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School districts report ‘bell-to-bell’ law is effective

By Kristine Coulter & Kate Goldsmith

A year ago, Gov. Kathy Hochul announced the plan to ban cell phones (smartphones) in schools in New York State. The so-called “bell-to-bell” law prevents the unsanctioned use of smartphones and other internet-enabled personal devices on school grounds in K-12 schools for the entire school day (from “bell to bell”), including classroom time and other settings like lunch and study hall periods.

In a release at the time of the announcement, Hochul said, “From parents and teachers, to social justice and law enforcement leaders, New Yorkers agree that our young people succeed when they’re learning and growing, not clicking and scrolling.”

We contacted school districts in the region requesting their input on how the ban is working.

‘Positive impact’ in Wappingers Central School District

Dr. Dwight Bonk, Wappingers Central School District Superintendent of Schools, said about the first portion of the school year without cell phones, “The new cell phone regulations enacted by NYS have had a positive impact on the teaching and learning environment throughout our schools.”

He noted, “Students have adjusted well to the protocols, as the elimination of these devices, which had led to both distractions and ongoing communication among students during class, foster and support a greater emphasis on the focus necessary for teaching and learning to reach the highest potential.”



Gov. Kathy Hochul, surrounded by students and educators, during her announcement about the bell-to-bell smartphone restrictions in January 2025.

-Archive photo

Students ‘more attentive’ in Beacon

Corey Dwyer is the principal at Beacon High School in the Beacon City School District. Dwyer remarked via email, “We have noticed that students are more attentive and focused in class. They are also more social during transitions and lunch periods. Our hallways are loud again! At the students’ request, we even purchased a bunch of board games and outdoor games for lunch.”

The cell phone ban has been working well, according to Dwyer.

“Students have been very cooperative. If they are seen with a cell phone at any

point during the day, they are required to turn their phone into the office. The students have been very cooperative with this as well. The first day of school, we collected almost 30 cell phones. By the second day of school, the number was in the single digits,” he noted.

What has the feedback been from parents, students and teachers?

“Our teachers were very much in support of the cell phone policy. They appreciate the schoolwide consistency and have noted that students are more

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Local municipal leaders’ plans to celebrate 250 years of America

By Kristine Coulter

Local leaders are planning ways to celebrate 250 years of the United States of America throughout 2026.

As far as celebrating the country’s 250th, Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D’Alessandro said Town officials are working with members of the East Fishkill Historical Society in planning events for the year.

“We’re planning for a big celebration right here in Hopewell Junction,” remarked D’Alessandro.

Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra said the rededication of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Monument was part of the celebration that occurred in the town in Oct. 2025.

There was also the start of Gen. George Washington’s sword, which will be dedicated once it is completed. Fishkill is home of the site where Washington’s battle sword was cast by cutler John Bailey.

The Town of Fishkill will also have “passports.” They will show historical locations in the town, and if one completes a certain number of locations visited, one will receive a commemorative pin. The town, said Albra, is also working with Heritage Financial Field for a night of recognizing the Declaration of Independence.

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Wallace Campus in Poughkeepsie awarded \$110 million from State

The Wallace Campus in Poughkeepsie, a 187-unit affordable and supportive housing development that includes the transformation of a former department store as well as new construction, has received a grant of \$110 million from New York State.

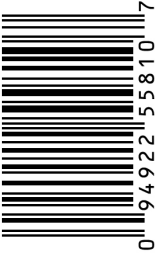
All units will be affordable to households earning up to 80 percent of the area median income. The project is being developed by Wallace Campus Housing.

The grant is part of nearly \$2 billion in housing bonds and subsidies that have been awarded to 24 housing developments located in communities across New York State that will create or preserve more than 6,600 affordable, supportive, sustainable, and modern homes. The awards are part of the Gov. Kathy Hochul’s \$25 billion five-year Housing Plan, which is on track to create or preserve 100,000 affordable homes statewide.

“These investments reflect my commitment to creating quality, modern homes that enrich communities and are making New York more affordable for a wide array of households, including families and seniors,” Hochul said. “By coupling State financing tools with private resources, we are generating more than \$3 billion in overall investment that will improve neighborhoods, reduce energy costs and provide thousands of affordable housing options across every region of the State.”

Financing is allocated through New York State Homes and Community Renewal’s recent bond issuances which provided \$865 million in housing bonds and \$990 million in subsidy. All awarded projects will achieve high levels of sustainability and carbon reduction, complementing New York’s mission to address climate change by decreasing emissions 85 percent by 2050 across all sectors. When coupled with additional private funding and resources, the projects receiving funding are expected to generate \$3.5 billion in overall investment.

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School administrators in the Wappingers Central School District and Beacon City School District commented that the “bell-to-bell” ban on cellphones is having a positive impact.

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engaged in class. We have received positive feedback from parents as well. While I wouldn’t say that most students like the policy, a number of them have (quietly!) told us that they are more focused and engaged in class.”

Ban is ‘working well’ in Arlington
Phil Benante, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools in the Arlington Central School District, said he feels that the ban is working well.
“Generally, I notice that our students are more engaged with each other and our staff throughout the school day, particularly in less structured settings like the cafeteria and hallways.”
Dr. Benante added, “I know that our teachers appreciate the change – the phones were a consistent distraction in

the classroom. Our student leadership has also expressed a support for the restriction as they have realized that it has led to a more socially engaging environment for them. Similarly, parents had concerns at first, particularly out of concern for their ability to reach their children in the event of [an] emergency. I think our procedures have reinforced that parents and children will always be able to get in touch with each other – in our case, we ask them to do so through their house offices in our high school.”

Asked if there has been improvement in students’ grades as a result of the ban, Benante said, “I have not researched this.”

Impact evident ‘in cafeteria and senior lounge’ in Red Hook
Mike Benischek, Public Information Officer of the Red Hook Central School District, noted, “The impact of the bell-to-

bell policy has been most evident in our cafeterias and senior lounge. While our students had already responsibly followed our previous policy banning phone use during class time, many were on their devices during free periods and lunch. This year we’ve seen an increase in face-to-face interaction and interpersonal recreation.”
Benischek added, “The ban has been effective and the students have been largely responsible complying with it. Early in the year, our ex officio student members of the Board of Education provided a report to the board indicating our high school students were adapting immediately. Some students began bringing in old-fashioned iPods to listen to music and digital cameras.”
Benischek said one of those students, senior Maddie Clements, shared, “There was a dance competition in the senior lounge one day. Just, super cool stuff has been going on that would not have been happening last year or the last couple of years.”
He noted, “Our students on the middle school’s principal’s council also shared

they feel the ban has been an improvement in the school community.”
As in all districts, some parents initially had concerns about how they would get in touch with their children during the day, but Benischek noted “Since September, though, those concerns have largely disappeared. The majority of students, I think, have accepted and adapted to this policy as simply the new normal within the school, and the teachers, of course, were always in favor of this change.”
Because Red Hook CSD already had a policy preventing phone use within classroom, except when allowed by a teacher, Benischek said, “we did not anticipate the ... policy having a significant impact on students’ grades, and it would be too early to analyze that impact at this point in the year. However, as we have seen an increase in conversation and group interaction, we can say there has been a positive impact on the climate and culture within the secondary buildings, and that – we would expect – could not have a negative impact on student performance.”

Structure fire in Hughsonville, cause still under investigation



A structure fire occurred on Old Hopewell Rd. on Sunday, Jan. 4.
-Photo by Bill Johnson

The Hughsonville Fire Department was dispatched by Dutchess 911 to 218 Old Hopewell Road for an alarm sounding on Sunday, Jan. 4 at 12:07 p.m. Shortly after dispatch, Dutchess 911 upgraded the incident to a reported structure fire based on additional information provided by the caller. As a result, New Hackensack Fire Department was added to the response with 52-12 (Engine) and additional manpower, it was stated in a press release.
The first arriving Chief Officer, according to the release, reported smoke showing upon arrival and upgraded the incident to a 10-75 (Active Fire). This upgrade added mutual aid units from the Village of Fishkill, New Hamburg Fire Department, and Town of Wappinger Ambulance. Firefighters stretched a total of four hand lines and worked aggressively to bring the fire under control.
Hughsonville Command further upgraded the incident to a Second Alarm to secure additional manpower and tanker support to supply water for fire suppression, it was stated in the release. Crews operated for an extended period to fully extinguish the fire and conduct overhaul operations. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Dutchess County Fire Investigation Division and does not appear to be suspicious at this

time. There were no reported injuries to civilians or firefighters as a result of this incident, according to a fire official.
Chief of Department Justin Jerrick said, “I want to thank our mutual aid partners who assisted us, both with on scene and district coverage, during this incident.”
The Hughsonville Fire Department was assisted on scene by the following agencies: New Hackensack Fire Department, Village of Fishkill Fire Department, New Hamburg Fire Department, Rombout Fire Department, Wappingers Falls Fire Department, Glenham Fire Department, Chelsea Fire Department, and East Fishkill Fire Department.
Other agencies assisting on scene included: Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response, Town of Wappinger EMS, Town of Wappinger Code Enforcement, Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office, New York State Police, American Red Cross and Central Hudson Gas & Electric.
Castle Point Fire Department provided coverage for the Hughsonville Fire District during the incident and handled one additional call, it was stated. The Hughsonville Fire Department thanks all of the responding agencies for their assistance and partnership during this incident.



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Pleasant Valley Community Garden members continue to support PV Ecumenical Food Pantry

Members of the Pleasant Valley Community Garden presented an aerial photograph of the garden to Steve Gessner, director of the Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Food Pantry on Dec. 17 at the pantry at 92 Martin Road in Pleasant Valley. From left are Paulette Thomas, Gwen Davis, Mark Davis, Dave Talbot, Steve Gessner of the Food Pantry and Janice Novet. The aerial photo was by Brian Grim of Dutchess Drone Solutions.

Everything grown at the garden is meant to benefit the pantry — nearly 2,500 pounds of vegetables last year. Pleasant Valley Community Garden members also presented a financial donation to the Food Pantry from fundraising by its members, said Janice Novet, president of the organization. The Pleasant Valley Community Garden meets the first Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Library. All are welcome to join the gardening discussions and to work as garden volunteers.

-Courtesy photo



NYS Agriculture Department reminds farmers to practice measures to prevent spread of avian influenza

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets reminds New York poultry and dairy farmers to practice good biosecurity measures to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The caution follows a recent detection of HPAI in a dairy herd in Wisconsin and increased detections in wild birds and poultry nationwide during the migratory season.

While no cases of HPAI have been found to date in New York dairy cattle, the State confirmed one case in the past month in a live poultry market. There have also been several detections in wild birds in New York this season. The Department's proactive efforts to prevent the spread of HPAI, including implementing testing and import requirements for dairy cattle, remain in place. To date, there are no cases of HPAI in humans in New York State and the Department of Health continues to remind New Yorkers that the risk to humans is low.

State Agriculture Commissioner

Richard A. Ball said, “New York continues to take an aggressive, proactive approach in response to outbreaks of HPAI across the nation and I know that our farmers have been working hard to keep their animals safe. Still, in the thick of the migratory season, it’s crucial that we remain vigilant and that our farmers take precautionary measures and ensure strong on-farm biosecurity measures are in place.”

"Protecting the health of New Yorkers remains our top priority," State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said. "Even though the risk of avian influenza to New Yorkers remains low and there are no human cases in New York State, we are closely monitoring the situation and working with our partners to keep people informed and protected. Strong biosecurity and early reporting help safeguard public health."

Biosecurity Measures

The Department encourages all live-

stock and commercial and hobby poultry farmers to review their biosecurity plans and take precautions to protect their animals. Poultry biosecurity materials and checklists can be found on the USDA's "Defend the Flock" website. Livestock biosecurity materials and resources can be found on the USDA livestock website.

