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## Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade set for March 7



This year's St. Patrick's Parade will be held on Saturday, March 7 in Wappingers Falls. Pictured are bagpipers from the Hudson Valley Regional Police Pipes & Drums during the 2025 St. Patrick's Parade in Wappingers Falls.

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By Morgan E. Maier

A month full of Saint Patrick's Day celebration has begun, as Dutchess County's 31st annual parade will stream through Wappingers Falls on Saturday, March 7. In line with the past green-soaked iterations, it will be a joyous day for all ages, with some first-time marchers who especially hint at the parade's promising future.

The parade will kick off at 1 p.m., with lineup beginning at noon. St. Mary's Church, 11 Clinton St., will hold 9 a.m.

mass with a dedication to committee members lost this year, including parade founder Kevin Barry; Jane Schimpf; and Michael Kelly. Celebrations of culture and heritage will adorn the parade route as homes and businesses are decked in Irish decor for the annual contest. Decorations will be judged on March 6.

Among scouts, fiddlers, and first responders marching, a new band emerges in the parade line. The Roy C. Ketcham and John Jay high school music



The 2026 Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshal is Dennis J. Murray.

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programs teamed up to create a collaborative squad, representing Wappingers Central School District for the first time in the parade. While high school club members have long supported parade efforts, this band is the first to sashay down village streets. Such a debut was made possible through coordination of longtime parade chairman Gene Noone, district superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk, and the schools' program leaders.

"The groups that want to get into it [the parade] are multiplying every year, the local community getting bigger and better involvement in the parade. It is a good thing that we are getting younger. In fact, our committee is getting

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### Exhibit to highlight importance of Beacon's riverfront during American Revolution

In celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary, the Beacon Historical Society will launch an exhibit about Beacon's role in the American Revolution on Saturday, March 7, with a complimentary reception from 1-3 p.m. at its headquarters, 61 Leonard Street, in Beacon. All are invited to attend. From Mt. Beacon to the Hudson River: Beacon During the American Revolution explores the city's strategic location on the Hudson River, highlighting the places, people and stories that illustrate Beacon's role in the founding of our nation. It will be on display throughout 2026 during the Society's hours of operation: Thursdays 10 a.m.-noon and Saturdays 1-3 p.m.

One can learn about the importance of Beacon's riverport, the Revolutionary War figures who visited/stayed here, events that transpired and even some of the folklore that has been carried through the generations. The exhibit is a companion to the Society's Revolutionary War in Beacon map ([www.BeaconHistorical.org/Rev-250](http://www.BeaconHistorical.org/Rev-250)). The historical society's America 250 projects have been supported by the County of Dutchess, Mount Gulian Historic Site, Washington's Headquarters State Historic Society, the Bannerman Castle Trust and others. Participating lead volunteers have included Vicki Fox, Diane Lapis, Emily Murnane and Diane Murphy.

"Beacon is quite unique in that it takes its very name from the Revolutionary War signal fire that was erected in the Hudson Highlands as one of a series of such warning beacons used to assemble militia, indicate the approach of the enemy and direct the movement of military forces," said Denise Doring VanBuren, BHS president. The beacons, 14 feet square at the bottom and rising to a pyramid form about 18 or 20 feet high, were erected on both South Beacon and North Beacon mountains as part of a string that stretched from New England south. Members of the Melzingah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution placed a commemorative marker on the northern summit in 1900 to honor the Patriots who had manned them. In 1913, residents chose the name "Beacon" in a public referendum for their new city.

The 400-member Beacon Historical Society is also celebrating its 50th anniversary, having been founded during the American Bicentennial in 1976. Annual \$25 membership includes a monthly newsletter, at least eight special lectures each year and other historic programming/events.

Visit [www.BeaconHistorical.org](http://www.BeaconHistorical.org) for more information and to join.

## Students receive hands-on training in Winners Circle Project

By Staff Writers

Roy C. Ketcham High School and John Jay High School, in the Wappingers Central School District, are part of the hands-on training program called the Winners Circle Project (WCP). Currently there are six high schools in Dutchess County that offer the program. Red Hook Central School District is seeking approval to take part in the program.

Nonprofit founded by FDR High School alumnus

WCP is a nonprofit organization founded by Hyde Park Central School District Franklin D. Roosevelt High School alumnus Pius Maweje Kayiira. Students in one course build a Factory Five (kit) race car from scratch, while students in a visual communications art course and a marketing/media relations business course learn and use public relations, marketing, journalism and video production skills to promote their car and build a multi-department race team.



William Roos (back left), a teacher at John Jay High School, with John Jay Racing members.

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Dennis J. Murray (left) is announced as the 2026 grand marshal at the annual Emerald Ball.

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younger," said Noone, noting that older members like himself can gear up to retire.

The parade will also honor grand marshal Dr. Dennis J. Murray, president emeritus of Marist University (1976-2016 and 2019-2021). The school was Marist College during Murray's 40-year tenure, which saw the school grow from Poughkeepsie's hometown liberal arts college to an institution of worldwide renown. Murray long petitioned for Marist's university title, granted in 2025.

The grandson of Irish-Catholic immigrants, Murray's roots lie in County Cork and County Mayo. Murray holds an "unwavering commitment to his Irish heritage", as stated in his nomination, he and is the latest in a

long line of parade grand marshals representing such values. And parade day is more than an expression of heritage, as several locations around Wappingers Falls will host entertainment and other festivities for the whole family.

For elderly parade-goers and those with disabilities, there will be a wheelchair accessible space in front of Grinnell Library, to prioritize comfort and easy viewing for all. Parking at The Shoppes at South Hills (the former South Hills Mall), 838 South Road, and Wappingers Junior High School, 30 Major MacDonald Way, is suggested, as village parking is limited. Before and after the parade, shuttles are available to drop folks wherever they'd like to go.

There will be plenty to celebrate at this parade that each year gets bigger and better, according to Noone. "There's thousands of marchers, so let's hope we have thousands of people spectating and having a good time," he added.



The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Color Guard carries the colors during the 2025 parade.

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# Students receive hands-on training in Winners Circle Project

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The project culminates toward the end of the school year with a competition on all phases at Lime Rock Race Track in Connecticut.

### John Jay High School students take part in WCP

“I was like random,” said Arif G., a club member, about taking part in WCP.

William Roos is a technology teacher at John Jay High School and a club advisor for John Jay Racing for the WCP. Christopher Palozzi is the business teacher for the club.

“I kept giving him challenges and he’s like ‘I don’t know where he’s at,’” Roos said about Arif. The two kept working – and Arif continues to be in the club.

Another club member, Joshua W. remarked his participation in WCP “definitely helps with Math. It’s a way for me to learn, in different ways, to do math with more than just writing it down on paper,” Josh noted.

Eddie L. said what he enjoys about the club is “the people in it.”

Patience B. said the club members are “amusing” and “I like the fact that we can all come together.”

Roos noted that they make the parts. “We don’t buy them here,” he said.

“The Winners Circle makes it like that much more special. You get close with the other schools,” remarked Joe C., who is also taking part in WCP at John Jay.

Jackson said WCP presents the members with “an opportunity” and “it’s like a community now.”

Roos noted there is also a bit of life coaching that can occur.

“It’s really about the students. There’s a lot of character building here,” he said. He added this could not be done without quality.

“They work together and they learn to respect people because they are working with professionals in a real-world setting,” remarked Roos.

“I think my family thinks [the club] is great. They think it’s a great program,” said Arif. He noted learning about how a carburetor works.

“Students feel more confident driving cars now that they know how to fix things,” added Roos. He said, “This is the greatest thing that could have happened to me in my teaching career.”

Students also do social media for the program and newsletters.

“These guys are crushing it with the marketing,” noted Roos.

In the program, some of the things students learn are: layout, design, construction, mathematics, and problem solving.

“They do a lot of innovation. We design everything,” said Roos, adding they are in the third year of the program at John Jay.

Roos shared about how these students are held to a completely different standard because this is a tangible thing.

“Here, if you don’t put the bolt on the wheel, it’s going to fall off and I’m going to get hurt. The reality of it, the realness of it...” said Roos. “The car is the shiny thing. [It’s] the experience that is so valuable.”

Joe shared how the program connects them more to the community by having car shows and holding fundraisers.

### Roy C. Ketcham students are learning skills

Ronald Remick is with WCP at RCK. Remick is in charge of the marketing side for Ketcham Racing. They create content and support the build team by raising money, he said, via email.

“By taking this class, students learn many hard and soft skills that will help them in the real world after high school,” shared Remick. “Building the car develops technical, mechanical and soft skills.”

Remick noted some skills include: welding, metalworking, electrical install and diagnosis, engine assembly, body work.

Some of the soft skills include troubleshooting, problem solving, collaboration and project management, he said.

“From the marketing side, students learn to use new software to design newsletters, podcasts, YouTube videos and more. Marketing students are in charge of making presentations, obtaining sponsors and running fundraisers so the build team can make improvements to the car,” he said.

Remick shared, “For many students, this class is the reason they come to school each day. It gives them a sense of pride and purpose and opens up many doors for their future.”

### WCP about ‘good people’

According to its website (winners-circle.org), WCP states “...our teaching artists will guide students through the process of creating a functioning racing organization over one school year. The program is focused on more than just the technical process of building a car, but what it takes to develop an entire racing team as a business.”

Along the way, students receive career coaching and take field trips that include career exposure experiences and networking. They compete against other school districts, not only in how well they can build a car, but how well they can market it and build a plan for success. Each year, up to 35 students in each school can take



John Jay High School teacher William Roos (third from back) with John Jay Racing members (from back) Jackson S., Joshua W., Roos, Eddie L., Patience B., Joe C. and Arif G. in front of the Factory Five Mk5 Roadster they are working on.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

part across the three classes.

“Good people is what this is all about,” Kayiira said at a recent presentation at Red Hook High School. “I know that we talk about a car, and the car is really good, but I have failed you as an educator if I have not prepared you to be successful in life. And, in life, you’re on so many different teams. Some of you are on good teams that are filled with good people.”

Kayiira explained that the simulated racing software from Scimitar Software allows the students to load the exact specifications of their cars, the weather for the simulated race, temperatures, chassis settings and even tire choices, as they race virtually on circuits all over the world. Thus the simulated race teaches not only car control and race craft but even demonstrates the results of changes to any of the variables. For instance, if the simulated race is in the rain, that requires a different chassis set up as well as different tires. The students can experiment and learn exactly what works.

This part of the project has been amazing, said Kayiira.

“Just recently I watched one of the teams racing in the rain at a circuit in Brazil. I must say it was some of the best racing I’ve ever seen anywhere,” he added.

The students using the simulator take part in a championship that lasts for the entire season.

“You know, we manage to impart a broad range of skills in the project, but we’re not only building cars; we’re building good and effective people,” Kayiira said. “They learn that teams require a collection of differing skills. They have to work together creatively and manage real-life situations.”

“These teams and their leaders never cease to impress,” he said.

When completed, the actual cars will be tested on track over Memorial Day weekend at Lime Rock Park, operated by a professional racing driver. After a number of years in the role, TransAm champion Chris Dyson will take a break and the testing will be handled by Mathew Brabham.

Kayiira noted WCP is “very proud of two Dutchess County winners of scholarships for their performance within their teams: Gianna Orellana of Ketcham Racing (Ketcham High) and Dulce Garcia-Lopez from Dover Legacy Racing.”

Both are rising seniors and will also be invited to a wider series of events over the next year with chances to interact with student leaders from around the world.

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## March is Brain Injury Awareness Month

### To the Editor:

Every March, communities across the country recognize Brain Injury Awareness Month, a time dedicated to increasing understanding of traumatic brain injury and the lasting impact it can have on individuals and families.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, millions of Americans sustain a traumatic brain injury each year, and more than five million people live with long-term disability related to brain injury. Despite how common these injuries are, many effects remain invisible and widely misunderstood.

Brain injuries can result from falls, motor vehicle accidents, strokes, overdoses, sports injuries, or other medical events. While some individuals experience physical impairments, many face cognitive and emotional challenges such as memory difficulties, fatigue, sensory overload, and changes in emotional regulation that significantly affect daily life.

For the past seven years, I have worked with participants in the New York State Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver Program. One lesson stands out: no two brain injuries are the same. Survivors are often misunderstood or judged because their challenges cannot be seen, even though their brains are working harder just to complete everyday tasks.

