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Chris Cartwright will have his Cartwright Creamery food truck at the annual “CarniFall” at Brexel-Schlathaus Park in Wappinger. The annual event is set for Thursday, September 18 - Sunday, September 21.

-Courtesy photo Chris Cartwright

Wappinger to host 4-day ‘CarniFall’

By Kristine Coulter

The annual “CarniFall” will be held in Wappinger from Thursday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept. 21 at Brexel-Schlathaus Park. There will be carnival rides, food, face painting and other activities throughout the four-day event, but there will not be a parade this year.

One of the food trucks that will be there is Cartwright Creamery.

Wappinger resident Chris Cartwright

explained that he and his wife, Heather, run the day-to-day operations of the food truck. Sons, Joe, 4, and John, 2, “are our official product taste testers,” remarked Cartwright.

“We are very excited to bring our truck to CarniFall this season and guest can expect a variety of soft serve options like sundaes, milkshakes and hand-scooped Italian ices to satisfy those dessert cravings!

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Community highlights annual East Fishkill day



The annual East Fishkill Community Day will be held on Saturday, September 20. The parade begins at 2 p.m.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

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East Fishkill Recreation Director Christine Selback and Recreation employees, community members plan on having about 100 different vendors and approximately 30 groups, floats, and numerous marchers in the parade for the annual East Fishkill Community Day, which is set for Saturday, Sept. 20.

Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D’Alessandro said, “Community Day is one of the most special days of the year

for our town. It’s a time for neighbors to come together, celebrate what makes our community unique, and enjoy a full day of fun, food, music, and local pride.”

There will also be a car show, community resources, bounce houses, games, raffles, and “fireworks to close out the night,” said Selback. “But what truly makes the day unique every year isn’t just the schedule, it’s the people. The support

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25th Annual Arlington Street Fair set for Sept. 20

By Kristine Coulter

The 25th annual Arlington Street Fair is set for Saturday, Sept. 20, from noon to 6 p.m. The event will take place from Raymond Ave. from the corner of Fulton Ave. and Collegeview Ave. to Davis Ave. in Poughkeepsie. There will be more than 100 vendors, musical guests, and activities. There is no admission to the annual event.

“This year is especially meaningful because it’s the 25th Annual Arlington Street Fair. Hitting that milestone shows how strong and consistent this event has been for the community. People can count on it year after year as a fun, free tradition that brings everyone

together,” said Tonya Speed, executive director of the Arlington Business Improvement District.

Is there anything new for this year’s event?

“While the heart of the fair stays the same, we’re excited to feature some new local musicians this year, along with fresh faces among our vendors. That mix of continuity and discovery keeps the fair exciting without losing its neighborhood feel,” Speed replied.

Speed noted typically there are 3,000–5,000 visitors throughout the day, which is “a perfect size—big enough to feel lively and full, but still welcoming and walkable for families.”

The Fair is free to attend, which is especially

important in today’s economy, it was noted.

The Fair “gives families a chance to enjoy a full day of entertainment and community connection without worrying about cost. It also shines a light on our local businesses and nonprofits, keeping dollars and energy in Arlington. The consistency of the Street Fair is part of what makes it so beloved—it’s a tradition people look forward to and trust will always be here.”

The Arlington Street Fair is sponsored by the Arlington Business Improvement District, Vassar College and I Heart Media.

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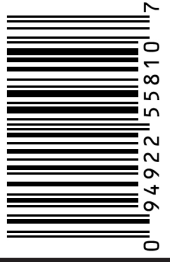
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We’re looking forward to seeing everyone and helping make CarniFall an experience to remember,” said Cartwright.

Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini remarked, “The Town of Wappinger is proud to welcome residents and visitors alike to CarniFall 2025, an exciting part of our ongoing Wappinger150 celebrations. This year’s event will feature an outstanding lineup of live music, a carefully curated selection of food trucks, community vendors, amusement rides for families, and a spectacular fireworks display. Guests will also have the opportunity to see the newly completed improvements at Brexel-Schlathaus Park and enjoy the beauty of the season by visiting Meadowbrook Farm across the street.”

Schedule:

Thursday, Sept. 18, 6-10 p.m.
Carnival rides to open at 6 p.m.
Performance band Cloud 9, 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19, 6–10 p.m.
Carnival rides to open at 6 p.m.
Watch a movie under the stars – “Mufasa” will be shown at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20, 3-10 p.m.
Carnival rides to open at 3 p.m.
Performance band Gingers Revenge, 6 p.m.
Sign up for our pumpkin decorating contest by the stage - Time TBA
Sign up for a doughnut eating contest by the stage - Time TBA

Sunday, Sept. 21 3-7 p.m.
Carnival rides to open at 3 p.m.
Performer Tim Haufe hits the stage at 3 p.m.



Brie & Boujee will be taking part in this year’s “CarniFall” at Brexel-Schlathaus Park in Wappinger. The 4-day event is from Thursday, September 18 through Sunday, September 21.

-Courtesy photo by Carly Goldstein

Stilt Walking Performer Amanda Jane throughout the day
Firework to be displayed at dark

According to the Recreation’s page on the Town’s website, “More activities will be added each day, so make sure to check back for an updated schedule!”

Brie & Boujee will also be at the four-day event.

“When you stop by the Brie & Boujee cart, get ready for a feast for your eyes and your taste buds! We’ll be serving up all sorts of boujee bites that are as fun to eat as they are to look at,” said Carly Goldstein, with Brie &

Boujee. “It’s all about bringing flavor, style, and a little bit of luxury to the Wappinger community.”

“CarniFall is a true reflection of our community spirit, bringing together neighbors, families, and friends to celebrate all that makes Wappinger such a special place,” said Cavaccini.

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and enjoyment of our residents, together with the participation of our local businesses, are what give Community Day its special character. Their presence transforms the event into more than just a festival. It becomes a celebration of community spirit, hometown pride, and the connections that make East Fishkill ‘A Great Place to Live.’”

Asked if there will be anything new for this year’s Community Day, Selback replied, “More fun for kids: A couple of additional bounce houses will be set up, giving children even more space to jump, play, and enjoy the day.”

There will be what Selback described as “fresh local talent.”

“For the first time performing at Community Day, Silly Little Things with Johnny Dell and Kristen Lee will take the stage to share their music and energy with the community,” she said.

How many people are expected? “I would expect a couple of thousand people to come to East Fishkill Community Day. The firework show brings crowds from all over,” replied Selback.

Suzanne DeCosta, the president of the Rotary Club of East Fishkill said, “As a Rotarian, Community Day is a special day of the year. It’s a chance for us to connect with neighbors, support local causes, and see the direct impact of service in action.

“What makes it special is the spirit of togetherness—we’re not just serving the community, we’re part of it. Whether it’s planning our table, or the giveaways, or just simply chatting with neighbors that visit our table, it’s a day that truly reflects Rotary’s motto - ‘Service Above Self.’”

Asked why is it important for the East Fishkill Recreation Dept. to host this event every year, Selback responded, “Community Day is one of the most important traditions in East Fishkill because it brings our residents, families, not for profit and local businesses together in one place to celebrate who we are as a town. Hosting this event each year provides an opportunity for neighbors to connect, for local organizations, not for profit and businesses to showcase what they



There will be bounce houses and inflatables at this year’s East Fishkill Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 20. Pictured is from last year’s event.

-Archive photo

offer, and for our community to share in a day of fun, pride, and togetherness.”

The parade is at 2 p.m. Vendors will be set up at noon at the East Fishkill Recreation Grounds, off of Route 376. The car show is 2-5 p.m.

All roads and plazas on Route 82 (Main Street) between Palen Road and Orchard Place, will be closed East Fishkill Police Dept. stated on social media earlier this week. No vehicles will be permitted to enter or exit the plazas or businesses starting at 1:45 p.m., it was stated. Traffic will be stopped in all directions and there will be significant delays for anyone looking to enter or exit the village. Route 376, Fishkill Road, and Palen Road will also experience delays, according to police.

Selback concluded: “For the Recreation Department, it’s about more than just organizing activities. It’s about creating a space where people of all ages can enjoy themselves, strengthen relationships, and feel a sense of belonging. Each year, the event grows and evolves, but the heart of it stays the same: celebrating our community spirit and making memories that last well beyond the day itself.”

D’Alessandro said, “Whether you’ve lived here for decades or just moved in, it’s a great opportunity to connect with others, support local businesses and organizations, and create lasting memories with your family and friends. I encourage everyone to come out, get involved, and be part of what makes our town such a welcoming and vibrant place to live.”