General biosecurity tips to follow include:

- discourage unnecessary visitors and use biosecurity signs to warn people not to enter buildings without permission;

- ask all visitors if they have had any contact with any birds in the past five days:

- forbid entry to employees and visitors who own any kind of fowl;

- require all visitors to cover and disinfect all footwear:

- lock all entrances to chicken houses and barns after hours:

- avoid non-essential vehicular traffic on-farm:

coops and vehicles between hauling birds to processors and returning to the farm; and

- report anything unusual, especially sick or dead birds, to the State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

In addition to practicing good biosecurity, dairy farmers and poultry owners should keep their animals away from wild ducks and geese and their droppings. Outdoor access for animals should be limited at this time.

The Department continues to encourage farmers to be in close contact with veterinarians if they see any signs or symptoms of illness in farm animals. If any of these symptoms are noted, veterinarians are urged to call the Department at 518-457-3502.

To report sick birds, unexplained high number of deaths, or sudden drop in egg production, contact the Department or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at 866-536-7593.

Groceries donated to Castle Point food pantry



Members of the Wappingers Ladies Auxiliary and Disabled American Veterans (DAV) standing in front of the \$2,000 worth of groceries donated to the food pantry at VA Castle Point. The groceries were purchased at Hannaford, 1490 Route 9, in Wappingers Falls.

Additionally, the Ladies Auxiliary contributed another \$2,000 check which resulted in 28 Christmas gift baskets for the residents. It also provided a small celebration in the Castle Point residence. There were apple and blueberry pies, cheesecake and a few dozen doughnuts to bring the holiday spirit to the veterans.

The remaining funds were donated to the chapter to continue the mission of support to the residents at Castle Point and all Veterans in the Hudson Valley.

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Edwards: Town of Poughkeepsie will never request wire transfer for placement on agenda

Local government entities in the Hudson Valley and those doing business with municipalities have recently become a target of email scams, according to Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor Rebecca Edwards. A group is impersonating Town officials via email, sending various messages in attempts to solicit funds from companies and individuals. In one email, payments are being requested via wire transfer under the guise of “fees necessary for permit approvals,” Edwards stated in an email to residents on Dec. 29.

The Town of Poughkeepsie will never request a wire transfer payment for placement on an agenda or email someone in this manner to demand fee payments for permit approvals.

Email correspondence from Town of Poughkeepsie employees will always come from a @townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov email address. If you receive an official-looking email from a different

domain or suspect for any reason an email is not legitimate, do not send money or respond. One can confirm the validity of any communication by contacting Town Hall offices directly at 845-485-3600.

It is always best practice to follow up with a phone call to confirm, if one receives any email correspondence requesting personal information or payment, suggested Edwards.

The Town of Poughkeepsie is doing everything possible to deter these activities, according to Edwards. One's cooperation and vigilance in reporting suspicious emails is paramount in the fight against frauds and scams, she noted.

"Your help in reporting these incidents allows us to continue protecting our township from cyberattacks like these. We especially thank business owners and residents for informing us when suspicious activity is noticed," the supervisor stated in the email.

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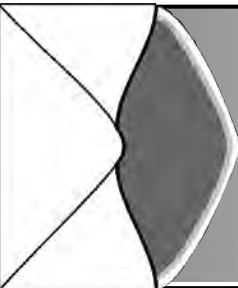
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Time to declare EMS an essestial service

To the Editor:

New York must declare Emergency Medical Services an essential service. The current system is failing patients, municipalities, and the EMS professionals who respond when every second counts.

Across the state, ambulance response times routinely exceed 30 minutes, even for life-threatening emergencies. Municipalities are forced to pay significant and rising contract fees just to secure dedicated ambulance coverage, while neighboring communities often rely on an unreliable patchwork of volunteers and mutual aid. This model leaves entire regions vulnerable and puts lives at risk.

At the same time, EMTs are required to complete more than 200 hours of initial training, pass state certification exams, and maintain continuing medical education, yet many are overworked, underpaid, and leaving the field. Call volumes are increasing, patient needs are more complex, and New York continues to treat EMS as an optional service rather than a core public safety function.

I have seen these challenges firsthand through years of volunteer fire service, and most recently by completing New York State EMT training at Dutchess Community College on my own time. That experience reinforced what EMS providers have been saying for years: the system is stretched to a breaking point.

Declaring EMS an essential service would establish stable funding, shared responsibility across communities, and a more reliable emergency response system. When session resumes, I will advocate for the reforms and resources needed to ensure timely, lifesaving care for every New Yorker.

Assemblyman Anil Beephan, Jr.
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Winter Coat Giveaway set for Jan. 10 in Beacon

Beacon community members are invited to attend a Winter Coat Giveaway on Saturday, Jan. 10, from 9:30–11:30 a.m. at St. Andrew-St. Luke Episcopal Church, 15 South Ave., Beacon. The event is the culmination of the annual Winter Coat Drive, a student-led initiative designed to ensure children and teens across Beacon have access to warm winter clothing.

The Winter Coat Drive is led by Beacon High School Student Council and supported by a strong network of community partners, including National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, Beacon City School District, I Am Beacon, and Dutchess Outreach. Together, these organizations work to ensure that every donated coat directly benefits a local resident in need.

The project unfolds in three phases: Districtwide Community Collection Period, School-Based Distribution, and a Public Community Giveaway.

Timothy Newman, Social Studies

teacher at Beacon High School and faculty advisor to the Student Council, serves as the Lead Coordinator for the Winter Coat Drive. This initiative is coordinated with the help from Kimberly Gonzalez, a 6th Grade teacher at Rombout Middle School, whose support and collaboration were instrumental in organizing both the collection efforts and organizing the community giveaway event.

“The Winter Coat Drive reflects the power of student leadership and community collaboration,” said Reuben Simmons Jr., Executive Director and Founder of I Am Beacon. “By working together, we are able to meet immediate needs while also engaging young people in meaningful service.”

Community members are encouraged to attend the giveaway. Any remaining coats after the event will be donated to Dutchess Outreach to continue supporting individuals in need.

New law will expand definition of ‘veteran’ to include newest service branch

NYS Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-Dutchess/Columbia) and State Sen. James Skoufis (D-Orange County) recently announced their bill to make all military uniformed service members and veterans equally represented in New York has been signed into law. The legislation, S.243/A.291-A, ensures members of the United States Space Force, the nation’s newest service branch, are included in the definition of veterans and uniformed services under New York State law.

The United States Space Force (USSF) was established in 2019 as the space service branch within the Department of Defense with the mission to secure the nation’s interests in, from, and to space. It is one of the six armed forces of the United States, one of the eight uniformed services of our nation, and the second independent space force to be formed in the world.

“We are living in an age where the free-

dom to maintain prompt and sustained space operations is vital for the safety and progress of the United States,” said Skoufis. “I am proud to have carried legislation alongside Assemblywoman Barrett that will benefit the brave men and women who dedicate their lives to that mission. It is only right that all veterans, regardless of branch, are equally represented in New York State, and I am deeply gratified to see our legislation enshrined into law.”

“The Space Force is our nation’s newest service branch and this timely legislation brings parity across New York State law by ensuring that the brave men and women who serve in the Space Force are able to access the same state benefits offered to active-duty members and veterans in the other branches of the military,” said Barrett. “I thank Governor Kathy Hochul for signing this bill to ensure all of our veterans have access to the services, resources and benefits they have earned.”

Weekend archery classes return to Bowdoin Park this winter

Registration for the winter session of Dutchess County Parks’ popular weekend archery classes at Bowdoin Park in Poughkeepsie will open on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 9 a.m. Sessions begin on Jan. 31 and will take place inside Bowdoin Park’s community center auditorium. The program consists of five classes, held on Saturdays, with various time slots to accommodate more students. The sessions, each an hour long, are designed for children ages 8 and up, and adults with any level of archery experience. Space is limited, so be sure to register early at www.DutchessNY.gov/ParksEducation.

The first session will cover basic archery safety and skills for new participants. Most of the sessions will be spent

practicing with the bows, allowing participants to learn through experience. All equipment is provided. The total cost for the program is \$70 per person and includes all five classes and equipment.

Dates for the archery sessions are Jan. 31, Feb. 14, Feb. 28, March 7 and March 14 (all Saturdays).

Time slots: 8:30-9:30 a.m.; 10-11 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 2-3 p.m.; and 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Other naturalist programming, including group weekday Archery, Junior Survival, Scout Programs and School Field Trips, are available by appointment and reservations can be made by calling the Parks office at 845-298-4602.

For registration and programming information, visit DutchessNY.gov/Parks.

Poughkeepsie, Beacon members of New York Air National Guard receive promotions

Air Force Major General Michael Bank, the commander of the New York Air National Guard, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Air National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Christopher Guzman from Poughkeepsie and assigned to the 105th Airlift Wing, received a promotion Nov,

1, 2025 to the rank of senior airman.

Ryan Phonelath from Beacon and assigned to the 105th Airlift Wing, received a promotion Nov. 19, to the rank of technical sergeant.

Air National Guard promotions are based on a Airman's overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential.

Over \$2 million awarded for Community Programs through Dutchess County’s Agency Partnership Grant

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced more than \$2 million has been awarded to 27 non-profits through the 2026 Dutchess County Agency Partner Grant (APG) program. The APG program provides two-year grants for programs that address specific community needs, including youth supports, mental health, literacy, nutrition, transportation and workforce development, among others.

Serino said, “We are proud to collaborate with so many dedicated non-profit partners throughout Dutchess County to address important needs in our community. Their hard work, ideas and real understanding of our community needs make them great partners as we pool our resources through the Agency Partner Grant and tackle the challenges people are facing. By working together, we can make a real, lasting difference and help Dutchess County become an even stronger and more supportive place for everyone.”

The APG program is a competitive grant process run by the Department of Planning & Development for local 501(c)(3) non-profits. Every application is reviewed by the County’s volunteer Community Development Advisory Committee, which then makes final recommendations to the County Executive for approval.

For 2026, \$1.5 million in grants have been awarded under the traditional APG program with an additional \$502,583 coming from the Department of Community & Family Services (DCFS) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH).

Projects funded through the 2026 Agency Partner Grant Program include:

- **Abilities First, Inc.** - **\$44,779** to reprise the Teaching Kitchen, which provides hands-on cooking and life skills education for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- **Astor Services for Children & Families** - **\$54,405** to support the Dutchess County Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program, which is an intensive treatment program designed to keep youth, ages 11-18, with mental health and behavioral needs in the community by preventing unnecessary inpatient hospitalizations. The program utilizes an evidence-based practice, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, to teach skills needed to reduce high risk behaviors and prevent out-of-home placements.
- **Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh, Inc.** - **\$115,343** to continue implementation of a comprehensive afterschool program, Project Learn, formerly known as The Afterschool Project, which targets the academic, social and behavioral development of youth in the City of Poughkeepsie.
- **Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess, Inc.** - **\$37,310** to provide a Homeless Prevention Case Management Program, which offers emergency rental assistance, financial literacy education, crisis intervention and comprehensive case management services to promote long-term housing stability for low-income families in Dutchess County.
- **Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess, Inc.** - **\$33,928** to maintain its Senior Medical Transportation program, which promotes access to non-emergency medical care for seniors, who lack other means of transportation.
- **Center for Justice Innovation** - **\$45,000** for the Families First Court Initiative, based in Dutchess County Family Court, which aims to assist youth and their caregivers through a multi-disciplinary approach involving evidence-based interventions and specialized, trauma-informed support to keep court-involved adolescents in family settings versus congregate care and to help prevent future involvement in the court system.
- **Community Based Services, Inc.** - **\$36,138** to support Transition Planning

for Students with Disabilities, which educates parents and caregivers on available programs and resources for transitional-age students with disabilities who are aging out of school-based programs, as well as collaborating with schools to reach individuals who may benefit from participation in programs offered by local special needs agencies.