Awareness begins with understanding. Simple actions — offering patience, communicating clearly, or showing empathy when someone appears overwhelmed — can make a meaningful difference.

This March, I encourage our community to learn more about brain injury and recognize the strength it takes to live with an invisible injury. When we choose understanding, we help make recovery less isolating and our community more compassionate.

Ashley Gutierrez  
Hudson Valley

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## 'Marvelous' snow removal on some sidewalks in the village, but main avenue 'shameful'

### To the Editor:

I would like to commend the families living on Remsen Ave. and Mesier Ave. for getting out early and doing such a marvelous job in cleaning their sidewalks after the large amount of snow was deposited. It was also great to see neighbors helping neighbors.

However, when attempting to navigate South Ave. after the same snow, the sidewalks were shameful (either unshoveled or too narrow to walk through.)

Remember: South Ave. is the main thoroughfare in our village.

Brenda VonBurg  
Village of Wappingers Falls

## D.C. Comptroller releases report on County's efforts on sheltering the homeless

The Dutchess County Comptroller's Office has completed a special report detailing the County's efforts to develop sheltering solutions for its homeless population between 2019 and 2024. During this period, Dutchess County provided shelter to the homeless through independently operated shelters, motels, and temporary structures. The Comptroller's Office has provided a timeline for taxpayers pertaining to local sheltering solutions with their associated costs.

According to a 2025 report from the Office of the State Comptroller, Dutchess County experienced an overall 11% increase of homelessness between 2022 and 2024. Within this period, homelessness among individuals under 18 increased by 30%, and homelessness among families rose by 40%. At the end of 2024, the homeless population was 705 people.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, former County Executive Marcus Molinaro's announced that temporary housing facilities (known as the PODs) previously used for overflow inmates from the Dutchess County Jail would now be used to shelter the homeless. Since then, the County pursued a variety of permanent sheltering solutions, including the 2022 purchase of

26 Oakley Street in the City of Poughkeepsie for \$2.1 million, and for which the County was awarded a \$13 million Homeless Housing and Assistance (HHAP) grant. In 2024, Dutchess County spent \$8,340,232 on temporary shelter expenditures, including motel costs.

As with previous reporting, the Comptroller's Office observed a notable lack of due diligence prior to the purchase of a large, expensive property for what would be a long-term, costly project. The Comptroller's Office strongly recommends that the County develop a formal policy for property acquisition, including a substantive cost analysis of potential properties that are presented to the Legislature for public review and comment.

"It is in the best interest of us all to adequately address the needs of our community's homeless," said Comptroller Aymar-Blair, "and in pursuit of this admirable and necessary goal it is imperative that County government do so with the same kind of careful planning afforded in the pursuit of any public project."

The 'Sheltering the Homeless in Dutchess County' Special Report can be found on the Comptroller's website.

## Residents invited to serve on County Advisory Boards

Legislature Chair Yvette Valdés Smith is inviting Dutchess County residents to serve on volunteer boards and committees that advise County government on a range of important policy issues.

Valdés Smith said, "As the new Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature, I welcome interested residents and stakeholders from across the County to take a seat at the table by joining one of the County's many advisory boards and committees.

"Dutchess County is at a pivotal moment, with numerous challenges and opportunities facing both our communities and residents. We are stronger together, which is why I am seeking input and insights from those who live here so we can build a thriving community for everyone who calls Dutchess home."

Seats are available on the following advisory committees:

- Airport Advisory Committee (must

reside near the Dutchess County Airport)

- Community Services Board (Formerly Mental Hygiene Board)

- Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council

- Citizens Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence

- Commission on Human Rights

- Dutchess County Fire & Safety Advisory Board

- Fish & Wildlife Management Board (must be a landowner who resides on rural lands that engage in production of ag commodities or forest products)

- Soil & Water Conservation Board

Residents interested in serving on any of the above committees, please email your resume and a brief statement of interest to [CountyLegislature@Dutchessny.gov](mailto:CountyLegislature@Dutchessny.gov); include the name of the committee in the subject line.

## Wappingers CSD to hold public hearing on proposal for new fire alarm systems March 9

The Board of Education of the Wappingers Central School District notifies the public of a Public Hearing on Monday, March 9 at or about 7:30 p.m. at Roy C. Ketcham High School, 99 Myers Corners Road, in Wappingers Falls. The public hearing will be live streamed at: WCSD MEDIA on YouTube. A recording will also be uploaded to the video library for viewing at a later date.

The purpose of the public hearing is to seek feedback and comments on the pro-

posed Smart School Bond Act Implementation Plan #6 for new fire alarm systems. The plan is available for one's review on the district webpage: <https://www.wappingersschools.org/>.

Public comments are welcome. One may continue to submit comments on the Smart Schools Implementation Plan #6 through April 13th via email: [plans@wcsdny.org](mailto:plans@wcsdny.org). The Public Hearing will be immediately followed by the Board of Education Meeting.

## Wappingers Falls board seeks resumes for positions, consultants

The Village of Wappingers Falls Mayor and Board of Trustees announced they are dedicated to finding and appointing the best possible people for public appointments. It was stated, they know that a whole range of public services benefit enormously from the unique talents and perspectives brought by the public.

Listed are positions that may present themselves as vacancies. Planning Board

Member, Zoning Board of Appeals Member, Parks Committee, Recreation Committee, Village Attorney, Village Engineer, Planning and Development Consultants.

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# Wappingers CSD recognized for excellence

## Named NYSSBA ‘Champion of Change’



*Pictured are members of the Wappingers Central School Board of Education, Bishop John C. Williams, and Professional Development Specialists Tara Kohler and John Sammon (STEAM), and Andrew Nikola and Dan Roberto (Technology Integration).*

Wappingers Central School District is proud to be named a New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Champion of Change. This recognition highlights our innovative Project-Based Learning (PBL) program, and the dedicated website showcasing this student work.

In the Wappingers CSD according to a district press release, PBL projects, stu-

dents are active participants: they ask questions, develop designs, and see their projects come to life. Through partnerships inside and outside the schools, students apply concepts, develop empathy, and work with experts in various fields—all the while gaining confidence and real-world skills.

Beginning with the Board of Education



*Bishop John C. Williams from NYSSBA presents WCSD Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk and Board of Education president Marie Johnson with commemorative banners.*

*-Courtesy photos Wappingers CSD*

and Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk, these programs then move forward through a close collaboration between staff, outside partners, and our Professional Development Specialists: Tara Kohler and John Sammon (STEAM), and Andrew Nikola and Dan Roberto (Technology Integration).

“These PBL programs are the epitome of inclusivity,” NYSSBA Area 9 Director

Bishop John C. Williams remarked. “I am so impressed with your dedication, and with your willingness to share this work via a website. School districts may be competitors on the athletic fields—but in the education field, we are partners, because all of our children matter. Wappingers CSD has proven that their top priority is their students, their communities and their families. I congratulate all of you.”

## Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley honors community leaders at annual Partner Breakfast

Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley (RTHV) honored outstanding community leaders and partners at its annual Community Partner Breakfast held February 11 at The Heartwood at Vassar College.

Centered around the theme “Our Spokes of the Wheel,” the event celebrated the volunteers, donors, contractors, sponsors, board members, and community leaders who work together to advance safe and healthy housing across the Hudson Valley.

Since its founding in 1992, RTHV has invested more than \$8.6 million in capital repairs throughout Dutchess and Ulster Counties. In 2025 alone, the organization engaged 104 volunteers, contributed 1,563 volunteer hours, completed over \$300,000 in market-value repairs, and served 33 residents across 18 homes — including seniors, veterans, and families with children.

“Safe housing is not a luxury — it is foundational,” said Darcy McCourt, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley. “When every spoke in our wheel is engaged, lives change. The partnerships we celebrated today make it possible for families to remain safely in the homes they love.”

### The 2026 Honorees include the following:

#### Ron Stein Volunteer Award

Karen Foerst, Loss Mitigation & Credit Recovery Manager, Walden Savings Bank.

The Ron Stein Volunteer Award honors RTHV’s founding father, Ron Stein, who established Christmas in April in Dutchess County in 1992. Foerst was recognized for her long-standing commitment as a volunteer, advocate, sponsor, and community partner who embodies the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors.

#### Tradesperson of the Year Award

Consigli Construction

Since 2017, Consigli Construction has partnered annually with RTHV to complete critical home repair projects. This year, the firm led a fully volunteer and 100% in-kind renovation that prevented the condemnation of a senior homeowner’s residence — restoring safety, stability, and dignity through donated labor and materials.

#### Building Strong Communities Award

Central Hudson Gas & Electric

For more than 25 years, Central Hudson has supported RTHV through volunteer engagement and home sponsorships, helping repair one to two homes annually with employee volunteer teams. In celebration of its 125th anniversary, the company also helped revitalize RTHV’s Home Safety & Fire Prevention Program in partnership with the American Red Cross, expanding the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to protect vulnerable households.

“What I admire most about Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley is that your work is grounded in dignity — in meeting people where they are, in making sure every family has a safe and healthy home, and in bringing communities together to lift each other up,” said Eric Kiszkiel, Vice President of Operations & Safety at Central Hudson.

#### Cornerstone Award

Marvyn James, Director – System Operations & Emergency Management, Central Hudson Gas & Electric

A member of the RTHV Board of Directors since 2022, Marvyn James was honored for his leadership, volunteerism, governance, and support of the organization. His professional expertise in safety and infrastructure resilience strengthens the organization’s strategic direction and long-term stability.

The program also featured remarks from Perry Bird, Senior Director of Network Advancement with Rebuilding Together, and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. Commendations were presented on behalf of Rob Rolison recognizing each honoree for their service and impact. The Mayor of the City of Poughkeepsie was also in attendance.

RTHV will host National Rebuilding Day on Saturday, April 25, 2026, continuing its commitment to repairing homes, revitalizing communities, and rebuilding lives.

For more information or to get involved, please visit [www.RTHudsonValley.org](http://www.RTHudsonValley.org).

## Section 1, 9 basketball playoffs scheduled for area HS squads

By Morgan E. Maier

The Arlington High School boys basketball team will vie for a spot in the Section 1 Class AAA basketball championships, squaring off for a semifinal match against the behemoth top seed, Mamaroneck (March 4, 8:15 p.m.). The winner of that match will face the victor of North Rockland and Mount Vernon (March 4, 4:45 p.m.) for the title on March 8, 1:30 p.m. All games to take place at the Westchester County Center.

The Arlington girls look to advance to their own championship final, but a surprise Storm stands in their way. Ally Kaminski scored her 1,000th career point (and counting!) for Ketcham this season, and looks to lead them to a section championship. The winner of the March 4 semifinal will face Mamaroneck or Albertus Magnus for the ‘chip, also at the County Center on March 8.

Sectional play is also underway in Section 9, where Our Lady of Lourdes boasts 2-seeds in the boys’ and girls’ Class AAA competitions.

On another dominant season for the Lady Raiders, Red Hook holds the top seed in Class A. Mid-Hudson Athletic League All-Stars Elenna Magee and Nina Kortbus look to lead the favorites to the title.

Beacon looks to break through the middle of the pack in Class A, while Spackenkill looks primed for an upset of Highland. Beacon, Highland, Red Hook, and Marlboro were hosting the quarterfinals on March 2. Pine Plains holds the 3-seed, looking to upset John S. Burke in Class C.

American Conference MVP and MHAL All-Star Bleck Ngon looks to lead Lourdes over the Newburgh Free Academy Goldbacks on March 5. The Warriors will have home gym advantage, tipping off at 5 p.m.

Meanwhile in Class A, Spackenkill squared off with New Paltz on March 2 for the rights to play the big, bad Beacon Bulldogs. Division champion and 2-seed Red Hook, led by All-Stars Rileigh Jackson and Matt Simmons, looks to make a push across the bracket.

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# Obituaries

## Matilda Jean Brooks



Matilda Jean Brooks, 89, of Wappingers Falls NY, passed away peacefully on February 3, 2026 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. Born on August 11, 1936, in Middlefield, Otsego County NY, Matilda was the daughter of the late J. Andrew and Esther Moore Wahl. In 1956, she married the love of her life, the late John H. Brooks, Sr. That same year, they welcomed their son, John H. Brooks, Jr. Sadly, Johnny passed away at the tender age of five, a loss Matilda carried with quiet strength throughout her life.