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Fishkill board members honor police cadets



Fishkill Town Board members, other elected officials and community members honor Town of Fishkill Police Cadets during a board meeting earlier this month.
-Courtesy photo Town of Fishkill

‘Catoberfest’ to raise funds for MHAA

By Kristine Coulter

The 13th annual Catoberfest fundraiser for Mid Hudson Animal Aid (MHAA) will take place at the Hudson Valley Brewery, 7 East Main St., in Beacon, from 3-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21. Proceeds will benefit the felines at MHAA, which is a no-kill and free-range cat sanctuary.

“The therapy cats Millie, Max, and Sox will make their return after a short absence. There will also be a few promotional items for sale during the event,” said Ira Chavis, organizer of Catoberfest each year.

The Judith Tulloch Band, The Black Coffee Blues Ensemble, The Costello’s, Tony DePaolo’s Electric Gypsies, and the Last Minute Soulmates will provide live music during the event.

Russell St. George is a member of Last Minute Soulmates. He said they will be playing “a variety of soulful original songs” of his past released music “Take Me Away” and “Reality.” They will also be playing some new unreleased music, he noted. The lineup for Catoberfest will include Russ St. George on vocals and guitar, Carla Springer on vocals, Emily Hague on keys, David Hollander on guitar, Peter McCaw on bass, and Glenn

Sacchi on drums.

Attendees can also participate in raffles with prizes featuring gift certificates and merchandise from local businesses.

An online auction will be held during the week of Catoberfest, according to Chavis. Catoberfest will host kid-friendly events including a face painting booth hosted by Fun2seefaces, with proceeds of sales going to MHAA, said Chavis.

“Catoberfest is our yearly Fall Feline Festival, modeled after the German Oktoberfest, we all come together to celebrate our felines and the community. Everyone is welcome. Catoberfest is a very family-friendly event, which includes a great kids activity program,” said Chavis.

Chavis noted, “The proceeds from Catoberfest go to the care of our feline residents. This includes food and medical care among other things.”

“We really hope our attendees will be generous and support Mid Hudson Animal Aid. MHAA gets no public funding and relies on private donations to remain open,” he added.

According to organizers, Hudson Valley Brewery and The Beacon Daily will donate for every beer or meal sold during Catoberfest event hours.

By Kristine Coulter

Cadets from the Town of Fishkill Cadet program were honored during the Fishkill Town Board’s Sept. 3 meeting held at Fishkill Town Hall.

Det. Jason Betley, with the Town of Fishkill Police Department, has been running the program for the past 21 years. The program is designed for ages 14-21, stated Betley. The program was formed in 1972 and “just celebrated our 53rd anniversary,” he noted.

Cadets meet weekly for 2 hours on Thursday nights.

The program offers “vast choices in law enforcement,” Betley stated. Cadets learn about various aspects of law enforcement in the classroom and the field, stated Betley.mCadets learn a “diverse knowledge of the law enforcement field,” such as ethics, communication, control procedures, report writing, crime prevention, fingerprinting, and arrest procedures.

The Cadets participate in many community events, such as the collection of non-perishable food to assist the Fishkill

Food Pantry.

“Our biggest event is going to the Cadet Police Academy in the summer,” said Betley. The Academy was held in Massachusetts this year.

The academy is challenging, said Betley. Cadets are “up at 6 a.m. and are active all day until 11 p.m. when lights out.”

Graduating from the Cadet Police Department was Cadet Jason Mendez.

Also graduating from the Cadet Police Department, but unable to attend the meeting, were Cadet Michael Toplanaj and Cadet Jessica Testa

Graduating from the Practical Skills program was Cadet Connor Murtagh.

The Cadet of the Year Award is named in honor of former Cadet Lt. Dustin James, who was killed in an auto accident. He was a cadet in the early 2000s. James was “always with a smile, always looking out for his peers,” Betley said.

“This year’s Cadet of the Year is the exact definition of the award,” said Betley. “We are extremely proud to announce this year’s Cadet of the Year is Jason Mendez.”



Some of the cats available for adoption (as of press time) at Mid Hudson Animal Aid. Clockwise from top left, Babbett, Tobias and Titania.



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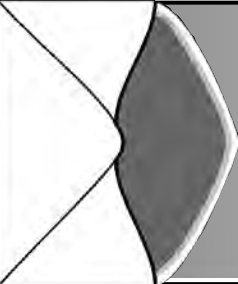


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Battery Energy Storage Systems face opposition in Town of Poughkeepsie

To the Editor:

During the Town Hall Meeting on September 3rd, residents of the Town of Poughkeepsie voiced strong and overwhelming opposition to the proposed law allowing installation of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), particularly large-scale facilities, throughout our Town.

Concerns centered around health and safety, yet the Democratic Party majority ignored these concerns, rejecting attempts to delay their proposed BESS law, voting among party lines to pass it. This law allows large-scale BESS facilities to be constructed as close as two hundred and in some cases fifty feet from residential areas. Town residents are afraid, as this law takes effect immediately.

While the Republican minority does not oppose emerging technologies, they remain apprehensive due to numerous BESS-related incidents, fires, and evacuations across the United States and worldwide, therefore voting against immediate passage of this law. In addition, the established defensive fire policy (let it burn) and the absence of a tested and coordinated area wide emergency plan is especially concerning.

On November 13, 2023, while Rebecca Edwards was an active full-time professor, Vassar College submitted an application requesting an area variance for a large-scale BESS Storage Facility, leasing their 159 Manchester Road parcel to Key Capture Energy. On February 7, 2024, Supervisor Edwards sponsored Resolution 2, setting a public hearing on March 6, 2024, beginning discussions to implement large-scale BESS facilities, stating: "The Town of Poughkeepsie may receive applications for such facilities."

Given her connection to Vassar College, Supervisor Edwards might have considered recusing herself from the September 3rd vote, but did not. Despite Key-Capture Energy's apparent recent withdrawal, Vassar College remains poised to facilitate BESS in our Town.

Supervisor Edwards and the Democratic Party majority have ignored the public's concerns, opting instead to continually implement policies and laws aimed at their primary goal of "Turning Poughkeepsie Blue," as articulated on the front page of their website, topdem.org. The Democratic Party majority have forgotten their primary

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Town of Poughkeepsie residents deserve better. We need elected officials who represent all of us by prioritizing our concerns, and do not impose any party's political agenda upon us. Residents can fight back by speaking out at Town Board meetings and making their voices heard at the ballot box. Early voting begins October 25th and ends November 2nd . Election Day is Tuesday, November 4th. Residents can find their polling place by visiting: voterlookup.elections.ny.gov

The BESS Law can be viewed on the Town of Poughkeepsie Website, Agendas and Minutes, September 3rd Town Board Meeting, Resolution 7: SKM_751i25090911540.

Bill Reuter
1st Ward Councilmember
Town of Poughkeepsie

History will remember those who ‘created our current predicament’

To the Editor:

The article titled “Ryan secures \$15 million for Community projects in HV” from the Sept. 3 issue fails to address the funding that our community actually did lose in the new budget. The article points out that the Congressman secured \$15 million of the \$17 million which we were due, a net loss of \$2 million. One would expect that all types of projects would be squeezed, so I was surprised to see that the law enforcement funding had actually risen from the originally promised \$6 million to a staggering \$8.3 million. This means that non-law-enforcement funding coming into the district decreased by over \$4 million in the new budget.

At a time when our communities are being attacked by the federal government and our farmers have crops rotting in the fields, our representative is touting a bill that defunds our communities to pay for an expansion of the militarized police state as a win. History won’t soon forget the names of those who created and enabled our current predicament, and I fear Mr. Patrick Ryan might be among them.

Robert Holmes
Beacon

Golden Gathering to attract hundreds of Dutchess seniors

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, in partnership with New York State Senators Rob Rolison and Michelle Hinchey and the Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA), invites residents to attend the Golden Gathering on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Arlington High School, 1157 Route 55 in LaGrange.

From nutrition counseling to senior safety - and new this year, employment opportunities - this event is a one-stop event for older adults, their families, and caregivers. Thanks to the generosity of the James J. McCann Charitable Trust, this event is free of charge for all who attend, and there is no RSVP required.

Serino said, “Older adults are at the heart of our community, and supporting them has always been a top priority for me. I'm proud to once again help bring the Golden Gathering to our seniors, an event that connects them with the support and services they need to stay healthy, independent, and engaged. I’m excited to welcome many familiar faces and make even more new friends on September 27th!”