- **Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County** - **\$69,779** to continue supporting 4-H Youth Development: Literacy Assistance for All, which prepares youth of all abilities with financial literacy, writing comprehension, public speaking and leadership skills to succeed as they transition into adulthood.
- **Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County** - **\$116,485** to continue supporting Green Teen and No Child Left Inside: Youth Vocational Training, which broadens youth exposure to environmental science, provides outdoor workforce development opportunities, and promotes health outcomes.
- **Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County** - **\$53,300** to continue supporting the evidence-based Parenting and Support Education (PASE) program, which enhances parenting skills by utilizing a hands-on learning approach suitable for all literacy levels.
- **Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County** - **\$38,500** to continue supporting the Relatives As Parents Program (RAPP), which encourages, educates and supports grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting for parents who are unable or unavailable to care for their children.
- **CultureConnect** - **\$25,972** to support CommunityConnect, an afterschool enrichment program for English as a New Language (ENL) elementary school students in Red Hook.
- **DAY ONE Early Learning Community, Inc.** - **\$166,314** to support the Teacher Apprenticeship Program (TAP), which provides adults with hands-on workforce development training in early childhood education to produce workforce-ready educators upon program graduation.
- **Dutchess County Pride Center** - **\$21,779** to continue the Teen Drop-In program to provide services year-round, giving LGBTQ+ teens access to affirming adults and safe spaces to increase self-esteem, lower anxiety, improve school performance and create greater community engagement.
- **Dutchess Outreach** - **\$59,000** for food procurement to meet the increasing food access needs for individuals and families served through the organization’s food pantry and The Lunch Box community meal program.
- **Family Services, Inc.** - **\$50,000** for Youth Thrive, an after-school and summer program focusing on advancing mental wellness for City of Poughkeepsie youth through mentoring, academic support, healthy living workshops, individual therapy and recreational activities in a safe environment.
- **Greystone Programs, Inc.*** - **\$44,329** for Supported Employment (SEMP) which expands opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve and maintain competitive, integrated employment in Dutchess County.

Participants receive individualized support in the areas of career exploration, resume and interview preparation, job development and matching, employer outreach, and on-the-job coaching to support retention.

- **HONOR EHG, Inc.** - **\$100,000** to support the Street Outreach Program which will identify, engage and assist individuals experiencing homelessness in care coordination, social and behavioral health supports, and emergency shelter, to achieve long-term, stable housing.
- **Land to Learn** - **\$53,300** to continue supporting SproutEd, a nutrition assis-

tance program that engages elementary school students in the City of Beacon in nutrition, health, environmental stewardship and social-emotional, math, science and literacy skills, through hands-on experiential learning.

- **Literacy Connections** - **\$42,859** to continue the Adult & Family Literacy program which promotes basic literacy skills for adults and children. Adult learners receive student-centered, one-on-one or small group tutoring lessons, while children are assigned a one-on-one book buddy, to promote basic reading and comprehension skills.
- **Mediation Center of Dutchess County, Inc.** - **\$116,907** to fund an evidence-based Restorative Justice Initiative that works with schools in Dutchess County to address conflict and behavioral matters, while promoting pro-social outcomes in a diplomatic and non-punitive way.
- **Mental Health America of Dutchess County, Inc.** - **\$99,926** to support the work of a coordinator through the Street Outreach Program, which will provide for streamlined integration and management of street outreach activities for improved tracking and linkage of care for unhoused individuals throughout Dutchess County. Services also include screening, housing navigation, and health-related social needs referrals.
- **NAMI Mid-Hudson, Inc.** - **\$86,376** to provide mental wellness and mental health literacy to individuals affected by mental illness through the Family-to-Family program, as well as an informational seminar, both providing participants with information on the biology of brain disorders, an understanding of diagnoses, treatment options, crisis intervention techniques and available community support and referral options.
- **North East Community Center, Inc.** - **\$48,075** to continue the Community Partnership with Schools and Business program, a paid job skills training program for youths and young adults, where they acquire transferable work readiness skills and training to promote their successful transition to adulthood.
- **North East Community Center, Inc.** - **\$43,427** to implement a year-round Comprehensive Out of School Time program to provide afterschool and summer enrichment activities that will preserve socio-emotional and academic gains and

mitigate summer learning loss for Webutuck Central School District students.

- **North East Community Center, Inc.** - **\$37,320** to provide a variety of nutritional Food Access Programs, including the Fresh Food Access Hub, a community garden, a Summer Food Service Program and youth food access internship opportunities.
- **Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church** - **\$30,914** to support the Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center, which provides academic and social support to promote educational and behavioral outcomes of underserved children in the City of Poughkeepsie.
- **Ramapo for Children** - **\$36,309** to expand the Staff Assistant Experience program to include day, evening and residential program services designed to assist youth with learning differences, attention difficulties and developmental disabilities in gaining social, vocational and independent living skills.
- **Reading & Math, Inc. dba Ampact** - **\$68,700** to support its Early Learning Corps program, which provides supplemental literacy and numeracy whole-class, small group and one-on-one tailored tutoring services to prepare preschool-age children in the City of Poughkeepsie for success in kindergarten and beyond.
- **Red Hook Community Center, Inc.** - **\$15,103** for a School Year Youth Employment program for youth and young adults in northern Dutchess County, providing opportunities for pre-employment and soft job skills training, including résumé writing, mock interviewing and financial literacy, as well as paid employment at a business within the local community.
- **Taconic Resources for Independence, Inc.** - **\$44,200** to support Special Education Advocacy services for parents of children with special needs. The advocate will help parents navigate the special education system to ensure students have access to the support and accommodations necessary for them to achieve their fullest potential.
- **The Art Effect** - **\$166,806** to support the afterschool and summer Youth Workforce Development in Arts & Media program that prepares City of Poughkeepsie youth for higher education and employment opportunities by providing arts-based curriculum, training and hands-on experience in media production and the visual arts.

Local municipal leaders’ plans to celebrate 250 years of America

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Village of Fishkill Mayor Kathy Martin said, “I am happy to announce that we have many exciting events scheduled to celebrate America’s 250th Birthday. We will have a speaker series on the Revolution, local militia, women’s roles, and indigenous perspectives.”

The mayor said officials are planning a Read 250 Book library challenge. There will also be a screening of filmmaker Ken Burns’ “The American Revolution.”

A revolutionary theme for all Village events will be incorporated, it was noted.

Town of Wappinger officials have already

begun celebrating America’s birthday.

“We have already started our 2026 event line up with programming supporting the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. From colonial reenactments to patriotic-themed activities, be sure to follow our Town closely for further updates for what’s ahead!” said Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini.

City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou said, “The City has begun meeting with the Beacon Historical Society, veteran groups and others, and is considering a number of America 250 activities in Beacon, such as reenactments, historical displays and other events — plus our 4th of July fireworks.”

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VWJHS announces honor students

The Van Wyck Junior High School administration announced the following students are on the 1st quarter honor roll.

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Anna Kaplan, Elpida Kastanis, Omar Kehila, Jessica Kelly, Saoirse Kelly, Zoe Kerr, Pranvat Khinda, Dylan King, Brian Knapp, Jackson Kraisky, Cayleigh Kuchera, Jude Laissen, Emily Legon, Emily Lekocaj, Kendall Leone, Madeline Lester, Kaitlyn Loos, Kaylee Lown, Alexis Mancini, Sydney Mangion, Ava Mangone, Suriniti Marchena, Zoe Marinaccio, Luke Marinucci, Chloe Marks, Emilia Marques, Cassie Marshall, Jace Martino, Ritika Mathur, Roniel Matias Liriano, Liam McKenna, Layla Meehan, Leon Melendez, Stancy Merveille, Samantha Meyer, Nehlah Mohammed, Noah Molina, Abigail Montalvo, Elijah Morges, Blake Morris, Daniella Moya, Kiera Murphy, Maeve Murphy, Ryan Murti, Luke Nansen, Mazen Nesheiwat, Saara Newsome, Kaylee Ng, Summer Nichols, Nicholas Niciu, Jonathan Nikci, Harrison Norbury, Mackenzie Norris, Dumebi Nwoke, Declan O'Keefe, Liam O'Sullivan, Lily Okin, Graham Pacheco, Noah Pallone, Keira Paskey, Giachenta Pecchia, Lucas Pena, Virginia Pentaleri, Samuel Perez, Kali Pisco, Mathias Pogyo, Nicholas Poolt, Chloe Powell, Ethan Prior, Brielle Purdy, Jake Raffaele, Alexa Reaves, Rebecca Reilly, Abigail Reznicek, Michael Richards, Alessandra Rodriguez, Michael Rodriguez, Valerie Rodriguez, Adriel Rodriguez Cruz, Xavier Romero, Giana Romito, Liam Rommel Greenan, Adian Rukaj, Harper Sabatello, Samuel Sachwald, Michael Sana, Ellena Sanseverino, Isabelle Santiago, Wilfrido Santiago, Abigail Saquipay, Trinity Sharpe, Eric Shepherd, Milan Shih, Ayan Singh, Katherine Sloth, Evan Slovak, Olivia Smythe, Shelby Spath, Joseph Spaziante, Riley Speary, Aliyah Stanley, Emily Staub, Madison Sullwold, Darla Swatz, Charlotte Tarpey, Lily Tarpey, Valentina Testa, Christopher Tetteh, Kyla Thurston, Avyanah Tomlins, Ciana Toscano, Jackson Tracy, Ellie Trapani, Olivija Travis, Spencer Ullman, Arianna Uzumefune, Kai Wahlers, Christopher Warman, Isabella Whitney, Brady

Williams, Martin Xu, Charlotte Zeolla, Christopher Zupan

8th Grade
Adam Adler, Payton Alimonti, Carlos Allen Sotomayor, Sela Alrihani, Gavin Andriello, Valentina Arana, Makenzie Ardisi, Erick Armenta, Hudson Asp, Luca Aversano, Antonella Bagnarol, Christopher Barkovich, Eliana Barra, Matthew Barrett, Grady Barton, Gia Bashir, Dylan Basulto, Delilah Berisha, Caroline Berko, Evan Blusnavage, Hailey Borath, Amelia Boshart, Jack Boumis, Skylar Bowman, Emily Brady, Abigail Brown, Quinn Brown, Jack Campbell, Sofia Campbell, Liam Canfield, Sofia Capra, Anthony Carlone, Hunter Cervini, Jake Cervini, Nico Chamberlain, Ariana Charles, Josue Chimbo Zhunio, Kellie Cilentio, Benjamin Collins, Evan Colon, Jacob Colon, Mia Conkling, Liana Corsano, Ava Cortes, Aaron Costales, Christopher Costello, Savannah Cotto, Vivienne Cummings, Brycen Cummins, Isabella Cunningham, Justin Curro, Brady D'Alessandro, Madina Daramy, Kamrin Davenport, Annell Davis, Adriana DeGelormo, Jason DeGiacomo, Juliella DeHond, Giuliana DeLuca, Addison DeRosario, Salvatore DelGiudice, Layla Desai, Nala Desai, Julia Devico, Eeshan Dholakia, Debra DiCaprio, Daniela DiGenova, Dean DiGenova, Elena DiGeso, Milania Dickel, Bradley Dixon, Charlotte Drew, Michael Dunn, Nicholas Durocher, Ibrahim Eshmawy, Emma Espinoza, Aliyah Fabozzi, Andria Faghi, Danny Fakhoury, Alex Falciano, Lia Fallone, Denzel Fenton, Nikki Fernandez Zhungo, Evan Ferrieri, Luke Freifeld, Maddox Fulton, Benjamin Fury, Torre Gallo, Grace Garcia, Nathalia Garcia, Ah'zeriah Garner, Liam Garver, Kaelen Gee, Amor Ghabaee-Patterson, Sofia Gialouris, Nicholas Giannuzzi, Benjamin Gil, Leah Gillespie, Gianna Gonzalez, Mariana Gonzalez, Noelle Gonzalez, Nevoh Gordon, Violet Greenan Stoduto, Kayla Guilbault, Samuel Gutierrez Macias, Duobuan Guzman, Carter Hamboussi, Mazen Hamed, Paris Hamilton, Gianna Hancock, Madeline Harrell, Christian Hay, Charleigh Hernandez, Ethan Ineson, Violet Iovino, Joseph Izzo, Sayuri Jacques, Saira Jagga, Kaylib Jendras, Grace Johnson, Isabella Johnson, Laine Johnson, Lilah Joslin, Julian Kaiser, Ava Kalbfus, Anastasia Karamintzas, Katherine Karlsson, Kourtney Karlsson, Ryan Kasten, Harleen Kaur, Marco Kazan, James Keating, Eila Kenney, Sawyer Knee, Kayden Koenig, Colette Kohlmaier, Kordian Koscik, Makayla Krewson, Hannah Kui, Collin Kulaga, Michael Kundrat, Jasmine Lema, Mikayla Lemp, Ella Leonardo, Robert Leone, Keegan Lepore, Calleigh Limer, Kate Lindner, Cristian Lobato, Gregory Lown, Ella Lynch, Alexandria Lyons, Vittoria Madeira, Jacob Mancilla, Emma Mandler, Gianna Mangone, Brianna Marchioni, Zoe Marcus, Brady Martin, Alisa Martini, Olivia Mason, Sienna Mathew, Sophia Mattioli, Elizabeth McAlpine, Grace McGimpsey, Morgan McKenna, Aiden McKeon, Daniel McNulty, Marleigh McPherson, Gabrielle Mensah, Lexi Menton, Brianna Midgley, Arya Mills, Chase Mitchell, Renad Mohamed, Ryan Molinelli, Corinne Muehlbauer, Aiden Murphy, Jack Nansen, Yousuf Nasser, Thomas Nastasi, Anthony Nicholson, Lorenzo Nigrelli, Kenley Nittoli, Sophia Nittoli, Alexandra Norman, Lucy O'Halloran, Paige O'Leary, Nathaniel Ordonez, Michael Osso, Jackson Otero, Hannah Pagano, Isobel Paggiotta-Bilotta, Alyssa Palladino, Giovanni Palladino, Ariana Pandya, Devin Pandya, Emma Park, Fiona Parke, Gino Pedatella, Karl Pek, Benjamin Perry, Gabrielle Pierre, Matthew Pierson, Prince-Nkosi Plaza, Amaya Polstein, Shea Prendergast, Ryan Price, Richard Procida, Emily Purcell, Piper Purpura, John Pyrch, Kevin Qu, Maisy Quintana, Abigail Ratajczak, Charles Redahan, Raina Rennhack, Amy Resendiz, Liam Richardson, Nicholas Rios, Olivia Rivera, Alessandro Rivera Perez, Dante Rizzi, Gary Roberts, Mason Robinson, Cole Rodrigues, Abigail Rodriguez, Miguel Rodriguez, Julia Rose, Alexandra Rossano, Lucy Rubino, Kylie Russini, Stella Rutledge, Alaina Sabatelli, Brycen Samuel, Rickey Sands, Jayden Santiago, Aiden Santos, Matthew Schafranski, Gianina Schinella, Saanvi Sehrawat, Juan-Angel Sepulveda, Evan Setaro, Justina Sherri, Maxton Shour, Michael Sisia,