Matilda's life was defined by service to others, and she has been honored and recognized with many awards for her unwavering commitments. She was a devoted member of Christ United Methodist Church in Beacon and an active participant in their Women's Group. An active life member of

several veterans' organizations for nearly 50 years, she served as Commander/President and other executive and supportive roles for: the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #144 Auxiliary Unit Castle Point and DAV Dept of NY Auxiliary; the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5913 Auxiliary Wappingers Falls and VFW Auxiliary Dept. of NY District 2; and the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary Grand of NY. She has volunteered over 30,000 hours at the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System-Castle Point facility in various roles: inpatient transporter, clothing room, facility info desk, and DAV transport driver. She was a member of Knights of Columbus Trinity Council No. 445. Matilda loved to travel to the conventions, conferences and training sessions throughout NY and across the nation. She has been an inspiration for her dedication to supporting all veterans, active-duty personnel, their families and community, and her endearing smile and generous heart will be sorely missed.

Matilda joined the Chelsea Fire Co. in 1980 as an active firefighter and has assisted at nearly every event since, always ready to lend a helping hand. She was a member of the Fire Police organizations in Dutchess, Putnam and Ulster counties, and the Fire Fighters Assoc. of the State of NY. Born on a farm, she remained dedicated to agricultural interests as member of NY State, Otsego Co. Pomona Grange #16 and Westville Grange #540. Before retirement, Matilda worked as a home care aid for a private agency, for the Dutchess Co. Office of the Aging, and for the Highland Hospital in Beacon. For fun, she loved playing cards and dominos with friends.

Matilda is survived by her brother-in-law, Rev. Fred R. Brooks, Jr.; her many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and -nephews; her goddaughter; and her many friends. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her siblings, William, George, Andrew, Walter, Minna, and Henrietta, and a few nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to gather on Monday, March 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. There will be memorials by her member organizations, and a funeral service will be held at 7:30 p.m., with Pastor Yeon Shin officiating.

To send a personal condolence or share photos, visit [www.riverviewbyhalvey.com](http://www.riverviewbyhalvey.com). Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

## John Anthony Campanella



John Anthony Campanella was born in the Bronx on August 7, 1936. His parents were Joseph Campanella and Antoinette DeSimone Campanella Leggire. The family owned and operated JO Ann's restaurant in Beekman, NY from 1956 to 1972.

He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from New Paltz State University in 1959. In 1965, he received his Master of Science with a major in Administration.

John started his career in the Wappingers Central School District. From 1959-1963, he taught fourth and sixth grade at Vassar Road Elementary. In 1964, he was assistant principal of Evans Elementary School. In 1965, he was co-coordinator of Education at Gayhead Elementary School and in 1967, became

assistant principal. He was principal at Sheafe Road School in 1968 and stayed there until 1988. In the latter part of 1988, he was principal of Gayhead Elementary School until he retired in 1992.

After retiring from Wappingers Central School District, John was interim principal at the Arlington High School in the Arlington Central School District and the Red Hook High School in Red Hook, NY. He was a Region 4 Representative for SAANYS from 1993-2000. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Italian Center. When he was not educating children, John worked as a driver for the Van Vlack Cleaners.

Surviving at home is his wife, Sue Lawrence Campanella; 4 sons: John J. Campanella and his wife, Tammy, of Hyde Park, NY, Joseph M. Campanella and his wife, Janet, of Clifton Park, NY, Darrin P. Lawrence and his wife, Tracy, of Oak Ridge, TN, and Steven A. Lawrence and his wife, Louise, of Gastonia, NC.

His love for his grandchildren gave him many happy moments and brought smiles of joy to his face. They are Nicholas Campanella, Courtney Fisher, Blake Campanella, John Michael Campanella, Anthony Lawrence, Rebecca Campanella, Zachary Lawrence, Xander Lawrence, Kyra Lawrence, Dylan Fisher and a special friend, Ayisha Webster. His great grandchildren: Lyla, Axel and Levi Lawrence, Iyla and Greta Campanella, and Elijah Fisher.

Family will receive their friends on Thursday, March 5, 2026 from 2 to 6 pm at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Friday, March 6, 2026 at 10 am at St. Mary's Church, 11 Clinton Street in Wappingers Falls. Entombment will follow in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, Poughkeepsie.

In keeping with his career and his love of children, the family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie ([childrenshome.us](http://childrenshome.us)) and Glaucoma Research ([glaucoma.org](http://glaucoma.org)).

To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at [www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com](http://www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com).

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# Obituaries

## Mary Ann Reifeiss



Mary Ann Reifeiss, 87, of Fishkill, NY passed away at her home on February 22, 2026. She was born at home in 1938 to Peter and Catherine (Clifford) Martin in Hollis, Queens. She was the second oldest of eight children, six of whom have predeceased her. She grew up in White Plains, NY, raised her children in Manlius, NY, eventually moving to, and retiring in, Dutchess County, NY.

Mary (Mom, Nana) married Robert F. Reifeiss, Sr. of Yonkers, NY, her love at first sight, in 1960. Robert (Bob, Dad, GrampaBob) predeceased her in 2014.

The special joys of her life were her four children, Robert Reifeiss, Jr., Maryann Reifeiss-Schreck, Elizabeth Reifeiss Krason, and Katrin Reifeiss-Helmick, and their spouses, Wendy,

Richard, Daniel, and Tom. Her eight grandchildren filled her with immense happiness and pride: Hayley and Payton Reifeiss; Catherine, Hannah, and Kylie Schreck; Noah and Leah Krason; and Lukas Helmick.

Mary was an employee of JCPenney Co. for 15 years in Syracuse and Poughkeepsie, NY. Prior to that, she was a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teacher for five years at St. Ann's Church in Manlius, NY. Mary's greatest joy was spending time with her children and grandchildren, gardening, and refreshing the walls of each of her homes with a new coat of paint. Mary loved a party. She was the best host and entertainer, always going above and beyond when it came to food and decoration, making everyone feel welcome, and well fed, who came into her home. A great sense of humor and laughter, and some dancing, could be counted on. Dancing to Frank Sinatra and doing the Lindy with her husband was a highlight for her throughout their marriage. She could debate politics with the best of them. Mary spent her later years traveling to Europe and up and down the East Coast, and relishing in the company of her children and grandchildren. Mostly, she touched so many peoples lives throughout her long life. She was selfless, always putting everyone before herself and doing her best to care for them.

Mary wanted special mention of her niece Britt for her consistent thoughtfulness and kindness. She also wanted special mention of her nephews Erik, Topher, and their spouses, her niece Kiki, and her brother-in-law Joe. Her cousins Beth and Jennifer, and her Bennett and Buchanan cousins. In addition, her friends Gloria, Sue, and Linda who she shared many good times with, and her hairdresser Karen who always made her look fabulous.

In honor of Mary's life, she asked that donations be made to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in her memory. A Celebration of Life ceremony will take place in the spring.

Mary, Mom, Nana was loved to the moon and back and her presence will be incredibly missed.

To send a personal condolence please visit [www.riverviewbyhalvey.com](http://www.riverviewbyhalvey.com).

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

## Cheryl Lynn Resek



Cheryl Lynn Resek, a former resident of Staatsburg / Wappingers Falls, and recently of New Windsor, NY, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on February 28, 2026; at the age of 59. She was born on February 17, 1967 in Poughkeepsie, NY, daughter of the late Ronald A. & Patricia A. (Vetter) Nevins. Cheryl attended the Wappinger Central Schools, and graduated from Roy C. Ketcham High School, class of 1985.

Cheryl was a dedicated worker throughout her life, the last 4-years she's worked in public school transportation, starting as a bus monitor and she was proud to have worked her way to become a driver; something which she aspired to be from her youth, it was her dream to be a bus driver, and she did. She loved being

around and helping children, especially her own. Cheryl loved being a mother, that was her true calling. Cheryl was born to be a mom. Not only to her own kids, but to everyone around her.

She also worked alongside her partner Eddie with their food truck 'Eddie Churro Factory' at the Renegade's Stadium Lot, for the last 5-years.

Cheryl enjoyed traveling and spontaneous adventures; she loved the beach, and watching the seagulls. She loved taking pictures of the sky; the sunrise, the sunset, and the moon. Above all she will be remembered for having a huge heart, she was always there to lend a hand to anyone in need, no matter what it was. She made sure everyone around her felt loved.

Cheryl is survived by her two children, her daughter Erica Resek and partner Garrett Vigrass; her son Colin J. Resek and his wife Ashley. She is also survived by her long-time partner Eddie Garcia and her step-son Jayden Matthew Lamboy, whom she adored as her own. Cheryl is also survived by her former husband Martin Resek, and several extended family & friends.

Her Family will receive friends and family on Friday, March 6, 2026 from 2-4 & 7-9PM at the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, where a Prayer Service will be offered. Interment will be private at the discretion and convenience of her family.

To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: [www.DelehantyFuneral.com](http://www.DelehantyFuneral.com).

## Rose Horton



Rose Horton, a life-long Village of Wappingers Falls resident, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2026 at The Pines at Poughkeepsie Center for Nursing; at the age of 85. She was born on September 20, 1940 in Wappingers Falls, NY daughter of the late Nicholas & Sarah (Trepepi) Francese. Rose attended and graduated from Wappinger Central Schools.

On September 14, 1963, she married Louis I Horton, who predeceased her on December 10, 2017; after 54 years of marriage.

Rose loved the New York Yankees, Star Trek and David Hasselhoff, but most of all her family. She dedicated herself to her work as an insurance broker, and served proudly as President of the Federation of New York Insurance Professionals. Rose was also involved in the Village of Wappingers Baseball Program, where she served as a Senior League Manager, for many years.

Rose leaves behind to cherish her memory, her three sons, David F. Horton and his wife Eileen Travis Horton; John F. Horton and his wife Rachael Morphet; Louis B. Horton and his wife Kerri Horton. She is also survived by her 9 grandchildren, Alex Morphet, Dylan Morphet and his wife Courtney, Kayley Karpisz and husband Ryan, Patricia Horton and partner Roy, Michael Kostecke, Megan Morphet, Nicole, Alex and wife Brianna Horton, Zachary and wife Erica Horton; her 13 Great Grandchildren, Peyton, Bionca, Kirsten, Ethan, Aidin, Stacia, Benjamin Eli, Lyle, Gabriel, Jasmine, Fordham, Alexander Jr. and Parker. Rose is survived by her older brother Frank Francese and his wife Ruth; sister-in-law Jean Francese.

Along with her parents and her husband, Rose was predeceased by her older brothers Joseph, Vincent and Nicholas Francese.

Her Family gathered with Friends on Friday, February 27th at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, where a prayer service was held. Interment will be private at discretion and convenience of her family. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: [www.DelehantyFuneral.com](http://www.DelehantyFuneral.com).

## Evalisa Skyrianos



Evalisa Skyrianos, a 30-year resident of Wappingers Falls, formerly of Mahopac, passed away suddenly on Monday, February 23, 2026 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. She was 55.

Daughter of Rafael Guzman and Margarita Cancel, she was born on July 22, 1970 and was raised in the Bronx.

Evalisa owned and operated her own food truck known as Evie's Eats. She was an avid reader and coffee drinker who enjoyed doing crafts such as Legos, ceramics, and coloring.

She will be remembered as the light and glue of her family. Evalisa was devoted to her husband, children, and most especially her grandchildren, who affectionately knew her as their Abuela.

In 1993, she married Athanasios Skyrianos in Mahopac. Athanasios survives at home in Wappingers Falls.

She is also survived by her sons and their wives: Stavros & Christine Skyrianos of New Paltz and Athanasios Rafael & Stephane Skyrianos of Wappingers Falls; her grandchildren: Arietta, Athanasios, Isabella, and Sofia; her siblings: Olga M. Diaz, Anibal Morales, Eddie Morales, Elsie Cancino, Ana Morales, Max Morales, Irma Morales, Edwin Borrero, Wanda Waring, Vivian Bedford and Diane Skiranos; as well as a host of nieces & nephews including Jayla Perales and Madeline Navarrette; and many other loving relatives.

Evalisa was preceded in death by her brother, Rafael Guzman; and her sister, Julie Sciortino. Calling hours were held on Monday, March 2 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A funeral service was offered immediately following visitation. Interment followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)) and the Muscular Dystrophy Association ([www.mda.org](http://www.mda.org)).