This annual event is the largest of its kind in Dutchess County, drawing hundreds of attendees each year. With more than 90 exhibitors expected, attendees can explore services and information on healthcare, financial planning, legal assistance and more. Representatives from various Dutchess County Government departments, as well as local and state government agencies that serve seniors, will also be on hand.

Serino has made senior employment a priority at the 2025 Golden Gathering, which, for the first time, will feature more than a half-dozen local businesses offering part-time job opportunities for older adults looking to re-enter the workforce and put their skills and experience to use.

Highlights of the 2025 Golden Gathering include health screenings, including diabetes, blood pressure, and dementia. on-site flu shots administered

by local healthcare providers, live entertainment and interactive demonstrations and activities, the opportunity to safely discard unwanted, unnecessary, or unused medication, complimentary breakfast and water throughout the morning; and door prize giveaways for attendees.

Rolison said, “From health screenings and flu shots to live entertainment and helpful resources, the Golden Gathering truly offers something for everyone. I look forward to reconnecting with familiar faces, meeting new ones, and sharing a day that connects us with each other and with the services that support healthier, happier lives.”

Hinchey said, “The Golden Gathering is a special event dedicated to celebrating our senior community, while connecting folks to over 90 vendors offering a wide range of services and support. From health screenings and flu shots to live entertainment and giveaways, it's a day designed to honor and make life a little easier for the people who have given so much to our communities. We encourage all of our seniors to join!”

Nearly 1,000 residents attended last year's Golden Gathering, with more than 200 receiving their complimentary influenza immunizations.

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging empowers older adults by helping them stay active, independent, and connected to their community. Through a variety of programs and services - from nutrition and transportation, to caregiver support and wellness initiatives - the OFA ensures seniors have the tools and resources they need to thrive, while also linking them, their families, and caregivers with information and assistance to address their evolving needs as they age. Residents can learn more about the County's OFA at dutchessny.gov/aging, its Facebook page (www.facebook.com/dutchesscountyofa), by calling 845-486-2555 or emailing ofa@dutchessny.gov.

Wappingers School District tax bills sent out

Lee Anne Freno, Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Wappinger, announced the 2025 Wappinger Central School District school tax bills were mailed out on Sept. 9. Payments may be made by mail, online or in person at the tax office at Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Rd., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Collection hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through Oct. 31.

Taxpayers who have escrow accounts at

banks or other lending institutions are reminded their bills are forwarded directly to those institutions. If you have not received your tax bill and have it sent directly to your home, please contact the tax office. Bills must be paid by Oct. 14, to avoid penalty.

For further information, please call the tax office at 845-297-4342 or visit the Town’s website at townofwappingerny.gov.

VETERANS NEWS WITH ADAM ROCHE

County honors its veterans with special events



Even before I became the Director of the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, I was thankful that I lived in a community that truly cares about its veterans. American Legion and VFW posts are always supportive of those of us who served, and organizations like Mental Health America (MHA) of Dutchess County and others provide amazing services, such as MHA's Vet2Vet peer support program.

From a statewide perspective, though, Dutchess County is an example for other counties in New York and the nation to follow how we lift up our veterans and their families. In addition to the various services and programs our office administers every day, the County honors its veterans with special events throughout the year. We're hosting several of them in the coming weeks, and I want to make sure you have time to plan so you can join us.

We will again welcome hundreds of veterans to Dutchess County's popular "The Red, White and You!" Veterans Appreciation Picnic on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at James Baird State Park, 14 Maintenance Lane in Pleasant Valley. In just four short years, this event has quickly become an annual

tradition for the local veteran community, and one of my favorite events of the year.

The picnic is a chance for veterans to relax outdoors, share a meal and connect with other veterans and their families. On-site transportation is available when you arrive at Baird Park, and smiling volunteers greet you when you get to the picnic, offering a welcoming sense of belonging. No matter the era in which you served, you're treated with the dignity and respect you deserve.

Sure, there's amazing, complimentary food, thanks to Tavern 23; live music from the Stringmasters and iHeartRadio's Uncle Mike leading a patriotic and respectful atmosphere; but there's so much more to the "Red, White and You!" day.

What makes the picnic so special is the sense of connection. Veterans who may not know each other end up swapping stories, sharing laughs or just enjoying the day together – a return to the sense of fellowship you felt when you served. You may meet someone who served in the same branch as you, perhaps even the same unit, just years apart. You might find a sympathetic ear sitting right next to you and chat about

your service or your life here at home: family, hobbies, pets or jobs.

I promise you this: You will never feel alone at Dutchess County's "Red, White and You!" Veterans Appreciation Picnic.

Just as importantly, you can connect with my office at the picnic to ensure you receive the benefits you've earned through your service. You might learn about services you didn't know are available to you – from healthcare and transportation, to employment and housing assistance.

We invite you to bring a guest and register to attend the picnic by emailing countyexec@dutchessny.gov or calling (845) 486-2000, and we'll see you there!

Our celebrations of Dutchess County's heroes continue in late October and early November, as County Executive Sue Serino and MHA will again co-host their annual Veterans Appreciation Pasta Dinners. These informal, sit-down dinners will take place at the Lions Community Pavilion, Stissing Lake Road in Pine Plains, on Sunday, Oct. 26, with one seating at 4 p.m., and at American Legion Post 1302, 55 Overlook Road in Poughkeepsie, on Sunday, Nov. 2, with seatings at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

These Pasta Dinners are small tokens

of our gratitude for your service, and we'd be honored to share a meal with you and a guest. Whether you're reconnecting with old friends or making new ones, these dinners promise a welcoming atmosphere filled with camaraderie and community spirit.

Like our picnic, these events are about more than food; they are about community. You never know who you'll meet: It might be somebody you haven't seen in years, or maybe you'll make a new friend. Conversations often range from light-hearted to serious; but no matter who you sit with or what you discuss, you leave feeling like you belong.

Both pasta dinners are free, but seating is limited, so please register by emailing CountyExec@dutchessny.gov or calling 845-486-2000. We can't wait to welcome you and celebrate the incredible contributions you've made to our nation.

What I love about these events is how genuine they are. It's just people coming together to say "thank you" in the simplest way possible: by sharing a meal. That kind of honesty means more than any words ever could, and I'm proud we live in a county that honors its veterans in such a heartfelt way.

CCEDC training session held on invasive species identification

Officials and educators with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) hosted a training session on invasive species identification for our county parks on Sept. 10 at Bowdoin Park.

The training was held with funding from the NY/NJ Trail Conference and the Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (LHPRISM).

The training was followed by a short walk and talk session and ribbon-cutting and focused on scouting, identifying and reporting invasive species and their host plants. The presentation focused on six invasive species of particular concern: beech leaf disease, emerald ash borer, hemlock woolly adelgid, spotted lanternfly, tree of heaven, and spongy moth.

Also, as a part of this year's initiative, CCEDC provided boot brush stations, along with accompanying invasive species awareness brochures. These are the first boot brush stations installed in Dutchess County Parks, with a total of four stations, two at Bowdoin Park and

two at Wilcox Park. Each station features a sign explaining its purpose and a kiosk to hold an Invasive Species Awareness brochure created by the Horticulture staff at CCEDC. The brochures will be updated each season to reflect the current stage in the invasive species life cycle, helping park patrons quickly identify and report new or currently affecting invasive species, as well as explore management options.

These stations aim to prevent the spread of invasive plants by encouraging hikers to brush off seeds, plant material, or insect eggs from their boots before and after hitting the trails. They also provide an opportunity to raise awareness about how easily invasive species can spread unknowingly and how park patrons can contribute to mitigating this issue.

Now on the National Register of Historic Places, the Northside Hub is home to Scenic Hudson staff offices and light-filled spaces for the local community and visitors to learn, grow, play, create, and celebrate.



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Sept. 10 at Bowdoin Park to celebrate the installation of the first of four boot brush stations during a training session on invasive species identification. Dutchess County Executive Serino, along with County Legislators Chris Drago and Lynne Versaci were on hand for the event with officials and educators with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County.

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Beephan introduces legislation to increase transparency in utility bills

Assemblyman Anil Beephan, Jr. (R, East Fishkill) introduced legislation to increase transparency in utility bills. The legislation would require electric companies to provide customers with a clear, itemized breakdown of their monthly bills, making it easier to see what they are being charged for. Beephan says this will not only increase transparency but also make New Yorkers aware of how much they are paying for Albany's green energy mandates.