Lillian Smetana, Jonathan Smith, Makayla Smith, Cameron Sniffen, Erika Stempel, Ethan Stroud, Paige Stroud, Noah Sucato, Hailey Sullivan, Keira Tangen, Ethan Taveras, Alfredo Tayo, Kelly-Hannah Thomas, Carolina Timothy-Tozer, Sophia Torres, Daniel Touw, Mathias Trinidad, John Tropea, Emma Tsang, Athena Tsesmetzis, Zareen Unwalla, Natalie Urciuoli, Jennifer Urena, Angie Uyaguari Naula, Chinonye Uzobuife, Ian VanStee, Nathan Vaughan, Julian Velez, Ryan Vena, Teagan Verrechia, Leo Vicinanza, Lillian Vidal, Kristina Viera, Lucas Villavicencio, Norah Wang, Victoria Weihe, Owen Whyte, Jasmin Wiley, Henry Willard, Delilah Wilson, Victoria Wilson, Ari Woodrow, Leia Yamauchi, Vincenzo Yannuzzi, Mason Yap, Noah Yerks, Jasmine Younas, Alexia Zibrin

Academic Excellence
7th Grade
John Abdo-Suarez, Adam Abujaber, Yasser Aichouni, Ethan Amondi, Tyler Anderson, Logan Andriello, Madison Arndt, Hailey Ayala, Lily Bacovic, Caytlin Barkovich, David Barros, Braylin Bartling, Edward Bautista Infante, Subhan Bhatti, Abigail Burchfield, Jamir Calimese, Ainslie Camporese, William Cassaro, Chimdalú Chimezie, Justin Christopher, Jaenalee Corniel, Payton Costello, Chloe Crysler, Adam Davis, Jordan Day, John DeMascio, Michael DeRosa, Kayla Delandro-Latimer, Jacob Dellamura, Cameron Depalma Salazar, Charlotte DiNardi, Ava Diaz, Benjamin Dolan, Landon Ferrara, Magnolia Fogarty, Janiyah Fontanez, Scarlett Fraietta, Jacob Garcia, Jenna Gary, Auron Gashi, Hope Gentile, Natalie Gonzalez, Miranda Gonzalez Clime, Adrian Gordon, Lucas Gray, Brennan Gulick, Vihaan Gupta, Madisyn Hanna, Charlotte Herlihy, Hailey Hess, Daniela Hudymjak, Jonathan Irving, Westley Kahns, Christopher Kelch, Daniel Kundrat, Xander Kunik, Sokol Lajqi, Madisen Lee, Jayden Lewis, Nicholas Lifrieri, Kevin Lopez-Stivale, Mackenzie Lowery, Hunter Luzzi, Julicsa Marcatoma, Andrew Mariani, Danny Martinez, Brianna Martos, Dylan Maza Uzhca, Matthew Mazza, Noah Melendez, William Meyer, Jaye'Quan Mima, Evan Monaco, James Moran, Roy Ni, Jase O'Connor, Matthew O'Connor, Jacob Orlando, Troy Palmer, Logan Parascandola, Madeline Perez-Hernandez, Gisselle Petrone, Ahmir Pink, Sophia Portanova, Cameron Powell, Appolonia Quintana, Liliana Reed, Elliana Rice, Marcus Rodriguez, Lola Romagnoli, Hudson Ross, Filip Ruzicka, Declan Ryan, Cristina Sacasari, Ava Sbarra, Troy Sclavounos, Grace Secola, Isabella Segalini, Max Soeiro, Brayan Soto, Matthew Sottile, Leia Stauffer, Noah Stawarz, Amelia Strobl, Maddox Tell, Oliver Thooft, Jax VanDenBerg, Alexa Vena, Jack Woods, Michael Zingel

8th Grade
Joud Abdalla, Omar Abujaber, Xavier Aiello, Kayla Anastasio, Leah Bardani, Elisse Barra, Londyn Barrett, Mia Bender, Miranda Boisvert, Owen Brady, Austin Chamberlain, Emmanuella Christopher, Darshell Chub Pacheco, Isaac Clarke, Isaac Criollo, Carlos Cruz, Kaden Davenport, Brandon Demasi, Joseph Elswick, Leilani Escuted, Brooklynn Estrella, Isabella Fidelio, Aaron Foshay, Caden Frost, Lilianna Garibaldi, Liam Garland, Levi Garrett, William Gasparri, Brayden Giammichele, Arnoor Gill, Joseph Guglielmo, Jack Hamilton, Julia Hayden, Kaelan Hicks, Emmanuel Holmes, Alexander Holowiak, Simal Hussain, Skyla Jordan, Jayden Kaps, Ryder Kent, Gabriella Kiene, Halil Krasniqi, Anthony Kurshan, Saad Laaraichi, Evan Lesko, Aubri Limer, Luciano Livulpi, Christian Llorens, Blake Marro, Brynn Marshall, Angel Martinez, Jayliana Martinez, Jaidan McArthur, Emily McGimpsey, Ja'kai Mccall, Alyson Meister, Peter Mercado, Joshua Michel, Lucian Michel, Kayleen Mujica, Sidney Mujica, Sofia Musiello, John Olarte Morales, Philip Oliva, Thea Patchors, Sheyllynn Paz, Caitlyn Pereira, JayCee Perez, Luke Perricone, Robert Plummer, Charlie Powers, Shawn Rayford Pavon, Javon Rich, Gabriel Rivera, Gianna Rizzo, Emma Sandoval, Alex Santiago, Antonio Scuderi, Jackson Shaw, Izabella Spencer, Angelique Suarez Gutierrez, Jacob Tinter, Lizbeth Uday, Mason Van Voorhis, Nathan VanCura, Aundray White, Kenisha Williams McKenzie, Lyncoln Winters, Jaydon Zhang.

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Film screenings by BluePath Service Dogs set for Jan. and Feb.

BluePath Service Dogs “Hope in Motion: Breaking Barriers with Autism Service Dogs,” short film shares stories of connection, courage, and transformation, highlighting how BluePath dogs bring safety, independence, and joy to children with autism and their families. Join them for one of the upcoming screenings either in person - or virtually:

Wednesday, Jan. 28, Bedford Playhouse, Bedford, Westchester County
The event runs from 6:30–8 p.m. and includes the 15-minute documentary film beginning promptly at 6:45pm, a panel discussion, cocktail reception, and the opportunity to meet service dogs in training.

Tuesday, Feb. 10, Virtual Screening
The free, virtual event runs from 7–8p.m. and includes the 15-minute documentary film followed by a panel discussion and Q&A. Stay tuned for registration information.

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Partnership offers free access to Virtual Senior Center in hopes to address social isolation in 60+ population

The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) and Selfhelp Community Services recently announced the availability of free access to Selfhelp’s Virtual Senior Center (VSC) for any individual age 60 and older in New York State.

New York State Office for the Aging Director Greg Olsen said, “The Virtual Senior Center is a powerful platform that opens a world of possibilities and connections for older adults who are homebound or simply wish to access enriching social and educational experiences from home. We began our partnership with Selfhelp by offering its free VSC service through offices for the aging in several counties, and we are now thrilled to make the platform available to any older adult in New York State as part of NYSOFA’s longstanding commitment to address social isolation across programs and services.”

Stuart C. Kaplan, CEO of Selfhelp Community Services, said, “We are grateful to the New York State Office for the Aging for its strong partnership and shared commitment to ensuring that older adults remain connected, supported, and engaged. This expansion of the Virtual

Senior Center reflects the power of collaboration to combat isolation by building meaningful virtual communities for older New Yorkers. At Selfhelp, we see every day how access to social connection and enrichment can transform lives, and we are proud to work with the state to make these opportunities available to all.”

Selfhelp Community Services created VSC in 2020 to help homebound and socially isolated older adults stay connected to their community. The VSC offers robust programs designed for older adults, managed by social workers and a team who provide intentional engagement. Its inclusive and engaging environment offers a space where older adults can connect with one another from wherever they call home.

The VSC includes more than 400 monthly live programs and other features — such as email, news, games, and self-directed “channels” — that can be navigated independently. Older adults can participate in classes, tour world-famous locations, interact with peers, engage in wellness activities, and, most importantly, expand their social network.

NYSOFA and Selfhelp began their part-

nership in 2021, offering access to the platform for homebound older adults in several counties through their Area Agency on Aging (AAA). The partnership was designed to supplement existing social engagement offerings for individuals identified by AAAs who may experience barriers accessing in-person social opportunities. The partnership is now expanding so that any New Yorker age 60 and older can access the VSC for free on their tablet or computer at <https://www.vscm.selfhelp.net>.

To register as a VSC participant, simply call Selfhelp’s VSC program at 718-559-4370.

Among the VSC’s partners, local aging service organizations also host hybrid classes on the VSC platform, further allowing older adults to maintain a connection to those in their community.

Independent evaluation found that 84 percent of VSC participants reported a decrease in loneliness, and 76 percent reported feeling less depressed because of the VSC. Seventy-six percent made new friends and 67 percent joined programs for social connection and to learn something new.

The VSC is one of several public-private partnerships that NYSOFA has launched to combat social isolation, support caregivers, and address social determinants of health through technology. These partnerships have already expanded access to supports for an additional 2 million older adults. Learn more about NYSOFA’s partnerships and efforts to address social isolation at <https://aging.ny.gov/combating-social-isolation>.

Social isolation affects older adults and people of all ages. For older adults facing isolation, NYSOFA has a 50-year track record of services, supports, and interventions, including many nation-leading program innovations. In May 2023, the U.S. Surgeon General reported on the alarming health crisis of loneliness, isolation, and lack of connection in our country. Loneliness and isolation increase the risk for individuals to develop mental health challenges in their lives. Lacking connection can increase the risk for premature death to levels comparable to smoking daily.