For online tributes, visit [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Peter Berg



Peter Raymond Berg, 77, fought his last battle and hesitantly stepped into the universe on February 23rd, 2026.

He was born in Ossining, NY on September 15, 1948. From the beginning he had a panache for doing things his way. He was a creative builder and spent his time restoring old houses and vintage cars, he could fix anything. He selflessly helped anyone that needed a hand and was the first to jump in and problem solve when needed.

He volunteered with the United States Army and served in Vietnam in 1968-69. He was honorably discharged in 1970. He spent many years silently mourning his fellow soldiers that never returned. Pete worked as a carpenter and foreman with the Carpenter's Union in Westchester until his retirement. Though he never really stopped working.

In 1981 he married Amy (Geyer) Berg,

before moving to Fishkill in 1984.

Pete was predeceased by his parents August and Eleanor (Quill) Berg. He is survived by his wife and children, Peter G. Berg (NJ), Tracy Berg Bagnato (NJ), Eric Berg (AR) and Evan Berg (NY). His sister Marilyn Sullivan (NY), 8 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Pete was known by many as they watched him walk his varied paths through life. He was a member of Sunup Rod and Gun Club and The Dutchess Cruisers.

His family would like to thank the First Responders of Fishkill, amazing neighbors that jumped in to help selflessly on Feb 23rd, the compassionate medical personnel at Castle Point, and West Haven VA hospitals as well as all members of the military that served and continue to serve our country.

The family would like to grieve in private and invite all that knew him to stop by the "house that Pete built," at any time to pay their respects.

May this proud soldier find peace as he journeys on.

Arrangements are under the direction of McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. For online tributes, visit [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

# Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, Ulster Savings Bank Launch Loan Initiative

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) has announced the launch of the Local Impact Fund for Tomorrow (LIFT). LIFT, a new local impact platform, is designed to strengthen the region's nonprofit and community development ecosystem, beginning with a pilot low-interest bridge loan initiative serving nonprofits in Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam Counties.

The LIFT bridge loan pilot is designed to address structural challenges by providing short-term, affordable loans tied to documented grants or contracts. Nonprofits often operate on reimbursement-based government contracts or delayed grant payments. While funding may be contractually committed, organizations must frequently cover expenses weeks or months before funds are received. These timing gaps can delay projects, strain operations, and limit impact. LIFT loans of up to \$50,000 will help eligible nonprofits move projects forward, maintain continuity of services, and stabilize cash flow while awaiting committed funding.

"Nonprofits are essential to the health and economic vitality of the Hudson Valley," said Laura Washington, President & CEO of CFHV. "Through LIFT, we're putting charitable dollars to work in a practical way — helping organizations bridge short-term funding gaps so important projects don't stall. And because these loans are repaid and reinvested, the same dollars can support multiple nonprofits over time."

"Community foundations were created to invest in the places we call home," said Robert J. Cotter, Chair of the Board of

Trustees. "This bridge-loan program is a natural extension of our original mission that started us in 1969 as The Area Fund. By putting charitable capital to work locally, we can help keep important projects moving and strengthen the organizations that make the Hudson Valley a vibrant and resilient region."

At launch, CFHV has committed \$250,000 from its Trustees' Endowment to capitalize the pilot, joined by early fundholder support and the bank's participation. As loans are repaid, funds will be recycled to support additional nonprofits, multiplying the community impact of the initial investment.

"Launching this program required careful planning, thoughtful risk assessment, and the right partners," said Frances Barney Knutsen, CFA, vice chair of CFHV's Board of Trustees and chair of the LIFT Committee, who brings more than 30 years of experience in strategic development and investment analysis. "This pilot gives us a strong foundation for a robust and responsible impact investing platform — one that will allow CFHV to support high-impact projects while maintaining the financial stewardship our donors expect."

Loans will be made by CFHV and originated and serviced by Ulster Savings Bank, which may purchase a participating interest in each loan and will manage loan administration. This partnership brings strong underwriting standards, financial expertise, and accountability to the program.

"Ulster Savings Bank is proud to part-



Laura Washington, President and CEO of Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, is pictured with William "Bill" Calderara, President and CEO of Ulster Savings Bank.

-Courtesy photo

ner with CFHV on this important initiative," said Bill Calderara, president & CEO of Ulster Savings Bank. "By combining philanthropic leadership with community banking expertise, we can help ensure local nonprofits have the tools they need to continue serving our region." LIFT is designed to evolve to meet future

community needs. While the pilot focuses on bridge lending, CFHV anticipates expanding the LIFT platform in the future to include additional local impact tools that complement traditional grantmaking.

For more information about LIFT or to learn how to participate, visit [CommunityFoundationsHV.org](http://CommunityFoundationsHV.org).

## Renegades, PSC set Seasonal Job Fair on March 7

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, and Professional Sports Catering (PSC) have announced that they will be holding a seasonal job fair at Heritage Financial Park on Saturday, March 7 in anticipation of the 2026 season and other Heritage Financial Park events.

From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Renegades and PSC staff will be conducting on-site interviews for part-time seasonal employment for the 2025 season. Candidates must be 16 years of age to apply, must be able to pass a background check, and must be able to work all home games (April-September) and additional events as needed.

Job seekers should anticipate filling out

a short candidate form onsite and the interview Attendees for the job fair may park in the Legends Lot at Heritage Financial Park no charge. Follow the signs to the left of the main gate to access the entrance to the WMCHHealth Club Lounge.

Dutchess County Public Transportation Bus Route B both Northbound from Beacon and Southbound from Poughkeepsie stops at Heritage Financial Park. See schedules and routes at [dutchessny.gov/Departments/Public-Transit/Routes-Schedules.htm](http://dutchessny.gov/Departments/Public-Transit/Routes-Schedules.htm).

The Renegades will be interviewing for the following positions: Box Office Staff, Ushers & Guest Services, Front Gate Ticket Takers, Heritage Financial Credit Union Fun Zone Attendants, Security,

Parking Attendants, Cleaning Team, Landscaping, Grounds Crew, Pregame Stadium Operations Staff, Game Entertainment Staff (Pinstripe Posse, Music Operator, etc.), Broadcast Production Staff and Team Store Staff.

PSC will be interviewing for the following positions: Concessions Associates (Cashier, Food Runner, Food Prep, Food Delivery), Suite Attendants, Picnic Attendants and Warehouse,

The ideal candidates must be fun-loving, outgoing, reliable and service-oriented. All applicants must be 16 years of age or older by March 31 to work for the Renegades and Heritage Financial Park. Previous employees need not apply. To learn more about opportunities available visit: [\[valley/about/employment\]\(http://valley/about/employment\) or follow the QR Code below.](http://milb.com/hudson-</a></p></div>
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In a recent press release, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance encouraged taxpayers to know their rights when hiring a tax preparer. New York State's Consumer Bill of Rights Regarding Tax Preparers establishes standards to help protect the public from dishonest tax preparers. The deadline to file returns and pay any tax owed (or request an extension of time to file) is midnight on April 15, 2026.

In New York State, registered tax return preparers must:

- post their New York State Tax Preparer Registration Certificate and price list;
- tell you up front whether they will represent you if your return is audited later;
- ask you about your income, expenses, family, and any other information or documents needed to accurately complete your return;
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return – including your bank account information – and ask questions before you sign it;

- give you a written statement of any interest and fees you will be charged if you choose a refund anticipation loan (refund advance) or a refund anticipation check (refund transfer) instead of having your refund deposited directly into your bank account;
- sign your tax return and enter the preparer tax identification number (PTIN) and New York tax preparer identification number (NYTPRIN), if applicable;
- e-file your tax return;
- give you a year-round address and phone number you can use if you have questions or concerns about your return; and
- provide you with a copy of your filed return.

If your tax preparer does not comply with the requirements in the Consumer Bill of Rights Regarding Tax Preparers, you can file a complaint online with the Tax Department's

Office of Professional Responsibility.

**Tax return preparers must also:**

- post Publication 135.1, Consumer Bill of Rights Regarding Tax Preparers (which is also available in Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Yiddish, Bengali, Korean, Haitian Creole, Italian, Arabic, Polish); and
- provide you with a free copy of Publication 135, Consumer Bill of Rights Regarding Tax Preparers, or the New York City Consumer Bill of Rights, prior to any discussions.

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**Verify your tax return preparer's credentials**

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To confirm your tax return preparer's credentials, see Verify your tax return preparer or facilitator.

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Taxpayers who may not qualify for Free File still have other options, including some other free ones that may work for them. See other e-file options to learn more: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/efile/>.

## NYS Department of Veterans' Services hosts 'Purple Heart State' program

The New York State Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) hosted a kick-off program on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, to commemorate New York State's official designation as a "Purple Heart State." The event celebrated the history, meaning, and enduring legacy of the Purple Heart while honoring the service and sacrifice of New York Service Members who were awarded the nation's oldest military decoration presented in the name of the President of the United States.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded or killed by enemy action, symbolizing extraordinary sacrifice in defense of the nation. An estimated two million Purple Hearts have been awarded since the award's inception.

From its earliest days, the Purple Heart has stood as a symbol recognizing service and sacrifice, tracing its origins to Aug. 7, 1782, when George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit for a "singularly meritorious act" among enlisted soldiers during the American Revolution. All but forgotten after the war, it was revived in 1932, transforming Washington's vision into the modern Purple Heart. Over time, the Purple Heart has evolved to reflect the realities of modern warfare – expanding across all branches of service, recognizing posthumous sacrifice, and encompassing all those wounded or killed by enemy action.

The date of the modern Purple Heart's creation, Feb. 22, 1932, coincides with the 200th birthday of George Washington, further underscoring the deep historical roots of the medal and its



*Tony Lassister, a Beacon resident, Vietnam War veterans and recipient of a Purple Heart, during the "Purple Heart State" program at the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor.*

*-Courtesy photo NYS Dept. of Veterans' Services*

enduring significance in American military tradition.

## 'Concert for America's Heroes' to highlight America's 250th birthday

Purple Heart heroes from across the nation will come together for a special tribute concert in April to celebrate America's 250th birthday. The "Concert for America's Heroes" will be the capstone event of this year's Purple Heart Patriot Project mission that brings combat wounded veterans from every state to the New York region.

This patriotic pops concert, performed by the MidAtlantic Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Jason Tramm, will honor our nation and those who have sacrificed across the generations for our freedom. The concert will be held on Thursday, April 30, at Mount Saint Mary College's Aquinas Theatre. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the show will begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets, priced at \$20 per person, can be purchased by visiting <https://www.purpleheartmission.org/event-registration/concert-for-america-heroes-ticket-sales>. Sponsorship opportunities are also available by contacting [development@purpleheartmission.org](mailto:development@purpleheartmission.org).

"Across America people are gathering together to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of our great nation," said National Purple Heart Honor Mission Executive Director Colonel Russell Vernon (Ret.). "It's only fitting that as we mark this historic milestone we pay tribute to the brave men and women whose service and sacrifice has helped keep us free. These Patriot Project missions recognize the sacrifices made by our Purple Heart recipients and this concert will be a moving tribute to our heroes, and those who never made it home."

"I am deeply honored to be part of this extraordinary event and to stand in tribute to our nation's Purple Heart recipients. Through music, we have the privilege of expressing what words alone cannot fully convey — our gratitude, our respect, and

our enduring remembrance. This concert is not only a celebration of America's 250th anniversary, but a heartfelt thank you to the brave men and women whose sacrifice has safeguarded our freedom across generations," said Maestro Jason Tramm, who will conduct the MidAtlantic Philharmonic Orchestra.

Selected from among hundreds of nominees and deserving candidates for their courage and service, both in combat and in their communities, the 2026 Purple Heart Patriot Project Mission honorees include:

- Marine Corps Major James Capers Jr., the first African American to command a Marine Recon company and the first enlisted African American Marine Officer to receive a battlefield commission. Earlier this year, 47 members of Congress sent a letter to President Trump urging him to award the Congressional Medal of Honor to Major Capers.

- Six-time Purple Heart recipient, USMC Staff Sergeant Thomas "Stormy" Matteo, who served in Vietnam.

- U.S. Navy Petty Officer Second Class (PO2) Steve Woelk, a two-time Purple Heart recipient, who was serving on the U.S.S. Pueblo when it was captured in 1968 by North Korea. He was wounded severely during the capture of the ship and spent 11 months as Prisoner of War (POW).