"With many New Yorkers spending more and more on their utility bills every month, it is only fair they get to see what exactly

they are being charged for. My bill will make sure ratepayers know how much of their money goes to infrastructure, the New York Power Authority and initiatives dictated by the state and the Public Service Commission. This will allow New Yorkers to see just how much Albany's out-of-touch mandates are costing them, hopefully resulting in constructive dialogue between the state and the people of New York on energy policy. This legislation will finally bring New Yorkers out of the darkness and into the light when it comes to their electric bills," said Beephan.

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‘Slaterpalooza’ set for Saturday

By Kristine Coulter

“Slaterpalooza” will be on Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Slater Chemical Firehouse, 76 Old Glenham Road, in Fishkill. There is no pre-registration required. Admission is \$15 at the door.

“I started Slaterpalooza in 2011 as a way to connect three things I love: music, our fire company and the Glenham community. With friends and family, we put together the first Slaterpalooza in just a few weeks. Now it has grown to become one of our biggest fundraisers with people coming from all over the tri-state area,” Slaterpalooza Founder Kevin McGarry said via email recently. “This year we expect over 700 attendees.”

Attendees can expect a full day of music.

“As a long-time musician, I have many friends in local bands, and they are always willing to share their talent to support a good cause. Slaterpalooza is a family-friendly, non-political community event. We will have 8 local music acts, food from Hidden Rose catering, desserts, T-shirts for sale and many raffles. Local businesses have really stepped up with donations for the raffles,” remarked McGarry.

Band schedule:

1:30-2:30 p.m. Cadillac Brothers
2:30-3:30 p.m. Rubixx
3:30-4:30 p.m. The Lot

4:30-5:30 p.m. Black Kettle Fire
5:30-6:30 p.m. Second Shot
6:30-7:30 p.m. Boomkat
7:30-8:30 p.m. Alison Elena (from “The Voice”)
8:30-9:30 p.m. Circle 65

What would organizers like the community to know about how hard all the firefighters work for the community throughout the year?

“Firefighters are ready to respond 24/7, 365 days a year. Slater Chemical averages approximately 275 calls a year and we are a 100% Volunteer Company. Even during Slaterpalooza, we are ready to respond,” Jenna Mazzacone, one of the event organizers, explained. “There are also non-emergency activities such as our Junior Firefighter week every summer, Pancake Breakfast, Fire Prevention Day and the extremely popular Santa Run on Christmas Eve. Our Auxiliary also does Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt, and Craft Fair, etc.”

It was stated, “Support your First Responders! Support Live Local Music!! Come have a great time with us!”

Slaterpalooza has donated to many things involving first responders and frontline workers, it was noted. There have been donations of food to local hospitals during COVID, supported first responders during illness, injury and even



“Slaterpalooza” will take place at the Slater Chemical Firehouse on Saturday, September 20 in Fishkill. Pictured is from a previous year’s event.

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their families if the unthinkable happens, fed our troops staying at local hotels, helped our fire department for different events and so much more.

The committee has put in a lot of time and effort to ROCK THE HAMLET 2025.

The Committee members include Mark Matthews Jr., Mark Matthews Sr., Jeffrey Phillips, Debbie DiRubbio, Dominic Virtuoso, Doug Zukowski, Frank Ameretto, Kevin McGarry (founder) and Shawn Haight. Jenna Mazzacone and Stephanie Matthews are the event’s co-chairs.

Jacobson, Hinchey back two utility reform bills

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) and Senator Michelle Hinchey (D-41) passed two major utility reform bills to bring more transparency in rate hike requests and restrict estimated billing.

The first bill (A2736/S8213) requires that any capital expenses included in a utility’s request for a rate increase are fully and publicly explained. This would include the purpose and cost of the capital project, as well as any benefits to ratepayers. Because utilities receive a greater rate of return on capital expenditures, it is critical that these costs be disclosed to regulators in a transparent and complete manner.

The second bill (A5969/S2182) requires utilities to bill customers based on actual monthly meter readings, rather than estimates, unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances like extreme weather. It also directs the Public Service Commission (PSC) to develop a standard estimation formula for all New York utility providers.

“Central Hudson rates are high enough. Since utilities receive a greater return on capital expenses than on other expenses, transparency is essential for the PSC to make a proper determination on a rate increase request. The public and the PSC deserve to know,” said Jacobson. “Customers deserve timely and accurate billing. Our previous legislation, which is now law, eliminated late billing. Now, we want to eliminate estimated billing.”

“Our legislation addresses two of the biggest questions we hear from Hudson Valley residents: Why did my bill go up, and does it actually reflect what I owe?” said Hinchey. “Utilities are a public service, and the costs they pass on to ratepayers must be transparent, reasonable, and connected to serving their customers. These bills bring commonsense oversight into capital expenditures proposed by utilities and their billing practices, and we hope the Governor will sign both into law to help us protect ratepayers.”

Both bills are another step in Jacobson and Hinchey’s fight against Central Hudson’s never-ending rate increase requests and controversial billing practices. The disastrous rollout of a new billing and customer service system in 2021 led to a cascade of customer issues, including wildly inaccurate and missing bills, it was noted by Jacobson.

These problems didn’t stop Central Hudson from making repeated requests for rate increases, including a 25% increase request in 2024. The PSC instead approved a 5% increase that went into effect in July 2024. Soon after this was approved, Central Hudson proposed another increase. In August, the PSC approved an increase of more than 10% for electricity and more than 20% for gas over a three-year period.

The bills are awaiting the Governor’s signature to become law.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Beacon, Ketcham, John Jay stay undefeated in football



The Beacon High School cheerleading squad was there to cheer their football team to its second win on the season as they defeated New Paltz, 21-0 last week.

-Courtesy photo

By Morgan E. Maier

With two wins to start the 2025 campaign, the The John Jay High School Patriots burst on the scene at home and across the Hudson River. John Jay blew holes in Pine Bush’s defense in their Hopewell home opener. A week later, they soured Suffern’s homecoming with a massive 35-0 shutout performance. John Jay will host the Scarsdale Raiders, hot off a 34-8 opening night performance, on September 19.

Ketcham improved to 2-0 with a dominant performance over Ramapo. Jacob Weickel turned a 3rd down & 15 to an RCK lead with a 37-yard touchdown

reception. Late in the game, with multiple lead changes and a zero quit in the eyes of the Storm, Ketcham came back on each of Ramapo’s advantages. Hudson Fetters hauled in a 53-yard run to set up the comeback. Ketcham once more raced upfield with under two minutes to spare, securing the 42-41 win in thrilling fashion. Following a bye week, the Storm will celebrate their senior night against White Plains on Sept. 26.

Beacon stayed perfect with its own statement shutout, blanking New Paltz 21-0 in the Dogs’ home debut. They’ll match up against Kingston for a non-league contest on Sept. 19.

Elks to host luncheon for veterans

There will be a free luncheon for veterans and their loved ones at the Beacon Elks Lodge #1493, 900 Wolcott Ave., in Beacon on Saturday, Sept. 20 at noon.

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DUTCHESS COUNTY 9-11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Where we were NOT and what we must do to honor the fallen



By Curtis Schmidt

Jeffrey C. Martin, Family Court Judge/Acting Supreme Court Justice Dutchess County concentrated on several poignant points during his remarks at the county’s 24th 9-11 Memorial Ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 11.

In response to the “Where were you? What were you doing?” thoughts of many, Martin offered “Where we were NOT (on Sept. 11).” To honor, and to gather and to cherish are noble gestures, but Martin said, “We can do more, we must do more.” And in regard to different cultures, different races, different ideas, different opinions, or different politics that, together, represent the best of who we once were as a country, he said “We need to find that spirit again.”

Where we were not

- “We were not on that plane that passed above the Hudson River, not far from here as it traveled to its doom when it collided into the tower.
- “We did not experience the terror of the passengers after they learned that their plane was hijacked.
- “We did not see the faces of the parents who were left to clutch their children for dear life as the plane sailed to annihilation.
- “We could not help the frightened passenger who sat alone in the plane with no one to comfort them, no one to talk with, no one to call, and no one to hold onto when they took their last breath.
- “We were not a passenger on Flight 93 in Pennsylvania, whose passengers fought bravely and unselfishly to prevent collateral death and damage far greater than the self-sacrifice they made when they must have known that their actions guaranteed a swifter and frightening death.
- “We were not at the Pentagon looking out the window when a plane was flying directly at them, knowing that there was nowhere to go, no place to run, and no place to hide.
- “We were not in the tallest sections of the twin towers, trapped in an area of increasing smoke, fire, heat, and despair.
- “We were not forced to determine our choice of death - by smoke, fire, or by jumping.
- “We were not wearing the heavy fire-fighters gear as they bravely raced up the stairs and into eternity.
- “We were not with the court officers who rushed into the buildings to assist without

thinking for a second that their time was very limited.