To learn more about the VSC, watch NYSOFA’s recent livestream with Selfhelp Community Services (<https://www.youtube.com/live/qjW6AzUH8HU>), providing more information about the platform and how to enroll.

Arlington boys win 36th Duane Davis Tournament

By Morgan E. Maier

In the final high school boys’ basketball tournament of 2025, Our Lady of Lourdes High School held the 36th annual Duane Davis Memorial Christmas Tournament. Arlington’s Admirals faced the Warriors in the championship game, and took down the hosts 76-57.

Three days, eight varsity teams, and 12 games stood between the Admirals and their hardware, as the tournament kicked off on Saturday, Dec. 27. Spackenkill and John Jay (EF) opened the contests with a tight 58-53 contest, where the Spartans took the victory. Boston Smith scored 14 for John Jay. Michael Forlivo scored 13. Beacon would outlast New Paltz 67-65 in the Bulldogs’ first game, but fall to Arlington in overtime on Day 2.

The tournament, held annually by the Dutchess County Basketball Coaches Association, was renamed in honor of legendary Roosevelt High School and Mount Saint Mary College coach Duane “Coach” Davis. In a repeat of the 2024 tournament, Arlington and Lourdes met for the title game. The two-time reigning champions’ quest for a threeppeat would be thwarted by visiting Arlington, led by All-Tournament selection Zach Butts and MVP Cyrus Cowings.

Lourdes took on Marlboro in the tournament’s first late game, a wire-to-wire Warriors win. Led by 19 points from Bleck Ngon and 18 points from Aaron Watson, Lourdes took it 76-36 over the Dukes.

Spackenkill too fell to the Warriors the following day, 55-52, earning their spot in the first consolation game against Beacon. Led by All-Tournament selection Ryan Landisi, Beacon would again prevail 61-51.

Ketcham narrowly beat Marlboro in the second consolation game, a gritty 52-50 win over an outmatched Dukes team. Having nearly squandered an 8-point lead with three minutes in the game, the Storm churned back to capture their sole tournament win.

A day earlier, the Patriots of John Jay displayed another dominant performance against the Dukes. The 62-33 onslaught in

the Sunday matinee brought all eyes to John Jay.

Joining Landisi in All-Tournament honors were Spackenkill’s Dylan Sultzer, Ngon, and Ketcham’s Gavin Reyes.

On the cusp of league play and a brand new year, each team showcased its strengths over the extended weekend.

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Obituaries

Frederick Zaitz



Frederick Zaitz, 94, of Wappinger Falls, NY, passed away Saturday afternoon at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, NY. He was the beloved husband of Mary Ann (Yeskatalas) Zaitz.

Born March 5, 1931, in Forest City, PA, Frederick was the son of the late Frank and Katherine Zaitz. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Prior to his retirement, he worked as a sales manager for Sears, Roebuck and Co. in Middletown, NY. Frederick was a member of the Slovenian Heritage Club and a former member of the Browndale Fire Company. He especially enjoyed polka music and polka dancing.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Fred Zaitz of Medford, NJ; his

daughter, Kathryn Zaitz of Atlanta, GA; three grandsons, Matthew, Zachary, and Benjamin Zaitz; a granddaughter, Dean Fullerton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Frank Zaitz; and his sisters, Mary Zaitz, Josephine "Sophie" Orasin, and Frances Wojcik.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, 739 Delaware Street, Forest City. Interment will follow at St. Anthony's Cemetery, Forest City. A viewing will be held Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Frederick's name to the Browndale Fire Company.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, 513 Main Street, Forest City.

Jo Ellen Irwin



Jo Ellen Irwin, a resident of Saugerties and formerly of Wappingers Falls, entered into rest Monday, December 29, 2025 in Saugerties. She was 81.

Daughter of the late Dale and Bernice Beach Roarabaugh, she was born January 20, 1944 in Six Mile Run, Pennsylvania.

Jo Ellen worked as a nurse prior to her retirement. She enjoyed spending time in nature and was proud of the zinnias she grew in her garden. Jo Ellen was happiest when she was helping other people.

Survivors include her son, Jason Prizzi and his wife, Julie of Hurley; her grandchildren, Garrick, Jonathan, Nick, Chris, Olivia, John and Norah; her sisters, Judy Martin of Georgia,

Rhonda Folk and her husband, Matt of Pennsylvania and Tina Breier and her husband, Randy of Florida; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her sons, Gary Irwin and Marc Irwin; her brother, Robert Roarabaugh and sister-in-law, Edna Roarabaugh.

Family and friends gathered on Friday, January 2, 2026 at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. A funeral service followed at the funeral home.

Interment will be in the spring at Wappingers Rural Cemetery, West Main Street in Wappingers Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, <https://www.alz.org>.

Dolores Ann Daly



Dolores Ann Ammirato Daly, a resident of Fishkill from 1971 to 2021, passed away on December 30, 2025, at the age of 86.

Born in Paterson, New Jersey, she was the youngest child of Joseph Ammirato and Angelina Lupinacci.

Dolores attended Eastside High School in Paterson, New Jersey, and continued her studies at Katherine Gibbs School, where she became a legal secretary. She began her career at ITT in New Jersey, where she met her husband, Joseph Michael Daly, with whom she raised three children. After nearly 32 years of marriage, Dolores's husband, Joseph, passed away on April 8, 1994.

After her husband's passing, Dolores found solace and happiness while working for over a decade at the Holiday Inn in Fishkill, New York, running the front desk. Through a colleague, she was set up on a blind date with Robert Schoen (aka Mr. Bob). They enjoyed

over 15 years of joy together, spending time in Beacon, New York, and Jensen Beach, Florida.

She is survived by her three children and their families: Patrick Daly, his wife Nancy Daly, and her granddaughter Mary Katherine of Cary, North Carolina; Kerry Daly-Paredes and her husband Walter Paredes Vallarino of Ossining, N.Y.; Timothy Daly, his wife Miki Araki-Daly, and her grandsons Kiki and Sani Araki-Daly of Oyster Bay, N.Y. She is also survived by her longtime partner, Robert Schoen.

Dolores was known for her love of flowers, plants, swimming, music, and dancing. She was deeply involved in her children's lives, whether taking them to their activities or hosting their friends at home. Her most rewarding accomplishment was being a mother and grandmother.

Her laughter, compassion, and flair for life will be deeply missed by all who knew her and will carry her love and lessons with them always.

A graveside burial will be held on January 10th at 12:30 p.m. at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Dementia Society of America in her memory.

Mary E. Hamilton



Mary E. Hamilton, 90, a resident of Wappingers Falls since 1991, and formerly of Piscataway, NJ, passed away on December 25, 2025.

Born in Orange, NJ, she was the only child of Charles and Helene Egbert, who both predeceased her.

Mary attended the College of Saint Elizabeth, now Saint Elizabeth University, and received her BS in Chemistry. She took her first job out of college as a chemist at the Ciba-Geigy Pharmaceutical Corp. in Summit, NJ, where she met her future husband Wassel Sopchak.

On October 8, 1960, Mary married Wassel Sopchak in New Jersey with whom she raised their four children, all of whom survive her.

Mary's children and their offspring are:

Daughter Alexandra and husband David Zeloof of Virginia, and their four children: daughter Sarah and husband Zachary Conord of Virginia, and their three children, Thomas, Zoe and Penelope; son Joshua and wife Jenna Zeloof of Virginia; son Michael and wife Christina Zeloof of South Carolina, and their two children Jayson and Gavin; son Jonathan Zeloof of Virginia.

Mary's son James Sopchak and his wife Tracy of Reading, Massachusetts, and their son Miles Sopchak.

Mary's son David Sopchak of Waltham, Massachusetts, and his daughter Monaka Sopchak.

Mary's son Stephen Sopchak of Essex Junction, Vermont and his three children: Emma, Lucy and Theodore Sopchak.

After nearly 29 years of marriage, Mary's husband Wassel Sopchak, passed away in August of 1989.

On January 16, 1991, Mary married Fred Hamilton, of Wappingers Falls, NY. She spent many happy years with Fred in the Hudson Valley prior his passing away in August of 1999.

Mary was a devout Catholic, and has been an active member of Saint Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill, NY, since she relocated to Wappingers Falls, NY. She was so grateful for all the clergy and friends she encountered as a member of said parish over the years.

Mary traveled frequently over the years to visit and celebrate events in the lives of her grand- & and great-grand children.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, January 1, 2026 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, January 2, 2026 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY followed by burial at Resurrection Cemetery in Piscataway, NJ.

To leave a condolence, please visit Mary's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

June Neubauer



June Neubauer, 92, passed away on Christmas Day, December 25, 2025, at the Taconic at Hopewell. An area resident since 1952, she previously lived in the Bronx.

Born in the Bronx on July 30, 1933, June was the daughter of the late John and Margaret (Fitzsimmons) Stillwell. She was employed as a teacher's assistant for Wappingers Central School District until her retirement. During her retirement, she was a waitress at Rocco's for many years.

On September 29, 1951, at St. Benedict's Church in the Bronx, June married John W. Neubauer, who predeceased her in 2011. June is survived by her children and their spouses, John and Betsy Neubaue,r and Midge and Michael Cangelosi; her grandchildren, James Cangelosi, Michael Cangelosi, Kate Neubauer, and Mary Palakas; and her great-grandchildren, Maxwell, Franklin, June, Theodore, Mikey, Lea, and Cloey.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, December 30, at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Wednesday, December 31 at St. Denis Church, 602 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction, followed by burial at St. Denis Cemetery.

Please visit June's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

David A. Lyday



David A. Lyday, a longtime Village of Wappingers Falls resident, passed away on January 1, 2026 at the Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY; at the age of 72. He was born in Tulsa, OK on December 29, 1953, son of Nelda (Hall) Lyday and the late Jack Shelby Lyday.

David worked for many years at IBM in East Fishkill, and The Roseton Generating Facility in the Town of Newburgh, where he was a chief operator until he retired. He enjoyed computers, golf and computer gaming. He was a very smart man, and was loved by everyone who knew him. He also loved his furry friends, especially his beloved Killian and Patrick.

Along with his beloved mother Lyday, David is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Theresa J. (Chase) Lyday; Peter J. Csizmar; his grandson Michael R. (Spirit)

Kelly, and his four great-grandchildren: Mila, Emma, Olivia and Nova; his two sisters, Sally (Frank) Greco, Marrie Jane Lyday, and his brother, Robert Lyday.

David is also survived by a special brother-in-law Hon. Raymond (Dawna) Chase; his special nieces and nephews: Julie Greco, Evette Chase and Nick Chase

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. Interment will be private at the discretion of his family. In lieu of flowers and services, the family wishes for memorial donations to be made in David's memory to the Dutchess County SPCA, 636 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park, NY 12538.

To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

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Creative Living

Howland Chamber Music Circle

presents Fei-Fei on Jan. 11



Musician Fei-Fei will perform at the Howland Cultural Center on Jan. 11 in Beacon.

-Courtesy photo

The Howland Chamber Music Circle (HCMC) will begin its 2025-2026 Piano Festival with the endearing and returning (for her 3rd time) pianist, Fei-Fei. She will perform at the Howland Cultural Center on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 4 p.m. Following the concert, audience members can meet the musician and enjoy complimentary refreshments. All ticket holders are invited to the reception. To purchase a ticket, visit www.howlandmusic.org. The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main Street in Beacon.

Fei-Fei is noted for both her command of the piano, and her engaging persona. She was a finalist in the Van Cliburn competition and subsequently featured in a documentary film about it, “Virtuosity.” She has performed solo, with symphony orchestras, with chamber ensembles, and most recently with a regional ballet company — in Europe, the U.S. and her native China. She studied at The Juilliard School

and is currently a graduate student at the Manhattan School of Music where she assists her mentor, Yefim Bronfman.

At the HCMC recital, Fei-Fei will perform works by Claude Debussy, Sergei Rachmaninov, Nadia Boulanger and conclude with Franz Liszt’s monumental Sonata in b minor. All four pieces explore the composers’ inspirations from precedents, and their journeys towards transformation. Fei-Fei’s lively commentary will help the audience to a new understanding and appreciation of each work.

