terribly missed, but we are so grateful for his time with us.

There will be no visitation hours. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Stanislaus Church, 1590 Main Street, Pleasant Valley NY on Wednesday July 23 at 10am, followed by a graveside burial at St Joseph's Cemetery in Poughkeepsie.

Howard John Robinson

Howard John Robinson with his daughters by his side, made his peaceful departure from this physical world to the spiritual world on Friday July 11, 2025. He was 83 years old.

The only son of Frank John Robinson and Bertha Mae Soules and only brother to Frances J. Dupilka, was born on February 10, 1942, in Poughkeepsie. Both parents and his sister pre-deceased him.

The family moved to Hyde Park from Poughkeepsie when Howard was a young boy, to the home his father built and where Howard settled and raised a family.

Howard graduated from Staatsburg Union Free school in 1960. From there he enlisted with the United States Air Force and served

honorably until August of 1968.

Howard married the love of his life Ruth Swartz on July 16, 1961, in the Pleasant Plains Presbyterian Church in Staatsburg. They went on to have and raise five children. They celebrated 62 years of marriage until Ruth's passing in 2023.

Howard was a worker! He even tried his hand at sales before deciding to further his education at the Culinary Institute & Bard College. He worked for Pacio's bakery in Hyde Park waking in the early morning for "time to make the donuts." As a side business, Howard produced and sold gingerbread houses for Christmas time. He worked for Cardinal Hayes Home for Children from 8/2/1987 where he worked as a cook and then eventually a direct support professional. During this time Howard also maintained his own housekeeping business. He retired from CHHC in 2006.

After retirement, he went to work for New Horizons Briggs Farm, Greystone Programs and Adams Fair Acre Farms.

Howard had a passion for being outdoors, every spare moment he would work his land from sun- up until sundown, gardening and landscaping, enjoying the clouds in the sky and colorful sunrise and sunsets, listening to the crickets and peep frogs.

He had many interests throughout his life including music, singing & dancing. As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Howard enjoyed talking to people and sharing the gospel. Howard taught himself how to speak Spanish so he could read and share The Book of Mormon with those who only spoke Spanish. He took formal classes at BOCES to learn American Sign Language so he could interpret and communicate with those in the deaf community within his church. He loved to memorize and recite scripture and poetry.

Howard is survived by his son Dane Robinson and wife Christine, Mark Robinson and wife Susan, daughter Jennifer Feimer and husband John daughter Sarah Maeder, son Aaron Robinson.

Grandchildren; Matthew Robinson & wife Jasmine, Ryan Robinson and wife Julia, Zachary Robinson, Patrick Robinson & fiancé Kassandra, Rachel Robinson, Andrew Robinson and fiancé Taylor, Suzanna Robinson, Jacob Robinson, Kristin & Todd Schnapp, Allison & Peter Kouloumbinis, Ashley & Colin Resek, Sean Maeder, Aislynn Demchuck, Aleksa Yambrick,

Great Grandchildren; Eli Robinson, Emelia Schnapp and Eleanor Schnapp due to join us 9/17/25

A special thanks to all his loving staff at the Eleanor who cared for Howard in the last two years of his life. You are appreciated and we are very grateful. He will remember you.