- “We were not confronted with the agonizing decision to place one final call to a loved one, sensing that this would be the last time, the very last time, that any earthly communication would be possible before the inevitable end would occur.”

We can do more; We must do more

- “We must use our voices to speak out against chaos, inequality, prejudice, and evil.
 - “We must organize and mobilize to fight against evil.
 - “We must educate to prevent ignorance.
 - “We must learn to accept each other, to be nonjudgmental, to embrace our mutual desire to live happily and with longevity without fear of reprisal, judgment, or rejection.
 - “We must understand that the differences between us are far outweighed by our similarities.
 - “We must be worthy to carry the legacy of the lives lost on 9-11 to future generations in a manner that does not cause a repeat of this tragedy.
 - “We must learn, to relearn, how to love each other. There is no greater energy than love.
 - “We must learn to harness this energy to improve the greater good.
- “Each precious soul who died on 9-11, or in its aftermath, and who are still dying from illnesses related to 9-11, has a story to tell. Each story is different, each story is unique, and yet, when combined, they form a mosaic of different cultures, different races, different ideas, different opinions, or different politics that, together, represent the best of who we once were as a country.
- We need to find that spirit again**
- “To honor the memories of the fallen, may we - as a society - work with each other, instead of against each other, to help each other be the best we can be. We owe that to the victims. We owe that to their survivors and we owe that to their families.
- “We owe that to each other. Choose forgiveness. Choose patience. Choose kindness. Choose love.
- “Within the trials and tribulations of life, find joy, choose joy, live our lives as the victims wished they could have lived theirs.
- “We owe that to them. We owe that to ourselves and we owe that to our nation.”



Clockwise from top left, officers and speakers gather after the ceremony. Dutchess County Family Court Judge Tracy MacKenzie and County Executive Sue Serino address those in attendance. Flags are lowered during the ceremony. Oliver Mackson of Bugles Across America plays Taps. Desiree S. King - CASA/MHA Dutchess County sings the Stars Spangled Banner. Below, Family Court Judge Jeffrey Martin offers remarks. Rev. Dr. Edward Hunt of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church offers a prayer for the community.

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Tompkins Community Bank appoints new manager to lead Mahopac Branch

Reinforcing its promise to deliver trusted financial guidance and personal service, Tompkins Community Bank (Tompkins) has named Tyreik Brown as a new branch manager of its Mahopac branch.

With eight years of industry experience and deep knowledge of banking operations, lending and loan processing, Brown will be responsible for driving business growth, overseeing branch operations, and strengthening relationships with clients and the community.

“Tyreik brings a strong leadership ethos and a customer-first approach to this role,” said Carol Schmitz, senior vice president, community banking manager. “His dedication to employee development and client success aligns perfectly with our ongoing commitment to delivering outstanding service. We know his leadership will benefit both our internal Tompkins team and our wider Hudson Valley community.”

Prior to joining Tompkins, Brown served as a branch manager at TEG Federal Credit Union. A lifelong Hudson Valley resident, Brown holds a degree in business management from SUNY Orange and will soon graduate from SUNY New Paltz. In addition to his volunteer time with Habitat for



Tyreik Brown
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Humanity, Brown is a graduate of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Dutchess program, holds a NYS Real Estate Salesperson License and is a notary public.

Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie welcomes new board members, officers

The Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie has announced the appointment of Kevin Caccomo and Kathy McCorry as two new members to the Board of Directors, along with the confirmation of a new executive committee.

These two individuals bring their combined expertise, knowledge, and leadership in financial planning and insurance, to strengthen the organization’s mission and long term impact on the community.

Caccomo, CFP®, Wealth Management Advisor & Managing Director, Northwestern Mutual brings both personal compassion and professional expertise to the Home’s mission. Since 2012, he has excelled at Northwestern Mutual, helping families achieve financial security and provide top-notch guidance and support. He holds a bachelor degree from Mercy College and earned his CFP® from the American College of Financial Services.

Caccomo’s connection to the Children’s Home mission runs deep. His mother, Patricia Caccomo, more affectionately known as “Ms. Pat” was a dedicated employee whose commitment to the Home inspired Kevin’s own involvement. Outside his professional role, he enjoys spending quality time with his own family, especially outdoor activities and creating magical memories at Disney.

McCorry, Assistant Vice President in Corporate Benefits, NFP, an Aon Company – With over two decades of experience in the insurance industry, she has built a career specializing in employee benefits strategy and client service. She holds a New York State Life, Accident, and Health Insurance license.

“We are proud to welcome Kevin and Kathy to our Board of Directors,” said



Kevin Caccomo, left, and Kathy McCorry
-Courtesy photos

Walter J. Joseph, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Children’s Home. “We look forward to having them as valuable additions to our board that will help strengthen our organization and guide our future.” In addition, the Children’s Home announced its newly appointed Executive Committee: Chair – Valerie Murphy; Vice Chair – Matthew Cruz; Vice Chair, Audit – Maureen Crush; Vice Chair, Governance – Patrick Meaney; Vice Chair, Program – Catherine Forbes; Vice Chair, Resource Development – Jason Dewey; Secretary – Sean Manna; Treasurer – Mary Lou Davis; and Assistant Treasurer – Glenn Noakes. “We enthusiastically welcome our new members, Kathy and Kevin to our Board of Directors,” said Val Murphy, Chair, Board of Directors. “They bring not only their professional expertise and long-standing community involvement, but a strong desire to support and promote the mission of the Children’s Home to empower children and families to achieve optimal health and well being.”

Scenic Hudson’s Northside Hub opens for first look at sustainable innovation in action

After five years of transformation, Scenic Hudson officially opened the doors of its new Northside Hub in what can be a model for bringing new life to forgotten industrial sites in the cities of the Hudson Valley and across the country. With the correct vision and committed partners, contaminated and discarded properties can be restored and welcoming again.

Just steps from the popular Walkway Over the Hudson, the Northside Hub at 58 Parker Avenue in Poughkeepsie is a place to bring people together. Scenic Hudson combined a historic renovation of the abandoned Standard Gage factory - once a center of innovation and jobs in Poughkeepsie that counted President Franklin D. Roosevelt among its visitors - with a brownfield cleanup of contaminated soil and groundwater. The restored buildings and landscape produce more energy than they consume and are powered entirely by the sun.

Now on the National Register of Historic Places, the Northside Hub is home to Scenic Hudson staff offices and light-filled spaces for the local community and visitors to learn, grow, play, create, and celebrate. The factory floors that turned out precision measurement tools during World War II are once again buzzing with innovation: Every detail is grounded in sustainable design, aligned with Scenic Hudson's mission of protecting the health and beauty of the Hudson Valley for future generations. This includes:

- o A state-of-the-art fresh air system that - for the first time in the United States - uniquely integrates "trickle vents" to heat and cool the building, providing up to double the amount of fresh air than a traditional system;
- o A three-story atrium that works as an “air chimney” to help pull fresh air through the building and unifies the two main factory structures;
- o Features that keep all rainwater on site to reduce the downstream impacts of storms, including trenches with vegetation called bioswales, underground retention, and a green roof; and
- o Versatile community resources including an auditorium, an open-air pavilion, open green spaces, and exhibition space that will be available for events beginning in January 2026, as well as office space for local organizations and businesses to grow.

To provide parking for the new Northside Hub, Scenic Hudson acquired the unimproved dirt parking area that had been available parking for the majority of cars carrying visitors to the Poughkeepsie entrance of the Walkway Over the Hudson State Park. They landscaped the property, adding angled solar panel and timber canopies that provide shaded parking and, together with rooftop solar, produce more than enough energy to power the entire site. The new parking area is now limited to less than half of the capacity that had existed for daily park goers previously. Signage indicates that the parking area will be open to the public on evenings and weekends.

Scenic Hudson’s Northside Hub is a collaboration between the environmental organization and dozens of dedicated partners, led by the nonprofit architectural firm MASS Design Group and Consigli

Construction Co., Inc. It was made possible by New York state agencies that provided vital funding, including New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Empire State Development (ESD), as well as Foss & Company's investment with state and federal historic tax credit programs.