HCMC now offers tickets at prices to include music lovers who may have been unable to afford our tickets in the past. A limited number of tickets will be available on a pay-what-you-wish basis. These tickets will be released one week prior to each concert.

For more information on this performance, the Howland Chamber Music Circle, or to purchase tickets, please visit www.howlandmusic.org.

Odd Fellows Art Exhibit at Grinnell Library



Founded on January 4, 1838, Lafayette Lodge No. 18 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows proudly holds the distinction of being the oldest fraternal organization in the Town of Wappinger. For nearly two centuries, the Lodge has stood as a steadfast symbol of fellowship, service, and civic commitment—deeply woven into the history and daily life of the Wappinger community.

Odd Fellows’ work will be on display throughout January. For more information, contact the library at 845-297-3428. Grinnell Library is located at 2642 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls.

-Courtesy photo

East Fishkill

Recreation

**By Bill Green
Recreation Director**

We are working on our 2026 East Fishkill Recreation Guides. Information on all our recreation programs, special events, facilities, including Red Wing Park and our Youth Summer Camp will be included. Our full slate of Summer Outdoor Concerts is set. Rec Guides will be available in February in Town Hall, the East Fishkill Library, the East Fishkill Community Center, the Davis House and many local businesses.

Our first trip for 2026 will be on Sunday, Feb. 15 to Resorts Catskill Casino. The fee is \$50 and includes round trip Coach Tours transportation, tip for driver, \$25 free slots play and a \$15 food voucher. Signups begin Jan. 12.

We have also scheduled two fun and entertaining trips to Resorts for gambling (\$25 slots play), for food (an all you can eat buffet) and music (two super concerts). In June we’ll see – “Summer Nights”– a tribute to “Grease” and in September “Teenage Dreams & Magic Moments”– hits of the 1950s, ‘60s and ‘70s. Signups begin in March.

Youth basketball and Adult Volleyball and basketball resumes this weekend -January 10 and 11. All recreation programs using the Wappingers Schools are cancelled when schools have an early dismissal or when they cancel their after-school activities.

If you have any recreation questions or concerns, please call 845-226-8395 or go to Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov.

Fishkill

Recreation

**By Lauren McMenamin
Assistant Recreation Director**

Flag Football: Our winter Flag Football is open to boys & girls; boys ages 3-5, girls ages 3-11. This 6-week program teaches kids the fundamentals of flag football through exciting agility exercises and drills. It runs like a clinic and is not a formal league so there are no games. The program will be held on Sundays from Jan. 4 through 8.

Multi-sport Tots: Introduce your lit-

tle superstar to sports in our most popular program! This track & field, football and basketball class uses age-appropriate games and activities to explore balance, hand/eye coordination, fitness, sport skills and child development. The program is open to boys and girls ages 2-4. The season will be held on Mondays from Jan. 12-Mar. 2.

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Advanced medical aesthetics & restorative wellness guide treatments at newly opened Ritual Medical Spa



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Ritual Medical Spa is a nurse practitioner-owned medical spa redefining modern aesthetics through a thoughtful balance of medical expertise, artistry, and holistic care. Founded and led by a board-certified Nurse Practitioner Injector Ashley McGillicuddy, Ritual was created with the belief that beauty is not impulsive or superficial, it is a ritual rooted in intention, science and self-honoring care. Unlike traditional spas, Ritual operates at the intersection of advanced medical aesthetics and restorative wellness. Every

treatment is medically guided, highly personalized, and designed to support both visible results and long-term skin health. Clinical safety, precision, and education are central to the practice, ensuring patients receive expert level care in an environment that feels elevated, calm, and deeply intentional. The medical services at Ritual include neuromodulators such as Botox and Dysport, expertly placed dermal fillers to restore volume, enhance facial harmony, and soften signs of aging without overcor-



Skinpen microneedling is utilized in skin rejuvenation/anti-aging treatments. -Courtesy photos

rection. Advanced injectable regenerative treatments such as Sculptra, PRF, PDRN and PDGF are offered to stimulate collagen, improve skin quality, and support regenerative rejuvenation from within. Ritual also provides wellness-based medical services, including medically supervised weight management, peptide and vitamin injections, comprehensive bio marker testing, and other functional approaches that support vitality, metabolism, and overall well-being. Complementing the medical practice is an expert licensed aesthetician, Mackenzie Finch, who brings a deep understanding of skin physiology, corrective treatments, and customized skincare protocols. Ritual's facial offerings go far beyond surface level pampering. Each custom facial is tailored to the client's unique skin needs, whether addressing acne, sensitivity, pigmentation, dehydration, or aging concerns. Treatments may include advanced chemical peels, dermaplaning, exfoliation, medical-grade masks, lymphatic techniques, LED red light therapy, and targeted modalities chosen specifically for the skin in front of them that day. The spa also offers HydraFacial, a results-driven, multi-step treatment that deeply cleanses, exfoliates, extracts, and hydrates the skin using patented vortex

technology. At Ritual, HydraFacial treatments are fully customized and often enhanced with boosters, growth factors, or brightening and anti-aging serums to deliver immediate glow while supporting long-term skin health. What truly sets Ritual Medical Spa apart is its philosophy. Every service, whether medical or aesthetic, is approached with intention, education, and respect for the individual. Clients are never rushed or treated as trends; instead, they are guided through a collaborative experience focused on balance, confidence, and sustainable results. The space itself reflects this ethos: modern yet warm, clinical yet soulful, offering a sense of calm that invites restoration as much as transformation. Ritual is not simply a place to receive treatments, it is a destination for those seeking expert medical aesthetics delivered with integrity, artistry, and care. In a world of quick fixes, Ritual offers something rarer: excellence rooted in science, guided by intention, and designed to help clients reconnect with their most confident, radiant selves. Visit Ritual Medical Spa at 235 Myers Corners Road in Wappingers Falls. Call 845-583-0183 or visit online at ritualmedispa.com, Instagram: [@ritualmedispa](https://www.instagram.com/ritualmedispa) or send an email to [Hello@ritualmedispa.com](mailto>Hello@ritualmedispa.com).



Above: Dermal fillers are injected for facial balancing. Right: An artistically designed entrance way welcomes visitors at Ritual Medical Spa, located at 235 Myers Corners Road in Wappingers Falls. -Courtesy photos

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‘Get lit’ and feel good

Light causes our brains to produce ‘feel good’ chemicals

During January, some people experience Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) symptoms, which include fatigue, and persistent low energy and mood. A form of depression, SAD can cause sleep and appetite problems, difficulty concentrating, and social isolation. About 5 percent of the adult population is affected in varying degrees.

Factors that may cause SAD to develop

The shorter days of fall and winter can disrupt our body’s natural rhythm. Our levels of serotonin (a neurotransmitter that helps regulate mood) are sunlight dependent. Fewer daytime hours also leads to an increased production of melatonin, a hormone that promotes sleep. Lowered serotonin, coupled with raised melatonin, can potentially lead to depression. Some folks also have a genetic predisposition to developing SAD. The condition is more common among younger adults, women, and those with a history of depression or anxiety.

Winter is cold, and the end of the holiday excitement can also be a let-down. After Dec. 21, the days started getting longer. But the small, incremental changes may not yet be noticeable. It won’t be until the end of this month that we will see about a half-hour more sun daily.

Treatments and management

Antidepressant medication and psychotherapy are options for treating some cases of SAD. But there are also lifestyle changes that can manage the condition (and lead to contentment) before considering more invasive measures. Everyone can benefit from human connection: Stay in touch with friends and family to avoid social isolation. Eat regular, nutritious meals and don’t ingest toxins (e.g., alcohol, tobacco, drugs). Go to bed and wake up at the same times daily to control your biorhythms. Get consistent physical activity.

Andrew O’Grady, CEO of Mental Health America of Dutchess County, encourages self-rating your happiness level on a scale of 1-10, where a rating of reasonable contentment would be a 5 or 6. If you persistently self-rate a level of 3 or 4 for the entire season, he recommends seeking help. Mr. O’Grady, LCSW-R, says that talking to your doctor about what you’re experiencing is an excellent step, because you can feel better in spite of seasonal changes. Symptoms of depression can be managed.

Time spent outside, especially on a sunny day, is beneficial for SAD. But even on a cloudy day, outdoor light can help improve mood. And time spent in nature is good for the spirit. Go for a walk! In some cases, a medical professional may recommend a light therapy box to regulate serotonin and melatonin, and thereby improve mood and energy levels.

Light boxes for treating SAD

Light boxes offer controlled delivery when natural light is limited or the weather is poor. Combining both time outdoors, when possible, and using a light box daily during winter months, is an effective strategy for causing positive chemical changes in the brain and managing SAD symptoms. Typically, a user sits about an arm’s length away from the device. Light therapy delivers an intensity which is less than direct sunlight, but brighter than overcast daylight.



Fluorescent light bulb. -Photo by Francine Wizner



Incandescent, fluorescent and LED-1 light bulbs. -Photo by Francine Wizner

The way we ‘get lit’ has improved

Illumination has undergone modernization! The first practical incandescent light bulb was invented in 1879. It used a carbon-filament that glowed when heated. In the 1970s and 1980s, compact fluorescent lights were used. The spiral tubes were more energy-efficient and longer-lasting than incandescents. By the late 2000s, advancements in Light-emitting Diodes (LEDs) made them more common. They are more energy-efficient and longer-lasting than earlier light bulbs.

Feel good AND look good: LEDs are used in light therapies for SAD and skin

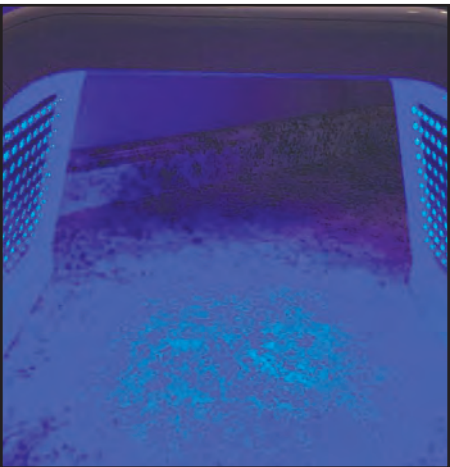
Gen-Zers made “lit” mean fun. Sheryl Crow, a Baby Boomer, sang that she was “gonna soak up the sun” and “tell everyone to lighten up.” As an early vintage Gen-Xer, I believe in having fun, soaking up the sun, and lightening up. It was my skin care specialist at Niamh Lynn Spa in Wappingers Falls, Denise W., a late vintage Gen-Xer, who suggested I try an LED Light Therapy Panel.

As a part of a skin-care regime, LED lights can produce specific wavelengths of light which allow for targeted treatments (e.g., blue destroys acne-causing bacteria, red for collagen production, and near-infrared to promote cell repair). Clinical trials have demonstrated the effectiveness of LED light therapy; the FDA has cleared LED therapies for skin care.

In contrast, LED light boxes emit full-spectrum white light to mimic sunlight and correct the effects of winter darkness for those experiencing symptoms from SAD. LED lights generate little heat, making them safe for close proximity to the skin and preventing burns. For skin care, mental health treatment, and all other personal health decisions, consult a medical professional about your own individual situation.



Red Light for Collagen-Light Therapy Panel. -Photo by Denise W of Niamh Lynn



Blue Light for Acne-Light Therapy Panel. -Photo by Denise W of Niamh Lynn

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The Beacon Elks thanks Giacomo's Pizza Café for sponsoring the event with them.

Pictured (from left): Cathy Oken, Youth Activities Chair; Jeanine McAuley, Exalted Ruler; Gavin Emanuele, (7th Grade), Catherine Perri, teacher; Jordan Sahawneh, (8th Grade); Sara Drotzer, teacher and Terrence Thompson, principal.