"Newburgh is the birthplace of what became the modern-day Purple Heart, so it's particularly poignant to offer this America 250 tribute at a time when so many of our heroes are gathered in our community. The Hudson Valley is deeply patriotic, and I know our community will come together as we always do to give our heroes a warm welcome home," said Purple Heart recipient and National Purple Heart Honor Mission Board Vice Chairman Dan Clarino.

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# Berg, Cary new Howland Cultural Center board members

The Howland Cultural Center (HCC) has two new board members - Philip Berg and John Cary as new members to its Board of Directors for terms beginning in 2026.

Board President Theresa Kraft said, "We are pleased to welcome Phil and John as new members. They each bring valuable backgrounds that will enhance the Howland Cultural Center's mission of preserving our historic building and serving as a community hub for arts, culture, and history. We are excited to continue growing our Board as the Howland Center expands our program offerings and plans future preservation projects for our building."

The addition of two new board members increases the HCC Board size to 12 members and follows several years of exciting program growth at the Center, as well as the completion of a major restoration of the building's portico, which was finished in late 2025.

The Howland Center hosted approximately 20,000 visitors and more than 500 events in 2025, offering community-centered performances, rotating art gallery exhibits, screenings, and special productions as well as regular monthly events and classes. Highlights included the Howland Chamber Music Circle, Artichoke Storytelling Series, Nerd Nite Hudson Valley, Howland's Open Mic Night, LIT LIT Open Mic for Writers, an annual Holiday Gift Show, lectures, and special children's and family-friendly programming. Classes and clubs included

the Bridge Club, Tioronda Garden Club, kids after-school art, Mid-Hudson Music Together, creative writing, music and financial literacy workshops, as well as private events.

The new Board members are: Philip C. Berg is chairman of the corporate law practice at Otterbourg P.C. in New York City, representing clients in merger and acquisition transactions, corporate financings, business start-ups and general corporate matters. Berg previously served as a corporate attorney at Cravath, Swaine & Moore, and he also served as law clerk for Hon. Thomas H. Meskill, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit. Berg received a JD degree from Harvard Law School and a BA degree in Chemistry from the University of Virginia. He also serves on the board of trustees of the Harvard Club of NYC and previously served as Treasurer and board member of The Players, a private club in NYC founded in 1888 by Edwin Booth, Mark Twain and other leading figures, and designed by Stanford White.

John Cary is a resident of Newburgh, originally hailing from New Orleans. After receiving an MBA from Loyola University, he worked at Bear Stearns and Mellon Financial services in New York City and New Jersey. He then owned and operated a Unishippers franchise for 15 years, developing a small business and entrepreneurial spirit. He then went back to school and earned his doctorate from St. John Fisher University and started teaching full-time at Marist University



The Howland Cultural Center Board welcomed two new members, Philip Berg and John Cary. Berg and Cary were recently welcomed by other board members at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon.

-Courtesy photo HCC

School of Management. Cary enjoys a variety of sports and outdoor activities including tennis, running, hiking, and walking. Additionally, he has played the guitar (acoustic, electric, and classical) since college, recently focusing on the classical guitar, a challenge he suggests is

beyond the acoustic guitar. Cary is married with two boys and enjoys vacationing at the beach.

Anyone interested in becoming involved as a volunteer at the Howland Cultural Center, please contact information@howlandculturalcenter.org.

## Guitar Club to meet on March 15 in East Fishkill

Come to the Guitar Club at the East Fishkill Community Library on Sunday, March 15. The group meets monthly on Sundays from 1:30-3:30 p.m., and meets monthly on Saturdays

for the summer months June-August. Check the EFCL calendar for select dates.

This is an adult group meant for guitar hobbyists to meet up and share their

music and guitar geekiness together. While they may learn from each other, this will be more of a jam club than a group lesson.

Local resident Carol Morin will lead

this group; all levels of experience are welcome. Familiarity with basic chords is helpful but not required.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of Village of Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County, New York, at a meeting held on February 25, 2026, 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

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ecution of the same and also including the consolidation 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.  
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# Creative Living

## Caroline Dolfi of Pleasant Valley earns award for 'Dedicated Service'

By Curtis Schmidt

Caroline Dolfi is the epitome of an individual who loves and supports her community on a daily basis – and she has done just that for many years.

For all of her efforts, the owner of the Pleasant Valley Department Store has been named the recipient of the "Gary Veeder Award for Dedicated Service for 2025." Veeder, the first winner of the award, recently presented the plaque to Dolfi and noted that it is "given annually to a person that has improved our community over the years."

The plaque reads - "The hamlet of Pleasant Valley has had a varied history, Talbots Inn, Masten's Feed Store, Shekomoko Lodge of FM and the Pleasant Valley Mill. Currently, the Pleasant Valley Department Store is one of the landmarks that reminds us of our past. Caroline Dolfi has been quietly active in keeping these memories alive and volunteering and wearing different hats for many years. For this the committee adds your name to the Gary Veeder Award for the year 2025."

"Pleasant Valley is my town. I've lived here most of my life and I love it," said Dolfi. "My business is in the center of the hamlet, so I am in touch with the community on a daily basis. We have the most wonderful people living and working here – concerned, dedicated citizens always trying to make our town better. I'm happy to be



Caroline Dolfi, owner of the Pleasant Valley Department Store, accepts the plaque from Gary Veeder as winner of the "Gary Veeder Award for Dedicated Service."

-Courtesy photo

serving on numerous boards and committees – working to keep our community strong and vibrant. I truly appreciate that I was

selected among many worthy candidates and I will keep working for our town!"

Among Dolfi's many volunteer activities

are the following: President of the Pleasant Valley Cemetery Association, Trustee of the Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church and Trustee of the Dorothy E. Albertson Foundation. She has also served on Pleasant Valley Weekend and Redl Park Committees.

Two of her most cherished awards include (1) being named an Honorary Life Member of the Pleasant Valley Fire Company #1, and (2) Recipient of the 2020 Larkin-Vanamberg Memorial Award - presented to a citizen of Pleasant Valley who shows the same unselfish giving of himself/herself to our community as Ken and Bert did. This award is in memory of two brother firefighters who gave their lives in the line of duty.

The "Gary Veeder Award for Dedicated Service" was created by committee members during the administration of Supervisor John Delveccio.

"It was a complete surprise to me when it was presented at a Pleasant Valley Days," said Veeder, who served as Pleasant Valley Town Supervisor from 1976-1980. He noted that the award is non-political and the committee views a recipient that has been active for a relatively long time. "In some cases, their contributions are quiet and not well known, which doesn't decrease the recipient's value to our community," said Veeder.

In addition to Veeder and now Dolfi, previous recipients of the award include Jean Curley and Dieter Friedrichsen.

## Captain to offer talk at Beacon Sloop Clubhouse on March 19

Join Captain Sarah Armour, captain of Mystic Seaport Museum's schooner *Brilliant*, for a talk on building a career in tall ships, sail training, and traditional sail on Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at the Beacon Sloop Club Clubhouse, Red Flynn Drive, in Beacon. Starting as a volunteer and trainee aboard the *Hudson River Sloop Clearwater* and growing up in the Beacon Sloop Club around vessels like *Clearwater* and *Woody Guthrie*, Sarah will reflect on how these Hudson River communities shaped her path—and her progression to captain—over a decade of work in sail training and experiential education. The program is free.

For more information, visit <http://www.beaconsloopclub.org>.

Right: Captain Sarah Armour

-Courtesy photo Beacon Sloop Club



## Amateur, professional photographers to meet on March 26 in East Fishkill

The Photography Group will meet at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, on Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. This group meets at the library on the fourth Thursday of each month. This group is composed of local photographers - both professional and amateur who come together each month to share their love of the art of

photography, to explore new techniques and discover new software, applications and tools to enhance their art. The group is open to all interested individuals; drop-ins welcome.

Call the library at 845-221-9943 or visit online at [eflibrary.org](http://eflibrary.org) for more information.

## Discuss 'The Frozen River' on March 11 at the EFCL

The EFCL Afternoon Book Group will meet to discuss this month's selection, "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route

376, on Wednesday, March 11. Copies of the book are available within the Library system. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.

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# HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

# BY FRANCINE WIZNER



## Was Saint Patrick a snake whisperer?

### Analyzing the legend behind Saint Patrick's Day

Even though it has the same number of days as six other months, March always seems like the longest of the year. Saint Patrick's Day Festivities offer a respite as we recover from the long, frosty winter. The Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee (DCSPPC, Inc. a 501(C)(3)) sponsors an Irish-themed decorating contest. Three businesses and three homes will be awarded top honors for their displays of Irish Spirit on March 6. The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be March 7. Further information about those events can be found at [www.dcsppc.org](http://www.dcsppc.org) and <https://www.facebook.com/DutchessCountyStPatricksParadeCommittee>.

Another fun and educational way to brighten things up is with themed activities for the upcoming Saint Patrick's Holiday on March 17. Making dyed carnations and fluorescent daisies are favorites. They're great for demonstrating plants' vascular systems.

#### Saint Patrick

For a multidisciplinary connection, I prefer to focus on eponymous reason for the day: Saint Patrick. The celebration honors the missionary who converted Ireland to Christianity during the 5th Century A.D. According to legend, Saint Patrick (ca. 385-461 CE) used the three-leaf shamrock to represent the Holy Trinity, as well as chased serpents into the sea after they attacked him.

#### Neither shamrocks nor snakes

Although there are pictures of Saint Patrick holding a shamrock, there is no record of his involvement with the plant when he lived. The association of Saint Patrick with

shamrocks is folklore. The same goes for the snakes.

It is true that there are no Irish Snakes. In fact, Ireland only has two species of land-dwelling reptiles. They are the Viviparous Lizard (*Zootoca vivipara*) and the Slow Worm (*Anguis fragilis*). The Viviparous Lizard has been in Ireland 10,000 years. The Slow Worm is actually a legless lizard that was introduced to Ireland in 1970.

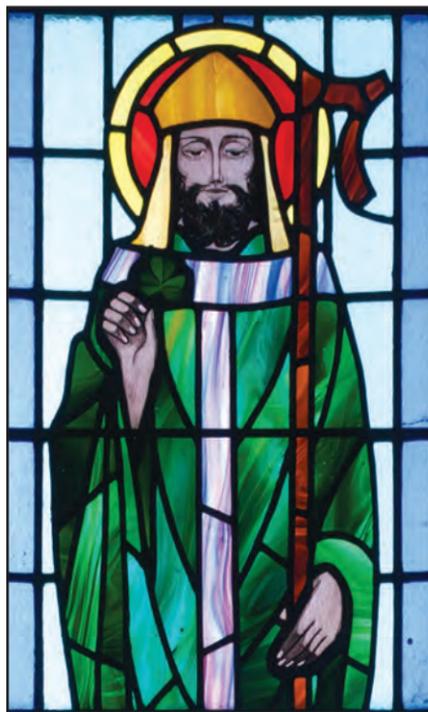
#### An unlikely claim

Ireland's surrounding waters are impassable barriers for terrestrial reptiles. Although land bridges once connected Ireland and Britain to Europe, that was 8,500 years ago, and snakes colonize slowly. Also, the island-nation lacks fossilized snake remains, which have been found many other places. There is no trace evidence to suggest that snakes ever existed in Ireland; ergo, the claim that Saint Patrick gave them their "marching" orders is unsupported.

#### Another interpretation

Serpents are symbols of evil in the Judeo-Christian tradition. Genesis portrays a snake slyly convincing Eve to eat fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, despite explicit instructions against such action. In Greek Mythology, the Gorgons have hair made of venomous snakes, and looking upon them turns the viewer to stone.

Serpents are also linked to practices of "heathens." Heathens were polytheistic early pre-Christian peoples who lived in the lands around what is now called the North Sea. They performed ritual sacrifices to honor gods or to gain their favor for



A stained-glass window at St. Benin's Church in Ireland pictures St. Patrick holding a shamrock.

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A Northern Water Snake in Clinton Corners.

-Photo by Glen White.



The Northern Red-bellied Snake is harmless and is a friend of the garden.

-Photo by John P. Vanek

purposes such as peace, victory, or good sailing weather.

Saint Patrick converted many heathens to Christianity. In this context, snakes are a metaphor for heathens. That is an opportunity to include cross-curricular English and History learning while celebrating Saint Patrick's Day.