For Poughkeepsie, the Northside Hub is the latest in a series of projects to harness the potential of underused areas for the local community. Scenic Hudson was a major supporter of turning the city's out-of-service 1889 railroad bridge into the Walkway Over the Hudson, now the world's longest elevated pedestrian bridge. Just down the road, the organization protected a former rail corridor that now, as Dutchess County’s Northside Line, offers a safe path to bike and walk across the city. And since 2022, the non-profit has harvested 5,000 pounds of fresh produce at the new Pershing Community Farm next to Pershing Avenue Park, which were supplied free of charge to the local community.

Running behind the Northside Hub, the Fall Kill Creek holds immense potential to connect people with nature and make the area more resilient to flooding and heat. Scenic Hudson is working with partners to increase public access to the urban waterway, including around the Hub, and has already helped make much-needed improvements to the creekside Malcolm X and Pershing Avenue parks.

Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan said, “When Scenic Hudson was first introduced to this property, its shattered windows and polluted grounds were the picture of neglect, but we also saw a special place with a promising future. On the factory floors where the Standard Gage Company once manufactured cutting-edge instruments during much of the 20th century, we’ve started a new chapter of innovation. The Northside Hub is not only a stunning, sustainable home for Scenic Hudson, but also a vibrant community resource for our home city of Poughkeepsie and its visitors. Thank you to everyone who joined us on this journey - I couldn’t be more excited to see what lies ahead.”

Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers said, “Today is not just an exciting day for Scenic Hudson, but it's also an extremely exciting day for the City of Poughkeepsie. It means so much to the local community to have this vibrant building and safe space open for anyone to gather, network, and dream up inventive ways to create that thriving city that we’re all longing for. I would like to thank Scenic Hudson for their investment in the City of Poughkeepsie and for their commitment to helping us along with many other communities throughout the Hudson Valley.”

Consigli Construction Co., Inc. Project Executive Scott Cruikshank said, “The Northside Hub presented a unique challenge: honoring the historical significance of the Standard Gage factory while integrating innovative, cutting-edge sustainable design. As Hudson Valley residents and neighbors who benefit daily from Scenic Hudson's important work, our team is honored to have played a key role in the historic restoration and cleanup of this site, creating a space that respects the past while building a greener, more resilient future.”

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Law enforcement run for Special Olympics



A group of law enforcement officials gathered for the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics New York on Sept. 3.

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The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics New York made its way through Dutchess and Ulster County on Wednesday, Sept. 3, with nearly eighty-five law enforcement officers taking part in the awareness run.

For more 35 years, LETR has been more than just a run—it's a movement led by the "Guardians of the Flame," a title proudly held by more than 6,200 law enforcement officers from over 470 agencies across New York State. These dedicated individuals carry the Flame of Hope to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics NY, alongside athletes, families, and supporters.

The route began at the home of Franklin D Roosevelt National Historic Site and traveled through Marist University, MJM Northside Trail, Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park, The Mid-Hudson Bridge and concluded at Mahoney's Irish Pub and Steakhouse in Poughkeepsie.

Thanks was offered to the following individuals, route partners and financial

supporters: Sheriff Kirk Imperati, Sgt. Alonzo Montanya, Chair of Dutchess/Ulster LETR, State Senator, Rolison, County Executive, Sue Serino, County Legislators, Robert Faust and Tony D'Aquanni, Walkway State Park, New York State Bridge Authority, FDR National Historic Site, Marist University, City of Poughkeepsie Police, New York State Police, Town of Poughkeepsie Police, Dutchess County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Town of Lloyd Police, Pine Plains Police Department, Beacon Police PBA, Dutchess County Office of Probations, CSEA, Dutchess County Police Chiefs Association, Vinny Miller Funeral Home, Grace Hargraves Photography, Texas Roadhouse-Poughkeepsie, NYSID, State of New York Corrections and Community Supervision, Gallagher, Dutchess County Track Officials, Mid-Hudson Road Runners Club, Hyde Park Marina, Beacon PBA, PuroClean, Dutchess County Deputy Sheriffs PBA, Empress Medial



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To learn more about LETR or how to

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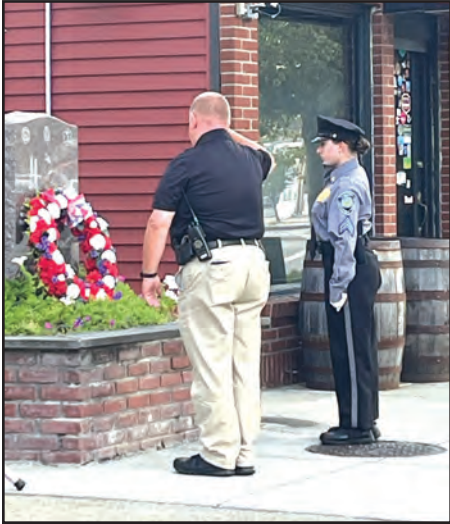
Municipalities remember 9/11 on 24th anniversary



Clockwise from top left: Village of Fishkill Mayor Kathy Martin makes remarks during the annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 11 at Van Wyck Village Hall.

A wreath is placed in front of the 9/11 Memorial by members of the Village of Fishkill PBA outside of Van Wyck Village Hall.

The towns of Wappinger and Fishkill both honored the 24th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.



-Photos by Kristine Coulter, courtesy photos



OFA 'Senior Prom' registration now open

The annual OFA "Masquerade Ball" Senior Prom takes place on Monday, Oct. 20, from noon to 4 pm, at Villa Borghese, 70 Widmer Rd. in Wappinger.

The prom begins with a sit-down lunch, then the full Bob Martinson Band will keep the dance floor packed for the rest of the afternoon. The prom is presented with vital support from The Pines at Poughkeepsie.

Prom reservations are now open and are \$20 per person. The registration deadline is Friday, October 10th, or until the event reaches capacity, whichever comes first. The prom sells out every year!

Need the sign-up form? It's at www.dutchessny.gov/prom. For those of

you who organize group trips, there's a page where you can list everybody in your group. Those who are planning to attend the prom as part of a group should send their payment in together.

Not online? Paper forms will be available in the upcoming Fall 2025 issue of our THRIVE60+ newsletter, due out later this month. They're also available at OFA headquarters in Poughkeepsie (location in next paragraph).

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Obituaries

Ann Parisi



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Ann Parisi on September 12, 2025 after a valiant battle with cancer. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, teacher, and the cherished matriarch of her family, she left this world surrounded by her loved ones, leaving behind a legacy of faith, family, and compassion.

Born on February 26, 1940 in Niagara Falls, NY, she was the daughter of Philip and Mary LaRose, Ann grew up in a close-knit Italian Catholic family that instilled in her the values of service, kindness, and perseverance. She graduated from the University of Plattsburgh with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and began her career teaching elementary school in Lockport, NY, and North Syracuse, NY.

During that time, she met and married the love of her life, her devoted husband of 58 years, John Parisi. Together they built a beautiful life, raising their family in Millbrook, NY. There she continued her passion for education as a nursery school teacher while dedicating herself to raising her four children. A woman of faith and deep community ties, Ann taught religious education at St. Joseph's Parish, was an active member of St. Joseph's Ladies Guild, served on the PTA, and was a dedicated 4-H leader. She also volunteered countless hours at Uncle Al's Thrift Shop, giving selflessly to her community.

Her love of nature blossomed in her gardens, where she was an avid gardener and proud member of the Nine Partners Garden Club. At home, she shared her love through cooking and baking-always ready with a warm meal, and forever remembered for her love of celebrating every holiday with food, family and traditions.

Above all, Ann's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her loving husband, John Parisi, and their four children: Dr. Susan Parisi and her children Isabella, Annaeliese, and Alexander; the Hon. Anthony Parisi and his wife Sinead and their daughters Seraphina and Giuliana; Dr. Marybeth Parisi and her children Giovanna, Annabella, Marco, and Giulian; and Ann Marie Ozolins and her husband Christopher and their daughter Viviann. She is also survived by her brothers Stephen LaRose, Philip LaRose, Jr., and Anthony LaRose. She was predeceased by her parents, Philip and Mary Larose.

Ann will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her generosity, her strength, and most of all, her love for her family. Though she is gone from this earth, her spirit will live on in the lives she touched and in the hearts of all who loved her.

Family and friends were invited to celebrate Ann's life with calling hours on Tuesday, September 16, at Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Avenue, Millbrook, NY 12545. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, 15 North Avenue, Millbrook, NY 12545, followed by burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery. Please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com for condolences and directions.

Go Red Luncheon has new chair

Brenda Swatek has seen a major shift in how people think about wellness in recent years – and she's leaning into that momentum.