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C. PETKOV CHIROPRACTIC, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/17/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 17 Glen Pond Dr., Ste. 2, Reed Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: To practice Chiropractic.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY VICTORIA A. SIBALICH DENTAL PLLC has filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State on November 12, 2025. Its office is located in Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and a copy of any process will be mailed to The PLLC, 89 Kensington Lane, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which professional service limited liability companies may be organized under Section 1203 of the New York Professional Service Limited Liability Company Act.

Delano Agency, LLC filed w/ SSNY 11/18/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 14 Amherst St, Red Hook, NY 12571. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Beacon Speech Therapy PLLC. Arts of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/24/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 369 Main Street, PO Box 103, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

APPLE RIDGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/24/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Mary Eleanor Brushwood Revocable Trust, 24 Dockside Lane, PMB 249, Key Largo, FL 33037. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Enso Therapeutic Horticulture LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on Nov.

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13, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County, SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 1315 Anandale Rd., Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Formation of Gatsby Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on December 1, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Gatsby Holdings, LLC at 9205 W. Russell Road, Suite 305, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Form. of 308 WEST MARKET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/02/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 600 MAMARONECK AVENUE #400, HARRISON, NY, 10528. Any lawful purpose.

PEACE NEEDS PRACTICE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/25/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 702 Huntington Drive, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Mental Health Counseling.

MV FARMS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/26/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Charles Ostuni, 333 Maloney Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Formation of Northstar Web LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/18/2025. Office: Dutchess County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: United States Corporation

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Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Down Lead Canine Consulting LLC. Filed 12/4/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 62 Cambridge Dr Red Hook, NY 12571. Any lawful purpose.

GPM RED HOOK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7270 South Broadway, Suite 10, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

16 CHERRY ST., LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/04/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 176 Turk Hill Road, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

WAPPINGERS FALLS NY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Filed 7/13/23. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 70 Widmer Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

27 MILL STREET LLC. Filed 11/19/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 5 Madonna Dr, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: General.

3 MACFARLANE ROAD LLC. Filed 11/17/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Michael Sherwood, 2 Sunset Ct, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Registered Agent: Jd Cpa Pc, 3 Nancy Ct, Ste 5, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

DECESARE DIRT WORKS LLC. Filed 2/15/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Po Box 681, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

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DONE HOMES & INTERIORS LLC. Filed 11/10/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 49 Harrisons Trail, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: General.

GRADY BOY, LLC, filed with the SSNY on 9/22/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Grady Boy, LLC, c/o Efraim Roalrev. Trust, 11 Raymond Ave., Ste. 32, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MOONSHINE & CO NY LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Department of State on December 3 2025 for Moonshine & Co NY LLC. The office of the LLC is located in Dutchess County New York. The New York Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon him or her to Zen Business Inc 41 State Street Suite 112 Albany NY 12207. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed in the State of New York.

Notice of Form. of ANDREW M. TIESS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/02/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 11 APPLE SUMMIT LANE, LAGRANGEVILLE, NY, 12540. Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Nuevilla LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/5/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is 13 Charles Street, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose of LLC: To engage in any and all business-

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activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

Notice of Formation of Skin Serenity LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/18/25. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to Lena Gudmundsen, 102 Saint George Ct. Hurley, New York, 12443. Purpose of LLC: to provide esthetician services, skincare treatments, beauty services, and any related lawful business activities

90 WALDEN EXT, LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on December 8, 2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 492 Main Street, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of TREDEGAR HOLDINGS ONE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/03/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of HF Main Street Owner LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on November 25, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o 11 Garden Street, Suite 101, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Balanced Insight, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on New York (SSNY) on October 31, 2025. Office Location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail to: Balanced

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Insight, LLC, c/o Keith McGowan, 153 Old Hopewell Rd, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: 93 SMITHTOWN ROAD LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 11, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC address to which SSNY shall mail process is 6847 Route 9, Rhinebeck NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Saigon Pho VN LLC filed w/ SSNY 12/10/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 2 Carmella Rd, Highland, NY 12528. Any lawful purpose.

C O C O N U T RESEARCH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Briget Caramangna, 41 Mason Circle, Unit 5, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Rouse + Co Properties LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 6417 Montgomery St, Ste 1, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of AKV Ventures, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/25/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 465 Main St Apt 10 Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION of LOPEZ, BARK & SCHULZ LLP. Certificate of Registration filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on

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08/07/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. LLP formed in California (CA) on 4/24/2017. SSNY designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 30 East Market Street, Rhinebeck, NY, 12572. Certificate of Formation filed with the CA Secy of State, 1500 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Principal office and authorized officer in CA: Michael Lopez, 300 Spectrum Center Dr., Suite 1550, Irvine, CA 92618. Purpose: law firm.

Notice of Formation of LUCIANO E SELLS LLC. Art/Org filed 11/25/25. Ofc loc Dutchess Cty. SSNY desig. agent for svc/proc & shall mail to 22 FLANNERY AVENUE APT D, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

11 Howard LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/18/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: 45 Briarcliff Ave, Poughkeepsie Ny 12603 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Gina Rossomando-Wood LLC. Arts of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/20/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Gina Rossomando-Wood LLC 271 Esopus Way, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. LegalZoom (United States Corporation Agents, Inc) 7014 13TH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11228 is designated as registered agent. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

TIME AND STYLE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/11/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 9 Colonial Dr., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

‘Quirky’ works featured in new Palaia exhibition in Poughkeepsie

In a new exhibition at Curio Cabinet of the Hudson Valley, multi-disciplinary artist Franc Palaia will showcase medium to small mixed-media works that incorporate his archival color photography, painting, sculpture and even architecture. The exhibition, “Curio - Curioso,” will run from Jan. 9 to Feb. 28, with an opening reception on Friday, Jan. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Palaia is a very active polymath whose studio practice includes painting, photography, sculpture, murals, public art, sign painting, curating and music. This show includes a selection of works from several of his “Urban Wall” series spanning four decades that include Italian, French, Cuban and American series.

These multi-layered pieces are constructed with a variety of materials from his photography culled from many countries and cities where sections of urban walls, layered with graffiti, murals, street art, posters and signs are transformed and rearranged into odd, quirky, media savvy fabrications that look like they were torn directly from city streets but are actually not what they appear to be.

Other works in this eclectic presentation include photo light boxes, photo lamps, conceptual sculpture, political installations and other quirky works rarely exhibited in the Hudson Valley.

The title of the show comes from combining the name of the establishment, CURIO, and CURIOSO, which in Italian means odd, strange, peculiar, humorous and a bit weird.

Curio Cabinet of the Hudson Valley is at 300 Main St., Poughkeepsie. For more information about the artist or exhibition, contact Francpalaia1@gmail.com or 845-505-3123.

Palaia has an extensive exhibition record with numerous grants and fellowships. Selected exhibitions include the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art, the Saatchi Museum, The High Museum of Art, The Dorsky Museum, the Newark and Montclair museums, the New Jersey State Museum, OK Harris, Vassar College, Fundacio Salvador Dali in Spain, Galerie Salvador, France, American Academy in Rome, Exit Art, CPW, the New Museum among others.



“Homage to the Cave Painters,” 2023.

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SMART MEASURE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/19/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 72 Stanford Rd., Millbrook, NY 12545, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

BAHADUR 1 REALTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/31/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1 Troy Ln., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PALOIL LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/15/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 34 Victor Dr., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Shanks Property Maintenance LLC. Filed with SSNY on 12/11/25. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 45 Daheim Road, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful.

Isiko LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/25.

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Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 41 State St., Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose of LLC: Providing education, entertainment, publishing, products, and services for personal development.

Notice of Formation of R+Consulting Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/14/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy to The LLC, 13 N Clover st. Apt 1, Poughkeepsie 12601 USA Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

RONCALLO FARM, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 233 Grape Hollow Road, Holmes, NY 12531. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

CC TYRANO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, P.O. Box 16, Lagrangeville, NY

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12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

SHANLEY HVAC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 16 Panessa Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 116 Franklin Street LLC. Art of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/18/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 116 Franklin Street LLC, c/o Gellen Law PLLC 271 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any and all lawful business activities.

Notice of Formation of Hometown Lawn, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/11/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Adam Menz, 28 Cornell Avenue, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of MJ NEW PALTZ REALTY, LLC, Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on Decem-

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ber 16, 2025. The office location is in Dutchess County, SSNY is designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 2265 South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose for all lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of All Seasons Home Services LLC, filed with SSNY on 10/30/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail the process to All Seasons Home Services LLC, 68 Rhone Ridge Dr, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

DiRenno Fabrication LLC filed w/ SSNY 12/15/25. Exist Date: 1/1/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 1 Duhamel Dr, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. The reg. agt. is Vincent Direnno at same address. Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DD Investor Group LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 4/3/25. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process

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against the LLC served upon him is 504 Haight Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. Purpose of LLC: To engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

Notice of formation of Serroukas Hospitality, LLC art. of org filed with SSNY on 9/26/25 office location Dutchess County SSNY designated as agent for service of process SSNY shall mail process to 35 Theresa CT, Lagrangeville NY 12540. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of LOT 2 VERBAN LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/23/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

TL Energy Holdings, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 139 West 82nd Street, Apt. 6C, New York, NY 10024 Purpose: any lawful act.

LF Energy Holdings, LLC filed Art. of Org.

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with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 139 West 82nd Street, Apt. 6C, New York, NY 10024 Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Form. of GSD - HOPEWELL JUNCTION, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/24/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 2 JAY LANE, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of MB MEDICINE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/10/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to P.O. BOX 163, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12602. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of HF Main Street Development Manager LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on December 17, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o 11 Garden Street, Suite 101, Poughkeepsie,

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NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful activity.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is 37 Century LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 30, 2025. New York office location: 1395 Boston Corners Road, Village of Millerton, County of Dutchess and State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 37 Century LLC, 1395 Boston Corners Road, Millerton, New York 12546. Purpose/Character of business: Any lawful business purpose permitted under the New York Limited Liability Company Law. This notification is made pursuant to Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

Notice of Formation of Exit 67 Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/23/25. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5 Appletree Dr., Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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S U P P L E M E N T A L S U M M O N S Supreme Court of New York, Dutchess County. WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE R E S I D E N T I A L CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST X-C, Plaintiff –against- HEIDI SEELBACH, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF VINCENT STOLL A/K/A VINCENT N. STOLL; GLEN STOLL A/K/A GLENN STOLL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF VINCENT STOLL A/K/A VINCENT N. STOLL; VINCENT STOLL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF VINCENT STOLL A/K/A VINCENT N. STOLL; MAIYA STOLL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF VINCENT STOLL A/K/A VINCENT N. STOLL; RYAN STOLL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF VINCENT STOLL A/K/A VINCENT N. STOLL; UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF VINCENT STOLL; DISCOVER BANK; HMS INC.; NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; DUT CO. DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF C O L O N I A L SPRINGS CONDOMINIUM; LVNV FUNDING LLC; JOHN DOE #1 through #6, and JANE DOE #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons, or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein Defendants Index No. 2024-51541 1 Colonial Road 109 Beacon, NY 12508 Section: 5955 Block: 19 Lot: 663107 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if desig-

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nated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a Consolidation, Extension, and Modification Agreement to secure \$93,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on June 10, 2015, in Document Number 01-2015-3909, covering the premises known as 1 Colonial Road 109, Beacon, NY 12508. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF TAX COLLECTION 2026 TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that I, Mary Beth Muir, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Pleasant Valley, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Pleasant Valley for the year 2026, and that I

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will attend at Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, in the said Town of Pleasant Valley from today to March 2, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon on **MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY. FRIDAY** collection hours will be 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon. **MARCH, APRIL and MAY** collection hours will be 9 o'clock in the forenoon to 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon with the exception of **FRIDAY** collection hours will be 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, except **SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS and LEGAL HOLIDAYS** for the purpose of collecting the taxes listed on the said roll. **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that taxes may be paid on or before March 2, 2026 without charge or interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be a 2 percent added interest if paid on or before March 31, 2026 and an additional 1 percent for each additional month or fraction thereof thereafter until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer pursuant to law. **TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that pursuant to the provisions of law the tax roll of the Town of Pleasant Valley will be returned to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance on the 2nd day of June, 2026. **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, a reminder of unpaid taxes will be sent on or before May 01, 2026. A fee of \$2.00 will be added to your tax bill during the full month of May. **DATED:** January 1, 2026 Mary Beth Muir Tax Collector Town of Pleasant Valley