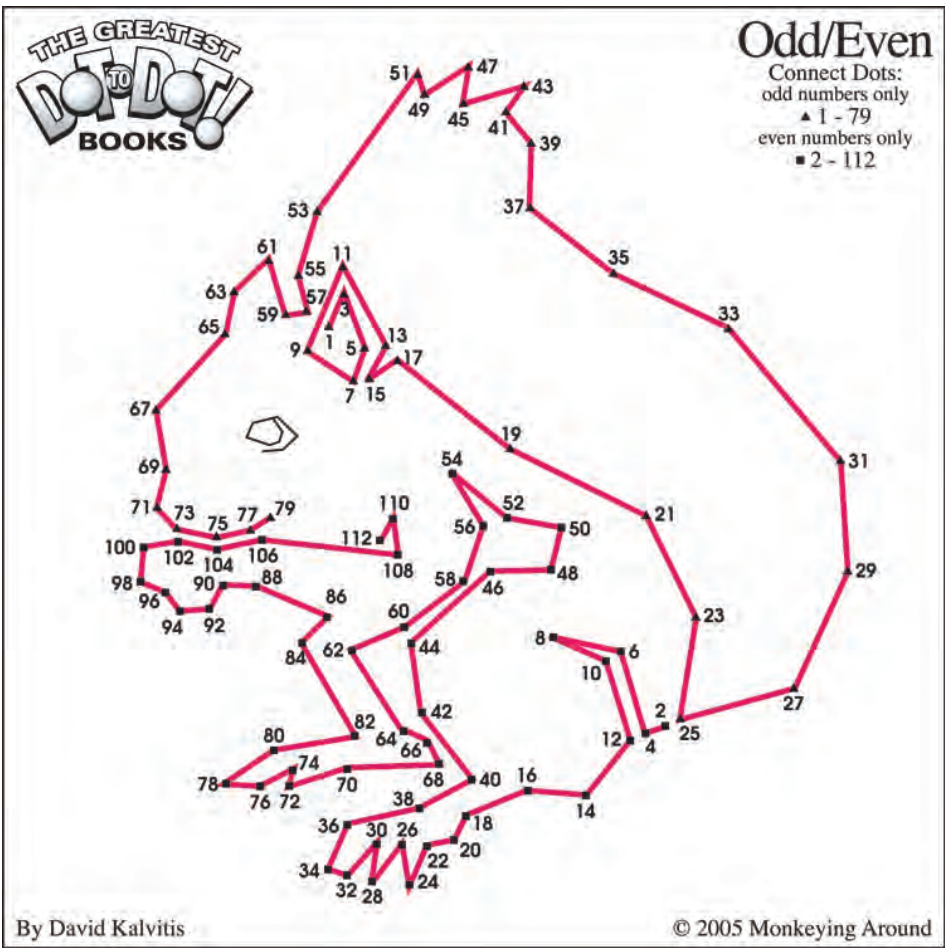
If you wish to honor Howard; Learn something new. Notice the beauty of nature. Thank someone for their service. Enjoy a chocolate Hershey bar.

In keeping with his wishes cremation has taken place.

Calling hours were held on Monday July 21st at Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park. A funeral service will take place privately and at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home.

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 15)



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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE
MORTGAGED PREMISES: 164 Honeywell Lane, Hyde Park, NY 12538 SBL#: 6264-03-408225
Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.
STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWALT, Inc. Alternative Loan Trust 2005-1CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-1CB, Plaintiff, vs.
Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, as Administrator of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Diane Wynant, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Clifford Plass, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Patrick Wood, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Francis Hildwin, Jr., aka Frank Hildwin, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Gary Plass as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Justin Plass, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Unknown Heirs of The Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if

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they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Successor Indenture Trustee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association for CWHEQ Revolving Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-F; Hudson Heritage Federal Credit Union; Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.; Petro, Inc. DBA Love Effron Fuel Oil; Mary Ellen McArthur; New York State Department of Finance and Taxation; United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue; Midland Funding LLC; Hudson Valley FCU; GE Money Bank; Hyde Park Greens LP; Vassar Brothers Medical Center; The People of the State of New York; Credit Acceptance Corporation; Snap-On Credit LLC, **TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.
NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY

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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.
THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$149,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess on January 19, 2005, as Document No. 01 2005 1180 covering premises known as 164 Honeywell Lane, Hyde Park, NY 12538, SBL #: 6264-03-408225
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. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.
TO the Defendants Unknown Heirs of The Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass and all the

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heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Maria G. Rosa S.J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Dutchess dated and filed June 2, 2025.
Dated: June 24, 2025
/s/ Deborah M. Gallo
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Attorneys for Plaintiff, The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWALT, Inc. Alternative Loan Trust 2005-1CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-1CB,
HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE

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ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF.
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York, at a meeting held on the 7th day of July, 2025 duly adopted a resolution, a summary of which is published herewith subject to a permissive referendum.
DATED: Pleasant Valley, New York July 7, 2025
Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk
TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
RESOLUTION NO. 614/2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD TO CONVEY THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY FIREHOUSE LOCATED AT 30 COTTAGE STREET, PLEASANT VALLEY, NEW YORK TO THE PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
WHEREAS, the Town of Pleasant Valley has acquired two parcels of land located at 30 Cottage Street in the Town of Pleasant Valley upon which is located the Salt Point Volunteer Firehouse; and
WHEREAS, the Town acquired said property with the understanding that the Firehouse would be conveyed to the Pleasant Valley Fire District; and
WHEREAS, the Attorney to the Town has prepared a deed and associated transfer documentation for the transfer of title of the said property to the Pleasant Valley Fire District, copies of which are annexed hereto; and
WHEREAS, this action has been determined by the Town Board to be a Type II action under SEQRA which does require environmental review.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the deed and associated documentation in order to transfer title of the Salt Point Volunteer Firehouse to the Pleasant Valley Fire District and to execute such other and further documentation as may be required by law for said transfer; and be it further
RESOLVED, that this Resolution is subject to a permissive referendum in accordance with the requirements of §64(2) of the Town Law of the State of New York.
The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call on July 7, 2025 which resulted as follows:
MOTION: Councilman Rifenburgh
SECOND: Councilwoman Chapman
ROLL CALL:
Supervisor Albrecht
Councilman Rifenburgh
Councilman Degan
Councilwoman Chapman
Councilman Cookinham
Carried.

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OFA REMOTE VOLUNTEERING OPTIONS

“I’d love to help but I can’t drive all the way to...”

Good news: you don’t have to. The Office for the Aging offers a growing number of remote volunteering options that remove the traditional obstacles of time, location and mobility. This week we want to spread the word about ways for prospective volunteers to help our senior friends and neighbors from a computer, from home, or any other preferred location.

Here’s one way - remote HIICAP volunteering

With the start of the annual Medicare Open Enrollment period coming up in October, OFA is looking for new volunteer counselors in our Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP). We provide ongoing training, so that volunteers can help explain the latest coverage, costs and options of Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plans, Medigap insurance and long term care insurance.

One key advantage of HIICAP is that it’s not sales-oriented. We don’t endorse insurance products; rather, a HIICAP counselor helps reduce the uncertainty and confusion that older adults can encounter when making health insurance choices.

We’re expanding our HIICAP recruitment this year to include prospective volunteers who are comfortable with a remote meeting atmosphere. If you’re interested in a professional volunteering challenge, consider becoming an OFA HIICAP volunteer. Contact OFA to learn more.

Another way to help - OFA ‘Friendly Calls’

In just two years, “Friendly Calls” has become one of OFA’s most successful volunteering options. Its concept couldn’t

be simpler: one person having a phone conversation with another. While we introduce “Friendly Calls” as a way for a volunteer to help a Dutchess County older adult at risk of loneliness and social isolation, the resulting connectedness flows to both participant and volunteer alike.

A “Friendly Calls” volunteer can connect with their call partner from anywhere their phone can get a good signal: at home, in the park, on vacation, even on the other side of the world.

Getting started with “Friendly Calls” volunteering is easy. A call to Outreach Coordinator Linda Edgar at ledgar@dutchessny.gov or 845-486-2555 gets the ball rolling. After a quick orientation session at OFA (which can also be done remotely if necessary), a volunteer and a participant are paired up for a series of eight phone conversations, once a week, for eight weeks. Each conversation lasts 20-30 minutes. We have found that many Friendly Calls pairings go on to become long-term friends after the “official” conversations conclude.

Plenty of in-person volunteering options, too

If you know anybody looking to stay physically active over the summer, helping at an OFA Picnic will get them their 10,000 daily steps and then some. See dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics for the schedule.

Speaking of physical activity, OFA will gladly welcome additional volunteer instructors in our various Senior Exercise programs. Our Home Delivered Meals program will be happy to have additional volunteer drivers and food-service help. If you can get to Poughkeepsie, volunteers help supplement our clerical needs. We send out tens of thousands of pieces of mail every year, especially in the fall

when we mail out both our quarterly THRIVE60+ newsletter and our annual Medicare Spotlight.

Visit dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer for more information, email ofa@dutchessny.gov, or call 845-486-2555.

SCAM PREVENTION PRESENTATION – THURSDAY 7/24 IN AMENIA

OFA Outreach Coordinator Brian Jones will be at the Amenia Free Library (3309 NY 343, Amenia) at 5 p.m. for a free Scam Prevention presentation for older adults and caregivers. This presentation will be a little different than most that cover scam prevention, in that it offers attendees a way to understand how scams operate; why it’s so difficult to prevent scam attempts from reaching us in the first place; and what simple acts can help all of us keep our minds clear when a scammer targets us.