As a member of the Executive Leadership Team of the 2024 Hudson Valley Go Red for Women Luncheon, Swatek saw firsthand how the American Heart Association, a global force for a world of longer, healthier lives, empowers local communities to live healthier lives.

This year, she's chairing the 2025 event, set for Thursday, Dec. 4, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Poughkeepsie, 40 Civic Center Plaza, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"One stat that really hit me was that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, and it claims more lives than the top eight cancers combined," Swatek said. "That's something we need to talk about more."

For Swatek, heart health is personal. "My dad had heart disease," she said. "It doesn't just affect the individual; it affects the whole family."

What also stuck with her from last year's Luncheon? The energy. The support. The celebration. "I loved how uplifting it was," she said. "It was about celebrating life and lifting each other up. This year, I want to bring in younger voices who may not know about the Go Red for Women movement yet. I'd love to see more women-owned businesses at the Festival of Red before the luncheon, and, of course, hit our fundraising goal."

In her role as vice president of human resources at IBM, Swatek supports global teams across the employee lifecycle and champions leadership development, innovation and skill growth.

A Green Bay native and first-generation college graduate, Swatek earned both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin. After stints in Raleigh, N.C. and Rochester, Minn., she now lives in LaGrange with her husband of 30 years, Brian, and their two children, Alex, 21, and Isabella, 17.

IBM's support of the Go Red movement



Brenda Swatek
-Courtesy photo American Heart Association

is no coincidence.

"It's about education and health – two things IBM cares deeply about," Swatek said. "The fact that we're a sponsor shows how much we value the Association's mission."

So, why should you attend the Luncheon? "Why wouldn't you?" Swatek said. "It's a celebration of a powerful cause. You'll learn, connect, and walk away reminded of the incredible support system we have in this community."

Swatek has put together an Executive Leadership Team to work with her on making the Luncheon a success. They include: Sheila Appel, IBM; Susan Browning, Nuvance Health; Legacy Chair; Sola Ogunsola, IBM; Christine Pellegrino, Pellegrino Healing Center; Steph Raymond, Central Hudson Gas & Electric; Melissa Rodriguez, Ellenville Regional Hospital; Connie Santoiemmo, Innovative Ink Tattoo & SMP; Cara Sclafani, Pfizer and Dora Visbeck, Ulster Savings Bank

To be part of the Hudson Valley Go Red for Women Luncheon, visit www.heart.org/GoRedHV.

New Survival Lecture Series coming to Bowdoin Park

Have you ever wondered what you would do if you found yourself lost in the woods or during an emergency? Could you navigate your way to safety or find a safe place to stay and survive until rescuers arrived? Dutchess County Parks, in partnership with Mountain Scout Survival School, will host a FREE Survival Lecture Series in September, covering topics such as Wilderness Survival, Urban Emergency Preparedness and Navigation for all ages. Each lecture will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Community Center Auditorium at Bowdoin Park, located at 85 Sheafe Road in the Town of Poughkeepsie. Registration is not required.

Dutchess County Parks Naturalist Dave

Beck said, "These programs will discuss the basics of wilderness survival, what to do in an emergency or disaster in a more urban setting, and how to navigate, no matter where you are. We are excited to partner with the experts at Mountain Scout Survival School to bring this new, free lecture series to survival enthusiasts of all ages, as well as those looking to be more prepared for any situation."

Survival Lecture Series

Urban Emergency Preparedness will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 17 and is intended for those who reside in and around cities and urban areas. The presentation will cover what to do

when an emergency or disaster occurs, including the importance of communication, building a preparedness kit, recognizing paths of travel to meet up with family members, available resources and how to ensure your safety and security once you leave the urban environment.

Native Navigation will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 24 and will focus on the ability to move through the landscape without a map or compass, including how to know the difference between knowing direction and finding direction, how to see subtle signs of direction in the landscape, what to look for to find resources, how to look

to the trees for direction indicators and how to prevent getting lost.

For additional topic information for each lecture, and to learn more about Dutchess County Parks Naturalist Programs, visit dutchessny.gov/parks or call 845-298-4600.

Mountain Scout Survival School teaches timeless and enduring wilderness survival skills, preparing participants from across the Hudson Valley region to survive comfortably without the luxuries of the modern world. For more information about Mountain Scout Survival School, visit mtnscoutssurvival.com or call 845-629-4866.

Serino, Dept. of Mental Health to host Town Hall series

To strengthen outreach to residents and families impacted by intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental health and substance use challenges, and to gather their feedback on local services and programs, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) will host a series of Mental Health Town Halls across Dutchess County. Residents are invited to come and be a part of a conversation to learn about available services and resources, as well as share their feedback about needed resources or service changes. Four town halls will be held through September and October, with simultaneous Spanish interpretation offered at each event. Local community partners will also be present with information tables about

available resources.

Serino said, "When it comes to mental health, every story matters. These town halls are about listening to our neighbors – hearing their struggles, their hopes, and their ideas – so we can make sure no one feels alone in trying to find help. We want to shine a light on the array of services that already exist, but just as importantly, we want to learn from you about what's missing and where we can do better. By coming together and sharing openly, we can make sure our services truly reflect the needs of our neighbors."

Mental Health Town Halls Schedule:

For all events, doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and the event program will begin at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24 - Department of Mental Health, 230 North Road,

Poughkeepsie;

Tuesday, Oct. 7 - Red Hook Community Center, 59 Fisk St., Red Hook;

Wednesday, Oct. 15 - Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia;

Thursday, Oct. 16 - Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls.

Each town hall will offer residents the opportunity to share their experiences and provide input to DMH about the services available and needed for:

- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities;
- Alcohol/ Substance Use Addiction and Recovery;
- Mental Health Needs for Youth & Adults.

All mental health topics are welcome, and every comment, question, and story help guide how DMH evolves to meet communi-

ty needs. All input will help the DMH shape its 2026 Local Services Plan, aligning long-term goals with statewide priorities.

Residents planning to attend who may need to request accommodations, including American Sign Language interpreters, are asked to provide at least seven days' notice, by emailing edentrone@dutchessny.gov or calling 845-486-2885.

For those unable to attend, DMH welcomes individuals to submit comments online at dutchessny.gov/townhallcomments, fax comments to 845-486-2829, or mail them to: Mental Health Town Hall Comments; 230 North Road; Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. A moderator will follow up with a response and share the comment during the town hall, ensuring others with similar questions or concerns can benefit from the discussion.

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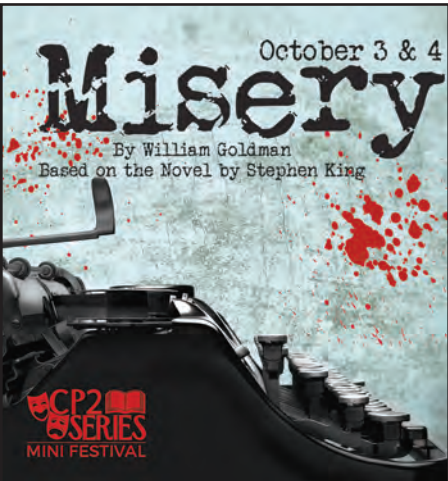
Creative Living

County Players to present ‘Misery’ and ‘Dracula’ Oct. 3-5

County Players, one of the longest-running community theatre companies in the area, will present the CP2 Series Readers Theatre Mini-Festival #1 Oct. 3 to 5 at County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls.

Reading #1- “Misery” by William Goldman, based on the novel by Stephen King, will be presented Friday, Oct. 3 at 8 p.m., and Saturday Oct. 4 at 2 p.m., and directed by Jeffrey Battersby What happens when a successful romance novelist is rescued from a car crash by his number one fan? He finds himself captive in her secluded home with a life-threatening request to rewrite his new novel. This nail-biting cat-and-mouse game will have you at the edge of your seat. The cast features the local talents of Erich Ryan, Erin Hebert, Glen Macken, and Bruce Pileggi.

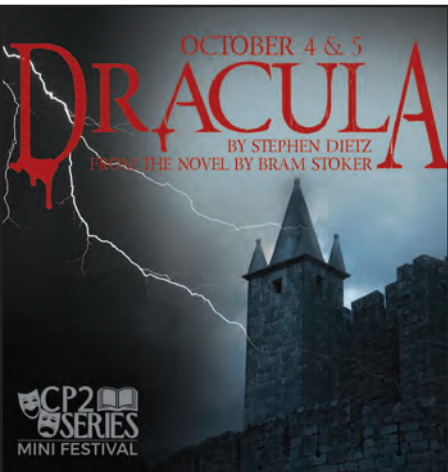
Reading #2- “Dracula” by Stephen Dietz, based on the novel by Bram Stoker, will be presented Saturday, Oct. 4 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. and directed by David J. Ringwood. As Count Dracula begins to exert his will upon the residents of London, they try to piece together the clues of his appearances – in a valiant attempt to save themselves from a hideous fate. Rich with horror. Local



County Players to present “Misery” and “Dracula” October 3-5 in Wappingers Falls.

actors appearing include: Kevin Barnes, Craig Patrick Browne, George Burns, Thomas Byrne, Matthew DeHond, Ana Hein, Aaron Heisler, Jessica Rose Markman, Rebecca Nagle, and Juno Delaney VanWeelden.