#### S-S-Speaking of snakes

It would be unwise for someone to release their pet snake in Ireland. Alien species present a risk to well-established fauna. The isolated nature of an island population makes Ireland highly vulnerable to an introduction of a non-native species.

#### It looks like a snake...

You can find out more about legless lizards (like the Slow Worm in Ireland) with the "Do Now" 4 New Legless Lizards Discovered in California. As with other exercises found in the book, Life Science "Do-Nows" and "Exit Tickets": 180 Days of Warm-Up and Closure Activities, learners generate context-based guesses to fill in the blanks of a reading selection. The activity can be used to teach about classification, evolution, or Saint Patrick's Day!

Snakes and legless lizards share a resemblance, but are only distantly related. If you trace their evolutionary history back far enough, snakes and legless lizards descended from lizards, but they each lost their legs independently.

#### Dutchess County is 'Snake-Rich'

Regardless of any snake-chasing done by the saint, Dutchess County is "Snake-Rich" according to Zoologist John P. Vanek of

New York Natural Heritage Program and SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry. Of the 17 snake species that occur in New York, 14 can be found in Dutchess. According to Vanek, our county is not home to legless lizards. If you do see one here, it might be an unusual happenstance ... or Luck O' The Irish.

(Note: The majority of snakes in New York are harmless. Only the Timber Rattlesnake and Copperhead pose a risk to humans in Dutchess County. If you encounter a snake, give them space, walk around, and carry on. You can later reminisce about your encounter with one of the last truly wild denizens of the Hudson Valley.)

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at <https://medium.com/@wiznerf>, <https://substack.com/@gkatzchronicle>, and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com>.

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## Poughkeepsie Book Festival scheduled March 28 at DCC

The Poughkeepsie Children's Book Festival 2026, scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at Dutchess Community College, will have over 100 authors and illustrators of children's and young reader books.

Readers can find books of all types - storybooks, chapter books, picture books, and graphic novels, both fiction and non-fiction. There will be opportunities to buy new books and get autographs.

The festival, organized by the Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD), and supported by the Friends of PPLD is an opportunity for children to

find a deeper connection with books, and for the authors to make a personal connection with their readers. Some favorite book characters will be there, such as Biscuit, Paddington, Bad Kitty, and Red Crayon.

The book festival is a free event, open to the public from 10 am - 3 pm. It will take place in Falcon Hall at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie. Parking will be available in Lot D at 95 Cottage Road. This is a free family event for ages 17 and under, no registration is required. Visit [poklib.org](http://poklib.org) for more information.

that's italian!

by luigi coppola



# Pedal to the metal

Mom wears down a policeman during a traffic stop.

The other day I was stopped by a police officer because I had a tail light out. As I was waiting for my ticket to be processed, I remembered when my mother was pulled over for speeding in front of Marist College (now Marist University) many years ago.

I was in the restaurant kitchen prepping something. I heard the kitchen screen door open and slam shut. My mother came into the restaurant and was mumbling to herself. She had a Price Chopper bag in her hand and threw the bag on my father's prep table. She was very clearly angry about something. Worried that she was angry with me, I chose to ignore her mood for fear of retribution. Something that I was very familiar with.

As she walked past me she continued to mumble about something and proceeded through the dining room and into the bathroom. Amazed that she didn't even say hello, I went back to work knowing full well that when she came out of the bathroom I would be told what was wrong. I also braced myself for what I was sure was going to be a great story.

When she came out of the bathroom, she marched through the dining room, into the kitchen, and through open the swinging doors that separated the kitchen from the dining room.

The door slammed against the wall. I knew I was in for a treat.

Apparently, Mom was just stopped in front of Marist College for speeding.

My mother had a bit of a lead foot. She was always in a hurry and always told us she had so much to do, even though she really didn't. Picture the scene if you would: My mother, who was a tiny, 5 foot 1 inch woman, is in her car, in a hurry of course, driving toward the Price Chopper on South Road on a mission for my father. This time it was to buy fresh artichokes. She has her seat belt pulled tight, she is holding onto the steering wheel with her Vulcan death grip

and is playing Mario Lanza on the CD player in the car.

Mom had a funny way of driving. She would constantly rock the steering wheel back and forth very slightly. Almost like you would shake your leg when you were nervous.

Anyway, she's driving South on Route 9, passes Marist College and goes through a yellow light. She is in a 30 mph zone and is probably doing close to 45. Naturally, there is a police officer nearby and he proceeds to pull her over.

This is how I perceived the conversation:

**Officer:** License and registration, please.

**Mom:** Why?

**Officer:** License and registration, please.

**Mom:** Ia no wuzza speeding.

**Officer:** License and registration, please.

**Mom:** You don't have to give me a ticket. That's OK.

**Officer:** License and registration, please.

**Mom:** Listen, Pop is a gonna getta mad if I no get the artichokes to him on time.

**Officer:** Lady, please get out of the car.

**Mom:** Why?

**Officer:** Lady I'm getting mad, Please give me your license and registration or I'm gonna have to cuff you.

**Mom:** Why you getting so mad? Im a just going to get the artichokes for my husband? You don't have to give me a ticket. That's OK. Don't worry about it.

**Officer:** Lady, please. Just give me your freaking license and registration.

**Mom:** You no understand. You don't have to give me a ticket because Pop he's a gonna get mad if Ima not back fast with the artichokes.

**Officer:** Please get out of the car, I have to frisk you.

**Mom:** No you toucha me! I know what

you have in mind. You leave me alone.

**Officer:** Please, lady, just give me your license.

**Mom:** I tolda you. You no have to give me a ticket. That'sa OK.

**Officer:** Lady, If you don't give me your license, I will have to arrest you.

**Mom:** OK. Im a gonna give you my license, but you no gonna give me a ticket, OK?

**Officer:** OK, Lady.

**Mom:** You gotta promise me, OK?

**Officer:** I promise! Just give me the freaking license!

After a few minutes the officer comes back to the car:

**Officer:** I just checked you out, Mrs. Coppola. Everything seems OK. You've got to make sure you drive slower, OK?

**Mom:** OK. You no giva me the ticket?

**Officer:** You going to drive slower?

**Mom:** Yeah. Don't worry.

**Officer:** Mrs. Coppola, please take it easy. Don't speed. I'm gonna let you go, but you take it easy, OK?

**Mom:** Come here. (she pinches his cheek) You a gooda boy. Your mother is a proud ofa you. I no gonna speed no more.

**Officer:** Thanks Mrs. Coppola. Just take it easy, OK?

**Mom:** Ya. Im a gonna take it easy as soon as I getta Pop his artichokes. Caio!

I can imagine the poor officer sitting in his car shaking his head as my mother sped off, thinking people shoot at me and it is less aggravating than that lady.

Needless to say, my mother sped to the Price Chopper got the artichokes for Pop and sped back to the restaurant. I have to say the artichokes were very good. Enjoy the recipe for Pop's Stuffed Artichokes.

**Officer:** License and registration, please.

**Mom:** Why you getting so mad? Im a just going to get the artichokes for my husband? You don't have to give me a ticket. That's OK. Don't worry about it.

**Officer:** Lady, please. Just give me your freaking license and registration.

**Mom:** You no understand. You don't have to give me a ticket because Pop he's a gonna get mad if Ima not back fast with the artichokes.

**Officer:** Please get out of the car, I have to frisk you.

**Mom:** No you toucha me! I know what

- 3 slices Italian bread, cubed
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/8 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/4 cup grated Romano cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 5 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- salt and pepper to taste

**Directions**

Cut the tips of artichoke leaves to take off the pointy tips, and cut off the stems. Peel the stem with a potato peeler. Fill your sink with water and soak the artichokes for about 20 minutes. Drain and shake off excess water. Holding artichoke firmly by base, firmly slap the top of it on a hard surface like a cutting board a couple of times. This will open the artichoke so it can be stuffed.

In a bowl combine bread cubes, garlic, parsley, Romano cheese, oregano, 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, salt and pepper; mix well by hand.

Press about 1/2 cup of stuffing into each artichoke center. Tightly pack stuffed artichokes together in a large pan or stainless steel tray. Add enough water to reach half way up artichokes and add 3 tablespoons oil and the stem. Cover the pan with aluminum foil or a cover

Bring to a boil over high heat; reduce heat to low and simmer, for 1 hour, or until leaves pull out easily.

Serve in a bowl with grated cheese and ladle the broth in the bowl pouring over the stuffing. Served with a wedge of Italian bread.

*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. Visit their website at [www.coppolas.net](http://www.coppolas.net).*

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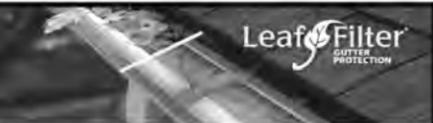
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ADK Mountain View Properties, LLC filed w/SSNY 1/12/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 111 Barkit Kennel Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Any lawful purpose.

"Notice of Formation of Tom White Dog Training And Behavior LLC" Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State on 1/6/2026. 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: 29 Friendly Way Stormville, NY 12582 Purpose: Dog Training

NOTICE OF FORMATION BREV SW LLC has filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State on January 16, 2026. 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 89 Kensington Lane, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. The purpose of the LLC is any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Mahaffey Cattle Company LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on January 15, 2026. The office of the Company is located in Dutchess County, New York. The Company has designated the Secretary of State of New York as its agent upon which process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 484 Old Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law.

Notice of Formation of ELBOW CREEK TWO, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/16/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 241 Hudson St., Hackensack, NJ 07601. 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. Pur-

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pose: Any lawful activity.

VALDINA TELLER ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/26. 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, 42 Teller Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Distillery Stay LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on January 8, 2026. 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 284 State Route 23, Claverack, NY 12513. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Formation of 356 VERBK, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/14/2026. Office loc.: Dutchess County. The principal business address is 356-358 Verbank Rd., Millbrook, NY 12545. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Jessica Ariel Pesco, 395 Leonard St., Apt. 522, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Aura Flooring LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/30/2025. 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, 79 W Dorsey Ln, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: any lawful act.

JPB CONSULTAS, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 01/09/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, PO Box 833, Beacon, NY 12508. General Purposes.

KLZ GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/14/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process

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to the LLC, 40 Galle Lane, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of VALLEY TECHNOLOGIES GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/6/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. Principal business location: 1 HOLLYBERRY DR, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1 HOLLYBERRY DR, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

LF8 LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1 Jordan St, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Reg Agent: U.S. Corp. Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave., Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

TEMPLE BUILT LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/08/2026. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1 Jordan St, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Reg Agent: U.S. Corp. Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave., Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Form. of JKMR PROPERTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/19/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to PO BOX 585, AMENIA, NY 12501. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Small Batch Sisters LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/18/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Meghan Dolan, 3 Fowlerhouse Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of D&K AUTO PERFORMANCE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of

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New York (SSNY) on January 24, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 75 Honeywell Ln Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws

Nuvantura LLC filed w/SSNY 1/21/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 83 Stream Ln, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Any lawful purpose.

100 SOUTH AVENUE LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on January 22, 2026. 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, 20330 Passagio Drive, Venice, Florida 34293. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LF Bossier Haynesville, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/23/2026. 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.

FIRESIDE WOOD PRODUCTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/27/26. 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 Jake Demasi, 43 Raceway Drive, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of HVEC NEWCO, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/28/2026. 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.

HOWLING HOLLOW FARM LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/14/2025. Office: Dutchess County.

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SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 2006 Clove Rd, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: any lawful act.

5926 RT 9 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/2025. 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: The LLC, PO Box 785, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Willowoods, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/13/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 50 Carol Lane, Poughquag, New York 12570. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Avanti 21, LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on January 22, 2026. 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, 72 Dutchess Terrace, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Cat Cuts Creative LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/04/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 26 Relyea Terrace, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

SJW PROPERTIES LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/3/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Cappillino, Rothschild & Egan LLP, 7 Broad St., Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 1C Margherita Ln., Pawling, NY 12564.

Notice of Form. of LOCAL COUPLE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/26/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom

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process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 133 LONGVIEW RD, CLINTON CORNERS, NY 12514. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of G R A M E R C Y PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/06/2009. 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.

Notice of Form. of JONATHAN S. BERCK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/01/2005. 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.