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff -against- Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens unknown heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming, under, by or through said defendant, who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises de-

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scribed in the complaint herein, Kerryann Stephens a/k/a Kerryanne Stephens as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens, I. S. as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens, Hollian Jada Stephens as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens if living and if he/she be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, Saniya M. Stephens as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens, Jaden Stephens as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens, T. S. as Heir of the Estate of Ivan Stephens a/k/a Ivan R. Stephens, United States of America acting through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, United States of America - Internal Revenue Service, "John Doe", (Refused Name), Richmond Hill Association, Inc. Keldon O. Decoteau, Defendants. Index No.: 2025-51533 Filed: 12/22/25 **SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS** Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): 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 twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; or within sixty (60) days if it is the United States of America. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. **NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION**

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AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$343,660.00 and interest, recorded in the office of the clerk of the County of Dutchess on July 01, 2022 in Doc. 01-2022-53599, Page covering premises known as 12 Bayberry Circle, Fishkill, NY 12524. 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. **NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.**

Dated: Bay Shore, New York December 19, 2025 Frenkel, Lambert, Weisman & Gordon, LLP BY: Karen Sheehan, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, New York 11706 (631) 969-3100; Our File No.: 01-098935-F01

Please Take Notice that the Planning Board of the Town of East Fishkill will continue the public hearing on the 20th day of January, 2026 at 6PM in the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY, or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard, in the matter of the application of the Montage at East Fishkill project for the granting of Preliminary and Final subdivision approval for a proposed cluster subdivision with 122 residential lots on a 385.5 acre parcel, as shown on maps prepared by Day & Stokosa Engineering and last re-

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vised December 22, 2025, 3 Van Wyck Lane, Wappinger Falls, New York, as filed in the office of the Town of East Fishkill Planning Department, and which site is located on Route 52 being described as a 385.5 acre tax parcel identified as #6556-00-802836. All parties in interest and citizens will be heard by the Board at said public hearing scheduled at said time.

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY, or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard, in the matter of the application of Townsend Road, 2537 Route 52, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533, for the granting of a 4 lot subdivision as shown on maps prepared by Day & Stokosa Engineering, PC, 3 Van Wyck Lane, Wappingers Falls, New York, 12590, as filed in the office of the Planning Department, and which site is located and described as being: at 95 Townsend Road near Lesmar Court, in the Town of East Fishkill, NY identified as Tax Parcel # 132800-6556-00-105125. All interested parties and citizens will be heard by the Board at the public hearing scheduled at said time. **By: John Eickman, Chairman Town of East Fishkill Planning Board December 22, 2025**

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

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-15-26 RFB-DCP-15-26: Preparation and Delivery of Daily Meals for Dutchess County Office for the Aging

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Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 26th day of January 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of Village of Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County, New York, at a meeting held on December 30, 2025, duly adopted the resolution summarized below, subject to a permissive referendum. The resolution provides that the faith and credit of the Village of Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County, New York, are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable; that an annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year; that the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds authorized by such resolution, including renewals of such notes, is delegated to the Village Treasurer; that all other matters, except as provided in such resolution, relating to the bonds authorized, including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed in such resolution and the manner of the execution of the same and also including the consolidate with other issues, and the authority to issue such obligations on the basis of substantially level or declining annual debt service, is delegated to and shall be determined by the Village Treasurer; and that this LEGAL NOTICE shall be published. The summary of the bond resolution follows: **BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 30, 2025. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 BONDS**

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that’s italian!

by luigi coppola



‘Don’t get angry’

When Pop utters these words, there’s trouble brewing.

“Leesten. I nonja wanta you to geta angry.”

When my father comes to me with those words, I know I’m in trouble. It usually means I have to do something for him that I don’t want to, he broke something, he made someone feel bad, he made a mess, or more often than not its all the above.

My father comes into the restaurant every day. EVERY DAY. Almost every day he starts with “Leesten. I nonja wanta you to geta angry.” Every day I come to work in a good mood. I start my day. I get the sauce ready. I make the soups, and around noon my father comes in and says, “Leesten. I nonja wanta you to geta angry.”

I came home from vacation. My first day back to work. I’m running around trying to get everything put away and all my paper-work finished. Pop comes in, doesn’t ask me how my trip was, did I enjoy my time with my family, how was the weather, did you get some rest, how was your hotel, did you run over a raccoon in your rental car, anything? No I get, “Leesten. I nonja wanta you to geta angry.”

During the summer, when I am working at the other locations, I’ll sometimes go a week without seeing him. Instead of how did everything go at the other places, was it

busy, how did the employees do, did you break anything, did you run around naked screaming like your hair was on fire, anything? No I get, “Leesten. I nonja wanta you to geta angry.”

I’ll make it into the restaurant after a winter storm, when I have been out plowing and shoveling snow most of the prior evening, and the morning of, plowing, a storm. He’ll already be there. I come in with my butt dragging, arms sore, back sore, cold, wet, hungry and crabby, with the look of death on my face. Instead of asking me, would like a cup of coffee, can I make you break-fast, are you OK, would you like a pail of snow dumped over your head, anything? No I get, “Leesten. I nonja wanta you to geta angry.”

I’ll be home. Starting to unwind. About to get into the shower. The phone will ring. Ill see the number and know its my father. I’ll answer the phone. Instead of him saying hello, I get, “Leesten. I nonja wanta you to geta angry.”

I know someday, I will be just like him. I know someday, my kids will probably be saying the same thing about me, unless they already are. I know he makes a hell of a focaccia bread. But I just nonja wanta to geta angry.

Focaccia Bread
Ingredients

2 packages (5 teaspoons) of active dry yeast
1 ¾ cups warm water
1 teaspoon sugar
½ cup + ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil, divided
5 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons fine sea salt
2 Tablespoons Garlic Paste
1 stick butter room temperature
1 cup Mozzarella cheese, shredded
1 jar Coppola’s Marinara for dipping

Method

In a stand mixer, with a dough hook, add warm water and yeast and mix slightly. Cover with a towel and let sit for 5 minutes.

Once yeast has poofed, add sugar, 1/2 cup of olive oil, flour and the fine sea salt. Mix for 5 - 7 minutes on low until dough is smooth and elastic.

Spray a large bowl with cooking spray (bottom and up the sides) and place dough in bowl. Cover with a towel or saran wrap and place in a draft free spot for 1 - 1 1/2 hours until doubled in size.

When dough is ready, pour remaining 1/4 cup of olive oil into a large cookie sheet and smooth around the entire sheet.

Preheat oven to 450*

Plop dough onto cookie sheet and push around until dough covers entire sheet.

Mix up garlic and butter. Spread over dough.

If dough is thick and puffy then dimple dough with fingers and bake for 20 - 30 minutes (depending on oven). 5 minutes before you remove bread from oven, top with cheese and continue baking until cheese is melted.

If dough is thin and not puffy, cover and allow to rest for 1 additional hour. Then dimple dough with your fingers, bake for 20 - 30 minutes. 5 minutes before you remove bread from oven, top with cheese and continue baking until cheese is melted and gooey!

Serve with Coppola’s Marinara for dipping

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 Deal Art’ author talk set Jan. 13 at FDR Museum

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will present an author talk and book signing, “New Deal Art” (World of Art) with John P. Murphy, at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13. The event will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home and streamed live to the official FDR Library YouTube and Facebook accounts. This is a free public event, but registration is required to attend in-person. Visit fdrlibrary.org to register. At the height of the Great Depression, President Roosevelt’s New Deal provided federal funding for the arts. The New Deal launched the careers of artists such as Philip Guston, Dorothea Lange, Jacob Lawrence, Alice Neel, Jackson Pollock, and Mark Rothko. Brimming with vivid images and stories, “New Deal Art” offers a dynamic survey of this period. The book highlights state-sponsored murals, paintings, sculptures, photographs, prints, and posters. The artists formed the first Artists’ Union and reimagined

art as a public good rather than a private luxury.

John P. Murphy is the Philip and Lynn Straus curator of prints and drawings at the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College.

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* Legal continued from previous page OF THE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE REHABILITATION OF THE WEINLESS WATER STORAGE TANK AND THE REMOVAL OF THE HILLSIDE WATER STORAGE TANK. The period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is forty years pursuant to subdivision one of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. THE FULL TEXT OF	THIS BOND RESOLUTION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK LOCATED AT 2582 SOUTH AVENUE, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NEW YORK, DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS. Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York December 30, 2025 Village Clerk NOTICE OF ADOPTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess at a meeting held on December 8, 2025, adopted a local	law entitled: LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026, A LOCAL LAW TO EXTEND THE YOUTH DEER HUNTING PILOT PROGRAM The intent of this Local Law shall be to extend the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Youth Deer Hunting Pilot Program from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2028, and Dutchess County seek to further its participation in said pilot program which authorizes a hunting license holder, who is twelve (12) or (13) years of age to hunt deer with a crossbow,	shotgun or muzzle-loading firearm through 2028. A copy of the local law is available at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature where it may be inspected during regular office hours. LAURA PHILLIPS Deputy Clerk Dutchess County Legislature NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL IN DUTCHESS COUNTY TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Ann Goldsmith, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the	Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess and the State of New York, having duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of Taxes for the Town of East Fishkill for the Year January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. I will attend at the East Fishkill Tax Office, 2464 Route 52, Hopewell Junction, New York, from January 2, 2026 through May 31, 2026, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the taxes assessed upon such rolls. Check or money order is to be made payable to East	Fishkill Receiver of Taxes, and mailed to the above address. No collections will be made on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays. Tax Office information shall be obtained by calling (845) 221-2160, or via the website at www.taxlookup.net. <u>Tax Rate for District per \$1,000 Full Market Value</u> <table><tr><td>County</td><td>\$2.110826</td></tr><tr><td>Town</td><td>\$2.581105</td></tr><tr><td>Fire</td><td>\$0.657892</td></tr><tr><td>Library</td><td>\$0.189638</td></tr></table> TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before	County	\$2.110826	Town	\$2.581105	Fire	\$0.657892	Library	\$0.189638	February 28, 2026 without penalty. On all such remaining unpaid taxes after said February 28, 2026, two (2) percentum will be added through March 31, 2026, three (3) per centum through April 30, 2026, and four (4) per centum, plus two \$2 through May 31, 2026. Effective June 1, 2026, unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, Poughkeepsie, New York. Dated: December 29, 2025 Ann Goldsmith Receiver of Taxes Town of East Fishkill
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PPLD to host Dolly Parton Imagination Library launch party

The Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD) is partnering with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to provide free, high-quality, age-appropriate books to children. On Saturday, Jan. 10, Adriance Memorial Library will host a launch party where children can sign up to receive books, and will offer a second opportunity for sign up on Saturday, Jan. 24.

In addition to signing up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program, Marco the Magician will dazzle the crowd with his tricks (Jan. 10 only). There will be a drawing for Dolly Parton-themed door prizes, as well.

“By participating the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, our hope is to enrich the Poughkeepsie community by providing young children with free, high-quality books each month, helping to foster early literacy, and build a lifelong love of reading,” said John Turro, Head of Youth Services.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library will mail a free book to your home month-

ly for children from birth to their fifth birthday. Children must be residents of the City or Town of Poughkeepsie to qualify for the free books. All registrations will be vetted through the Youth Services Department and are available in-person starting January 10th. Online registration will begin after January 24th. No registration is required to attend the event.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library program is sponsored by the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District.

PPLD has been serving the community since 1874, striving to provide resources and opportunities that enrich, inform, and empower individuals of all ages. Through innovative programs, comprehensive collections, and a commitment to fostering a love for learning, PPLD aims to positively impact the lives of the people it serves. For more information, follow PPLD on Facebook and Instagram, visit the website at <https://poklib.org>, or call 845-485-3445, ext. 3707.



The Poughkeepsie Public Library District is partnering with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to provide free, high-quality, age-appropriate books to children. A Launch Party is set for Saturday, Jan. 10, at Adriance Memorial Library.

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