Let us know you’re coming by calling the library at 845-343-8273. Light refreshments will be available.

IF YOU MISSED THE JULY 10TH OLDER ADULTS SKILLS FAIR...

If you couldn’t make it to County Executive Sue Serino’s “Putting Your Skills To Work” Older Adults Skills Fair, visit the Office for the Aging’s page at www.dutchessny.gov for contact information for all participating vendors.

The event was a massive success with over 500 in attendance, and we expect that there will be additional Older Adult Skills Fairs in the future as more employers and volunteer-supported agencies take notice.

TAKE THE DUTCHESS TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

Every five years, the Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) issues a Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, aimed at improving the mobility of older adults and persons with disabilities in Dutchess County. The last DCTC report was issued in 2021; with the next version of the plan to be issued in 2026, a new survey is being conducted now.

You can take the survey at https://www.transpogroup.com/dutchess-coordinatedplansurvey and provide information to help meet our transportation needs as we age.

SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM NOW OPEN

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging has launched its annual Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), providing free coupon booklets that make local produce more affordable and accessible for older adults.

Eligible older adult applicants receive a booklet with five \$5 coupons - totaling \$25 - to spend on fresh, local, and unprocessed fruits and vegetables at participating farmers markets and farm stands across New York State. A list of participating markets in Dutchess County is available at www.dutchessny.gov/ofanutrition.

Eligible older adults in the same household can each receive one SFMNP booklet per season. Coupon booklets are distributed while supplies last at the Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie, ONLY on Thursdays and Fridays from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Can’t get to Poughkeepsie? Coupon booklets can also be obtained at OFA Friendship Centers throughout Dutchess County, by appointment. For Friendship Center contact information, call OFA or visit www.dutchessny.gov/ofanutrition. Residents of public senior housing should be able to find out more about SFMNP from their site manager.

Coupons are valid statewide at participating markets through November 30 or until a market closes for the season, whichever comes first, and can be used by a designated shopper if the recipient cannot visit a market in person.

Here’s the most recent list of participating markets in Dutchess County: https://www.dutchessny.gov/Department s/Aging/Docs/flyer-sfmnp25.pdf

Coupons from prior years are no longer valid.

HOME DELIVERED MEALS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS WANTED – FRIDAYS IN POUGHKEEPSIE

Looking for a chance to volunteer with Office for the Aging? Can you drive in the Poughkeepsie area? Our Home Delivered Meals program is looking for volunteer delivery drivers in the Poughkeepsie area. Our current area of greatest driver need is on Fridays. If that fits with your schedule, contact OFA at 845-486-2555 or email bjones@dutchessny.gov.

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New grant launched for local groups providing food assistance

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced a new grant opportunity to support organizations throughout Dutchess County dedicated to feeding neighbors in need. Eligible non-profit organizations can apply for these grants online, now through the August 5th application deadline.

Serino said, “Local organizations are out there every day making sure neighbors have food on the table, often with limited staff and resources. This funding is about helping them do what they do best: serve our community. By investing in their infrastructure, we’re helping them reach more people and continue to be there for those who rely on them most.”

Eligible non-profit organizations are those with a 501(c)(3) designation whose primary mission is to serve food to those experiencing homelessness or provide food to those in need of food assistance, i.e., food pantries, within Dutchess County. Examples of eligible expenses include freezers; grab-and-go coolers; shelving/storage systems; food preparation and transport equipment; food packaging; Point of Sale (POS) systems and inventory management systems. Priority will be given to agencies that show a

strong commitment to providing meals for individuals experiencing homelessness. A total of \$100,000 was dedicated through a Dutchess County Legislature amendment to the 2025 County Budget for 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations’ operating infrastructure initiatives as part of the County’s 2025 Agency Partner Grant (APG): Infrastructure program.

The County’s Community Development Advisory Committee and the Department of Planning & Development’s staff will review all APG: Infrastructure applications and send their recommendations to the County Executive for final approval.

Additional information, application instructions and guidance about the 2025 APG: Infrastructure program is available online. Applications will be accepted via an online portal through Aug. 5 at 3 p.m.; awards are expected to be announced in early fall 2025.

Organizations that have questions or would like additional information about the grant program can contact the Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development at community-grants@dutchessny.gov or (845) 486-3600.