Notice of Formation of Apex Bookkeeping and Solutions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on January 15, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Apex Bookkeeping and Solutions, LLC at 14 White Birch Ct, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: Cut the Chaos LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/27/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. ZENBUSINESS INC. has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: ZENBUSINESS INC. 41 STATE STREET, SUITE 112, ALBANY, NY, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

A L P I N E HYDROELECTRIC LLC. Filed 1/8/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 22 Old Myers Corners Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

CROCCO FAMILY FARM LLC. Filed 12/22/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Jd Cpa Pc, 3

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Nancy Ct, Ste 5, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

AB PILATES LLC. Filed 12/17/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 2419 Route 82 Ste 103, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: General.

ROASTED & TOASTED BY ALVIN & AUDIE LLC. Filed 12/15/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 5 Juniper Way, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of Baird Property Group, LLC, Art. of Org. filed w/Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/14/26. Office location: Dutchess Co., NY.; SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process c/o the Company, 330 Haven Ave, Apt 3K, New York, NY 10033. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Northern Dutchess Botanical Gardens, LLC, Art. of Org. filed w/Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/14/26. Office location: Dutchess Co., NY.; SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process c/o the Company, 389 Salisbury Tpke, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Robs Rides 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 Robert E Essigman 22 Slate Hill dr Poughkeepsie NY 12603 Purpose: any lawful purpose

RASUL REAL ESTATE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/5/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 56 Sutton Park Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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RED NY HOLDINGS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/6/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 471 White House Pike, Atco, NJ 08004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 440 Milan Hollow Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572.

Notice of Formation of SLATER LANDSCAPING LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/06/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 111 Rudd Pond Rd., Millerton, NY 12546. 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: To provide landscaping, lawn care, and related outdoor maintenance services.

INKY AFTERCARE LLC, a domestic LLC filed with the SSNY on 10/20/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as an agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to U.S. Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any Lawful

Notice of Formation of 19 HEINCHON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/08/2025. Office location: DUTCHESS County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 19 HEINCHON LLC, P.O. BOX 372, PAWLING, NY, UNITED STATES, 12564. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Bosco Electric LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/12/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the 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 8 Griffin Lane, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Electrical Contracting

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Notice of Formation of Klutch Motors LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 01/28/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 48 East Main Street, Apt 5, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Pine Ridge Cabin Voorheis, LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/16/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process to the LLC or Douglas Coccaro at 213 Pleasant Ridge Rd., Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of JNE Ventures, L.P. art. of org filed with SSNY on 02/07/25 of ficelocation Dutchess County SSNY designated as agent for service of process SSNY shall mail process to 89 Rymph Road, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

The Knotty Bobbin, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/11/2026. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 81 Hurley Road Salt Point New York, 12578. Purpose: Handmade Goods.

Notice of Formation of Feral Sprinkles LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/15/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 6129 Route 82 Apt 5 Stanfordville NY 12581. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: 15 Buckingham Holding LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 2/18/2026. The County in which the Office is to be located: Dutchess. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 127 Chelsea Rd,

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Wappinger Falls, NY, 12590, USA. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company H V Moonlight Events LLC filed with SSNY on 2/17/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 103 Horseshoe Road Millbrook NY 12545 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: Dufresne Building Group LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 2/18/2026. The County in which the Office is to be located: Dutchess. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 127 Chelsea rd. Wappingers Falls, NY, 12590, USA.

Notice of formation of Sunshine Roots Doula Care LLC. Filed with SSNY on 01/30/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 119 Noxon Road, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) Name: L E A N G Y M A T O S - S M I T H, LCSW, PPL. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 30, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 43 Roundtree Court Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: to engage in any and all business for which LLCs may be formed under the New York LLC law.

Notice of Formation of BDE Realty Red Hook, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to BDE Realty Red Hook, LLC, PO Box

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239, Redding, CT 06896. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of BDE Red Hook, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/02/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to BDE Red Hook, LLC, PO Box 239, Redding, CT 06896. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

SAJ Properties 2025 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/27/2025. 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: The LLC, 22 Tannen Dr, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: JVRB Properties, LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was February 17, 2026. Principal office location is Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it or served upon it on behalf of the LLC to the registered agent, Robert Bosworth, 39 Pershing Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Skyline Road LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/01/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent on whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Toren J. Murphy, 500 E 85th St Apt 8A, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

DSG Exterior Cleaning LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 26, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: DSG Exterior Cleaning LLC, 6 Country Ln, Hopewell

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Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful actor activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

Ardencaple Property Management, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/18/2025. 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, 3 Main St, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of TANGLEWOOD 3 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/10/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 19 Will Tremper Dr., Rhinebeck, NY 12572. 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. Purpose: Property redevelopment.

Notice of Formation of MONSTER FRIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on February 20, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as the agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1485 NY-9D b1, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: Bargain Babes, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on 2/10/26. The County in which the Office is to be located: Dutchess. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 4 Nassau Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of MILLBROOK BARNES, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/25/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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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 H3 Venture LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/23/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 12 Creekside Road, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

PREMIER BIDETS LLC. Filed 12/18/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 6565 Spring Brook Ave Ste 8, #147, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: General.

WEST SHORE LAKEHOUSE LLC. Filed 1/22/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 3 Stenger Ct, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: Honey & Oliver Canine Care LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 01/09/2026. The County in which the Office is to be located: Dutchess. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 129 Linden Avenue, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Olmedos Lawn and Landscaping LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/16/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: 25 Longview Ave. Arlington NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful actor activity.

Kessia G. Brands and Books LLC. Arts. of Org. filed SSNY 2/11/26. Office located in Dutchess Co. SSNY shall mail process to: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13TH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11228 designated as agent of LLC upon

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whom process may be served. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

ARKET HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/17/26. 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 Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & luele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Links & Manor LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 2/24/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to 17 Wilkenson Hollow Rd. Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Eateries and Escapes Media, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY on 10/28/26. Office location: Dutchess County. LegalZoom designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. LegalZoom shall mail process to LegalZoom (UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC), 7014 13TH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of PLEASANT FARMS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/01/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to PLEASANT FARMS LLC: 9119 86TH AVE, WOODHAVEN, NY, 11421, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

673 EVERGREEN HOLDINGS, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 01/29/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 1 AMHERST LANE, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590. Purpose: Any Lawful.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner

Trustee of CSMC 2021-RPL11 Trust Plaintiff, Against Gerald P. Bayne aka Gerald Bayne; Julie L. Bayne aka Julie Bayne

Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 12/19/2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the rear lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, on 3/16/2026 at 3:30PM, premises known as 50 Harrigan Road, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533 and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess, State of New York.

Section 6456 Block 01 Lot 244876 The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$366,864.74 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 2024-52474

Roland Bloomer, Esq., Referee. SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Dated: 1/29/2026 File Number: 39732 CA

Notice is hereby given a license, NYS Application ID: NA-0240-26-204066 for beer, wine and cider has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, wine and cider at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 35 Winslow Gate Road, Unit 5, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 for on-premises consumption. Shake Shack New York LLC d/b/a Shake Shack

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DUTCHESS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC., Plaintiff, vs. Any unknown heirs to the Estate of JOHN W. HUBBARD A/K/A JOHN HUBBARD, next of kin, devisees, legatees, distributees, grantees, as-

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signees, creditors, lienors, trustees, executors, administrators or successors in interest, as well as the respective heirs at law, next of kin, devisees, legatees, distributees, grantees, assignees, lienors, trustees, executors, administrators or successors in interest of the aforesaid classes of persons, if they or any of them be dead, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff; JENNIFER DESCHAIINE; PAULA VAUGHN; JOHN G. HUBBARD, SR.; MARLIN BUSINESS BANK; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; KEN LEAST AS JOHN DOE #1; Defendants.

Filed: 02/10/2026 Index No.: 2023-50943 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 15 Eck Road Wappingers Falls, (Town of Wappinger) NY 12590 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on 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 designated 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 OBJECT of the above captioned action is for the foreclosure of: Mortgage bearing the date of May 15, 2015, executed by John W. Hubbard and Adriana S. Hubbard, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. to secure the sum of \$195,617.00, and interest, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess County on June 4, 2015 in Document No.: 01-2015-3809. That Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. duly assigned said Note and Mortgage to Quicken Loans Inc. by Assignment dated December 11, 2017 and recorded on December 20, 2017 in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess County in Document No.: 01-2017-50980A. Loan Modification bearing the date of May 29, 2019, executed by John W. Hubbard, an unmarried man to Quicken Loans Inc. to secure the sum of \$213,325.86, with interest, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess County on August 19, 2019 in Document No.: 01-2019-4340. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the Mortgaged Premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the County in which the Mortgaged Premises is situated. Section: 6257 Block: 0 3 Lot: 1 5 4 2 9 8 DATED: November 11, 2025 Rochester, New York 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. BY: Molly L. Chapman, Esq. DAVIDSON FINK LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 400 Meridian Centre Blvd., Ste. 200 Rochester, New York 14618 Tel: (585) 760-8218 WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SCHEDULE A LEGAL DESCRIPTION ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and im-

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provements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess, and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly line of Eck Road and distant Southerly 1445.04 feet along the easterly line of said road from where the curve of said line leaves the southerly side of the Hopewell Turnpike Road and; RUNNING THENCE along the southerly line of Lot number 15 in Section C as shown on a certain map entitled "Ardmore Hills, Sections B and C" South 80 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds East 210.22 feet to the southeasterly corner of said Lot number 15 and the northeasterly corner of the herein described parcel and on the line of lands now or formerly L. Eck; THENCE along the line of said Eck South 5 degrees 39 minutes West 200.00 feet and North 80 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds West 210.22 feet to the easterly line of said road North 5 degrees 39 minutes East 200.00 feet to the point of beginning being the same premises as shown on a certain map entitled "Ardmore Hills, Sections B and C" filed in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office and designated as Lot number C 14, Map #2614.

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA (Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law) Notice is Hereby Given that Assessment Inventory and Valuation Data is available for examination and review. This Data is the information which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear on the tentative assessment role of the Town of East Fishkill which will be filed on or before May 1, 2026. This information may be reviewed by appointment at the Assessor's Office at East Fishkill Town Hall 330 Route 376 anytime after March 1, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. To set up an appointment to review the assessment information, please call Kathleen Martin, Assessor, at 845-226-6353. Date: March 1, 2026 Kathleen A. Martin, Assessor

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-27-26 Freightliner OEM Replacement Parts for Dutchess County Public Transit Vehicles Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 24th day of March 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.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-07-26 After-Hours Telephone Answering and Messaging Services Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day of March 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 SPECIAL ELECTION Rombout Fire District in the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Sections 175 and 179 of the Town Law, and other applicable statutes, a special election of the Rombout Fire District will be held on the 7th Day of April, 2026, at the Rombout firehouse known as Station 1, located at 901 Main Street, Fishkill, New York 12524, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting on the proposition for submission to electors of the Rombout Fire District on whether the resolution of the Board of Fire

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Commissioners of the Rombout Fire District, adopted February 11, 2026, authorizing the sale of real property owned by the District located at 501 Cedar Hill Road in the Town of Fishkill, designated by tax parcel number 6256-03-424262, be approved. Each registered elector of the Town of Fishkill who shall have resided in the Rombout Fire District for a period of thirty days next preceding the date of the election shall be qualified to vote at the election. Dated: Fishkill, New York February 11, 2026 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ROMBOUT FIRE DISTRICT in the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York. Lori Cerreta, 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-38-26 REBID Cummins Engine Repair and Replacement Service Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 19th day of March 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 PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the 10th day of March, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance: Appeal No.: 26-7868 (Area Variance) 7 Brew Coffee; Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an SC Zoning District. -Where 75 feet to the front yard property line

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is required to a State or County Road, the applicant can provide 31.8 feet for the construction of a 510 sf., prefabricated building and canopy with necessary drive-thru circulation, thus requesting a variance of 43.2 feet. The property is located at 1506 Route 9 on 0.74 acres and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6157-02-653974 in the Town of Wappinger. All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above. Signed: John Lorenzini, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger February 13, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law, The Assessor for The Town of Fishkill has Inventory and Valuation Data Available for Review. To set up an appointment to review this Information please call (845) 831-7800 Ext. 3337 CHRISTIAN HARKINS Assessor

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA (Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law) Notice is hereby given that Assessment Inventory and Valuation Data is available for Examination and Review. This information which will be used to establish the assessments on the Tentative Assessment Roll of The Town of Pleasant Valley which will be filed on or before May 1st, 2026. To set up an appointment to review this information, please call the assessor at 845-635-1111 Ext. 208, Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:30 am and 1:00 pm. Dated: March 1, 2026 Garth J. Slocum, Assessor

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT : COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by Proceeding In Rem Pursuant to Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law by DUTCHESS COUNTY

PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Index No. 2023-54444

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property.

Effect of Filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this Petition are hereby notified that the filing of this Petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of Proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this Petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

Persons Affected: This Notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this Petition. Such persons are hereby further notified that a duplicate of this Petition has been filed in the office of the Commissioner of Finance, the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District, and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of Redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may, on or before said date, redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption.

LAST DAY FOR REDEMPTION: THE LAST DAY FOR REDEMPTION IS HEREBY FIXED AS JULY 29, 2026.

Service of Answer: Every person having any right, title, or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this Petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure.

Failure to Redeem or Answer: In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all of his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this Petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default.

Dated: January 27, 2026.

Enforcing Officer:

Handwritten signature of Heidi Seelbach, Commissioner of Finance, County of Dutchess, 22 Market Street, 4th Floor, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Tel. No. (845) 486 - 2025

STATE OF NEW YORK ) )ss: COUNTY OF DUTCHESS )

I, HEIDI SEELBACH, being duly sworn, depose and affirm under penalty of perjury: I am the Enforcing Officer for the County of Dutchess. I have read this Petition and Notice which I have signed, and I am familiar with its contents.

Handwritten signature of Heidi Seelbach, Commissioner of Finance, County of Dutchess

Sworn to before me this 27th day of January, 2026.

Notary Public

CAROL THOMPSON NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York 04TH6 51306 Qualified in Dutchess County Commission Expires 07/14/26

Attorney for Tax District: CAROLINE E. BLACKBURN, ESQ. Dutchess County Attorney 22 Market Street, 5th Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

SCHEDULE A

Table with columns: RECORD OWNER, TOWN OF AMENIA, SWIS CODE, TOWN OF BEEKMAN. Lists property owners and their corresponding tax parcel identifiers.

Table listing various property owners and their tax parcel identifiers, organized by town: TOWN OF CLINTON, TOWN OF DOVER, TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, TOWN OF FISHKILL, TOWN OF HYDE PARK.

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HILL, GREGORY			<b>TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE</b>		
RUNZA, JOSEPH S IV	133200-6064-08-877926-0000		RELIANCE GLOBALCOM SERVICES,		134689-5469-14-787650-9999
COSTA, KAREN	133200-6065-04-792368-0000		LAWLOR, JENNIFER L		134689-6057-07-692964-0000
BORSCHER, ERIC	133200-6065-04-800400-0000		LAWLOR, JOHN H		
OBSZARNY, CHRISTOPHER E	133200-6065-08-766893-0000		RABOY, SVETLANA		134689-6059-08-975877-0000
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DURMIKI, SIMON	133200-6065-19-726225-0000		MONTGOMERY, CRISTAL		134689-6060-04-921004-0000
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RJA HOLDING INC,	133200-6066-02-989921-0000		DUTCHESS AVENUE RIVERWALK,		134689-6062-02-745510-0000
SPRINGHORN, KAREN TRUSTEE	133200-6163-01-388645-0000		POFF, SUSANA		134689-6159-02-720618-0000
LST ENTERPRISES LLC,	133200-6163-02-561569-0000		CANNIZZARO, FRANKA		134689-6159-02-803594-0000
LAUB, CRAIG B	133200-6163-03-484453-0000		DITTENHOEFER, JOYCE F		134689-6159-02-936506-0000
DOSIO, REBECCA	133200-6164-01-013987-0000		DITTENHOEFER, TIMOTHY A		
HAASS, JAMES			SHERBAN, GEO A		134689-6159-04-555075-0000
MAX DEVELOPERS LLC,	133200-6164-02-890593-0000		SHERBAN, GLORIAM		
CHHATRALA, SOHIN	133200-6164-03-417035-0000		WINKMAN PRODUCTIONS LLC,		134689-6159-04-700245-0000
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TORRES, RAMON	133200-6164-13-052304-0000		HONEY DO ESTATES LLC,		134689-6159-04-986287-0000
DJERE, ONOME	133200-6165-03-416256-0000		RENZA, KRISTINE		134689-6160-01-087884-0000
MUSCAT, MICHAEL	133200-6165-04-898203-0000		RENZA, MICHAEL		
DILKS, AMY	133200-6165-04-945145-0000		JOHNSON-ODUMS, LENNICE M TRUSTEE		134689-6160-02-580559-0000
DILKS, HARRY			ABAO LLC,		134689-6160-03-031450-0000
FIGUEROA, VICTORIA MARIE	133200-6166-02-829548-0000		HUDSONVIEWS LLC,		134689-6160-04-625373-0000
WARD, MARY E	133200-6167-02-816507-0000		ALLEN, RICHARD RM		134689-6160-21-064989-0000
DABROS, MATTHEW	133200-6167-03-002389-0000		JOHNSON, LUCILLE LT		
AUTORINO, DANIELLE	133200-6167-03-018333-0000		KELLY, SEAN P		134689-6161-03-101167-0000
DURAN, JASON	133200-6167-04-852413-0000		PORRAZZO, COLLEENA		
WILDLIFE PROPERTIES LLC,	133200-6263-03-387480-0000		MALIK, DANIELLE		134689-6161-77-101112-0000
AHMED, FARHANA	133200-6263-03-461471-0000		MURASSO, KATHLEEN D		134689-6162-07-519750-0000
RASHIED, MOHAMMED			MURASSO, LOUIS D		
KR ELEANOR REALTY LLC,	133200-6265-04-721437-0000		THOMA, ROBERTA		134689-6162-10-373623-0000
SCHWARTZ, TANNER	133200-6266-01-167785-0000		THOMA, ROSE		
STEPNEY, KENNETH	133200-6266-19-619124-0000		MCCAULEY, KATE W		134689-6162-10-410749-0000
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557 EDVENTURE LLC,	133200-6266-19-654134-0000		ANDERSON, BLAISE		134689-6162-15-638417-0000
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JAMIESON, NAOMI W LT	133400-6260-04-656143-0000		SMITH, A TRUSTEE		134689-6162-15-665351-0000
MURPHY, CYNTHIA J RM			AUSTIN, KYLE L		134689-6162-19-679017-0000
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C&S PROP 1 CORP,	133400-6359-02-941764-0000		AUSTIN, KYLE L		134689-6162-19-690015-0000
CHOICE, DEONDR A	133400-6360-01-209511-0000		AUSTIN, SHIRLEY		
SMITH, DELLORD			IGNATIUS, OLIVER		134689-6162-20-801103-0000
CAMILLUCCI, GREGORY	133400-6459-01-136994-0000		VU, KIRAPHUNG		134689-6162-20-924058-0000
CITIMORTGAGE INC,	133400-6461-01-019612-0000		VU, LIEM		
GEM MOUNTAIN INFANT HOME CORP,	133400-6559-02-829864-0000		WISE, NICHOLAS J S		134689-6259-01-062571-0000
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CARDINAL, HENRY	133400-6562-02-819904-0000		F I C A,		134689-6262-03-345435-0000
ORREGO, ROXANA	133400-6562-03-456442-0000		MALABAR REALTY LLC,		134689-6262-04-571014-0000
SCHWARTZ, KARL	133400-6562-04-978166-0000		AVEVALO, NINFA		134689-6263-03-342148-0000
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CUI, THOMAS	133600-6473-00-914119-0000		BEMAG LLC,		134689-6263-04-665066-0000
RED WING PROPERTIES INC,	133600-6474-00-180320-0000		CORNELL, GEORGE M JR		134689-6362-01-082517-0000
RED WING PROPERTIES INC,	133600-6474-00-272168-0000		RELIANCE GLOBALCOM SERVICES,		134689-6469-09-787650-1882
SWARTZ, DONALD R	133600-6474-00-720241-0000		RELIANCE GLOBALCOM SERVICES,		134689-6469-14-787650-1884
SWARTZ, ROSE A			<b>TOWN OF RED HOOK</b>		
DIPPER, CAROL J	133600-6474-00-742230-0000		BAUER, DIANE L		134801-6272-06-380893-0000
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MICHETTI, LIBERATO JR	133600-6571-02-866567-0000		YUDEKOVITZ, YSHAI D		134803-6174-02-643925-0000
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FLOOD, PATRICIA	133801-7271-13-217424-0000		MOTTOLE, ROSALIE		134889-6272-12-957652-0000
FLOOD, THOMAS			ANGELIER, MARK W		134889-6371-00-118903-0000
FLOOD, LEO M	133801-7271-14-261411-0000		WILLIAMS, BRIANA		
ST JOHN, DEIDRE	133889-7171-08-944766-0000		21 & 23 AVE B LLC,		134889-6371-02-861900-0000
ST JOHN, ROBERT			MILLER, SAMANTHA C		
MILES, GEORGE T JR	133889-7271-09-023711-0000				<b>TOWN OF RHINEBECK</b>
LSIM REALTY LLC,	133889-7273-00-197029-0000		GENTILE, CHELSEA		135089-6270-00-162735-0000
SCAFIDI, FRANKA	133889-7273-00-460873-0000		FINEST CONCERNS LLC,		135089-6271-00-546626-0000
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MEISSNER, PAUL	134001-7056-09-070731-0000				<b>TOWN OF STANFORD</b>
MTA,	134001-7057-17-082121-0000		O'HARA, JOHN B		135200-6669-00-005313-0000
SLUK, LOUISE MAYER ESTATE	134089-6856-00-761085-0000		HR VAN NEST LLC,		135200-6669-00-518145-0000
TEDESCO, PAULA	134089-6856-13-164498-0000		FRASCATI-ROBINSON, COREY NEIL		135200-6670-00-525290-0000
HEINEMAN, ANDREW B	134089-7056-02-541594-0000		FRASCATI-ROBINSON, SANDRO HOWELL F		
SIMMONS, LOUIS	134089-7057-00-531965-0000		FRASCATI-ROBINSON, COREY NEIL		135200-6670-00-575194-0000
	<b>TOWN OF PINE PLAINS</b>		FRASCATI-ROBINSON, SANDRO HOWELL F		
PULVER, ANTHONY GREGG TRUSTEE	134200-6871-00-416833-0000		FRASCATI-ROBINSON, COREY NEIL		135200-6670-00-609105-0000
SLEVIN, EMIL	134200-6872-00-098897-0000		FRASCATI-ROBINSON, SANDRO HOWELL F		
SLEVIN, MARY			FRASCATI-ROBINSON, COREY NEIL		135200-6670-00-610219-0000
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SLEVIN, RENEE MARIA			SWEENEY, EDWARD P		135200-6969-00-023536-0000
CROSBY, BRIANA	134200-6872-18-427157-0000		<b>TOWN OF UNION VALE</b>		
CROSBY, LYRICAL			D'ANGELO, CHRISTINE		135400-6660-00-590523-0000
COBBLE POND FARM,	134200-7072-00-772115-0000		D'ANGELO, CHRISTOPHER		
	<b>TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY</b>		KELLY, FELICIA A		135400-6661-00-517125-0000
KBL PROPERTIES LLC,	134400-6363-03-420035-0000		KELLY, KEITH S		
KBL PROPERTIES LLC,	134400-6363-03-447030-0000		JACKSON, KATIMA		135400-6662-00-492661-0000
WINGED LION MANAGEMENT LLC,	134400-6364-04-721413-0000		MADARAS, CYNTHIAL		135400-6761-00-013240-0000
SIMMONS, LOUIS	134400-6365-02-799610-0000		MADARAS, ERNEST J JR		
1777 ROUTE 44 LLC,	134400-6463-01-282818-0000		GARCIA, GLADYS E		135400-6959-00-109930-0000
65 67 69 PARKSVILLE LLC,	134400-6463-01-449612-0000		DUTCHESS COUNTY,		135400-6962-00-095617-0000
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PATTERSON, RONALD	134400-6464-03-443044-0000		<b>TOWN OF WAPPINGER</b>		
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- 9:00 am MASS at St. Mary's, Wappingers Falls
- 10:00 am BREAKFAST at FDutchess Diner
- 12:00 pm LINE UP - Vicinity of St. Mary's School
- 1:00 pm STEP OFF
- 4:00 pm AWARDING OF TROPHIES  
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