CP2 Readers Theatre is an exciting series at County Players which offers



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an opportunity for actors, directors, and audience members to experience theater in a fresh way: selected plays with full dramatic readings, no costumes, no sets, no props, and the actors perform with scripts in hand. These shows are an incredible opportunity to experience great theater stripped to its essence: the

playwright’s words.

Tickets for CP2 Reader’s Theatre are \$15 general admission per reading/\$25 for both readings on the same weekend and are available ONLINE, visit county-players.org and at the top of the main page select BUY TICKETS. Tickets are also available at the Box Office one hour before any performance.

The remaining season of CP2 Series Readers Theatre, and all Main Stage Productions for 2025-2026 are found online at countyplayers.org/season/68/.

CP2 Readers Theatre Series is supported by Silver Sponsors: Stewart’s Shops & Powerhouse Theater at Vassar College & The Stissing Center; and Bronze Sponsor Omni Financial Advisory Group. Both “Misery” and “Dracula”are presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection., dramatists.com County Players 68th Season is sponsored by Hudson Valley Credit Union.

County Players Falls Theatre is equipped with an assistive listening system for the hard of hearing. If one requires wheelchair accessibility, please contact the Box Office at 845-298-1491.

Book launch celebrates the stories of seniors at Senior Horizons Fishkill



The launch of “The Wisdom Keepers of Dogwood Lane,” at Senior Horizons Fishkill was met with enthusiasm and celebration on Sept. 7. The event highlighted the voices and life experiences of the community’s senior residents, whose stories are captured in this new book. The book is written by local resident Judith Campanaro.

“The Wisdom Keepers of Dogwood Lane” is now available to the public through Amazon.com. The project reflects an ongoing commitment at Senior Horizons Fishkill to celebrate creativity, honor life experiences, and strengthen the bonds of community. Campanaro is also available to give talks on the project for other communities who might want to do something similar.

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Book discussion set for Sept. 25 in East Fishkill

The EFCL Evening Book Group meets to discuss this month’s book “The God of the Woods” by Liz Mooere at the East Fishkill Community Library on Thursday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m. Copies of the book are available within

the Library system. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.

Call the Library at 845-221-9943 for more information.

‘Scenic Vistas: Landscape as Culture in Early New York’ at Boscobel

Boscobel House and Gardens announces “Scenic Vistas: Landscape as Culture in Early New York,” a sweeping new exhibition that brings together historic 19th-century decorative arts and contemporary works to demonstrate the longstanding significance of landscape depictions in the Hudson Valley. Their most expansive exhibition to date, Scenic Vistas will also mark the reopening of Boscobel’s Historic House Museum for Preservation in Progress tours after a 17-month emergency restoration.

The exhibition showcases the range of landscape imagery abundant in ceramics, furniture, and other decorative arts created or known in New York before 1825, alongside contemporary works in conversation with the past.

“Our complex relationship to landscapes is at the heart of Hudson Valley life and culture,” says Boscobel’s Executive Director and Curator Jennifer Carlquist. “Early New Yorkers populated their homes with scenic views both real and imagined, and by the early 1800s created a thriving industry for decorative painters and artistic representations of landscapes.”

A centerpiece of the exhibition is a rare set of six maple side chairs, made in New York circa 1815, each distinguished by a scenic painted tablet back. Though crushed in the April 2024 ceiling collapse, the chairs are now undergoing meticulous restoration, embodying both resilience and artistry. Representing nearly a decade of thoughtful acquisitions, these works reflect Boscobel’s curatorial vision and core mission, while resonating with the evolving relationship between the house, its grounds, and the surrounding landscape.

In dialogue with these historic objects, the exhibition features contemporary works by artists living and working in the Hudson Valley, including Kat Howard, Betsy Jacks, Kieran Kinsella, and James McElhinney, alongside new site-specific commissions by Alison McNulty and Jean-Marc Sovak. Sovak’s installation, Cruel Necessity/Unnecessary Cruelty, takes the form of a wallpaper print designed for Boscobel’s entryhall. Drawing upon historical British and American archival prints and illustrations from 19th-century abolitionist publications, the work interlaces familiar narratives of national history with lesser-known, yet

equally consequential, episodes tied to Boscobel’s foundation. The resulting motif layers beauty with disquiet, prompting reflection on the intertwined legacies of landscape, labor, and cultural memory.

Another contemporary intervention is Hudson Valley Ghost Column 11, a site-specific installation by Alison McNulty, situated on the footprint of one of two Osborn Maples that framed Boscobel’s Great Lawn since the site’s opening as a museum in 1961. The latest in McNulty’s ongoing series, this site-responsive work comprises a cylindrical form constructed of vintage bricks, sourced from brickyards once active near Boscobel’s original estate in Montrose, and unprocessed Cormo sheep wool sourced from a historic Hudson Valley fiber farm. As material traces of the region’s geological, industrial, and social history as well as the components of a new and unfamiliar construction, the Hudson Valley Ghost Columns allow the materials to act as agents, recalling multiple interwoven histories while becoming something other, a form evoking architecture, animal, and body simultaneously with absence.

Scenic Vistas underscores how these early expressions of landscape both predate and inform the celebrated work of the Hudson River School, reminding us that the artistic impulse to frame, idealize, and interpret the Hudson Valley has deep roots. The exhibition also coincides with the 200th anniversary of Thomas Cole’s formative journey up the Hudson River, launching the movement often described as America’s first painting tradition.

Exhibition Programming

October 5: Panel Discussion: Legacies of the Hudson Valley’s Landscape Culture with Evan Pritchard, Jean-Marc Sovak, Frederic C. Rich, and Betsy Jacks

October 23: The Distinctive Wappingers: Getting to Know “The Men of the East” Through Ceremonial Art with Professor Evan Pritchard

October 24 & November 17: Plein-air Drawing Workshops with James McElhinney

October 30: Virtual Scenic Landscapes Ceramics Lecture with Assistant Curator Riley Richards

Program details can be found at boscobel.org.

that’s italian!

by luigi coppola



The playground

As the days start to shorten and the leaves on the trees start to turn golden, I am brought back to my school days at St. Peter’s.

At St. Peter’s School, we didn’t have a playground as much as we had a gravel parking lot. There were no swings, slides, jungle gyms or monkey bars. What we did have was a big red inflated rubber ball from hell and we had ... Dodgeball!

Every day, Sister Cecelia would line us up after lunch, give one of us the big red inflated rubber ball from hell, and turn us loose to our gravel parking lot/playground.

The choosing of the teams was as important as the game itself, with as many tears being shed for the pain of being chosen last as being hit with the red inflated rubber ball from hell.

Once the team-choosing ritual was completed, the games would begin. The lunch mothers would huddle together watching us as we would pound the living snot out of each other with the red inflated rubber ball from hell. To this

day, I think they were laying bets on us. They would act as referee, medic, and scorekeeper.

The games were usually vicious and always ended with someone crying because they got hit the face with the red inflated rubber ball from hell.

Sister Cecelia would come to the door and ring the bell for us to come inside. As we lined up, we looked like prisoners of war. Torn pants, shirts, jackets, bloody noses, scraped knees and black eyes. The winner, or rather the last man standing, would get the honor of bringing the red inflated rubber ball from hell back inside to hand it over to Sister Cecelia. Triumphant.

When I got home, I had to explain to Mom how I had torn the knees to my school pants again and why the elbows to my coat were ripped. Mom always would bite the palm of her hand, shake her head and give me a snack.

Life was very simple back then. No cell phone, no computers, no social media. Just kids and a red inflated rubber ball from hell. Enjoy!

Rice Croquettes
Ingredients

- 1 cup diced pancetta
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups salted water
- 2 cups long grain white rice, uncooked
- 2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup Coppola’s marinara sauce
- 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs for coating
- vegetable oil for frying

Method

Bring rice and water to a boil in a saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until the rice is tender, and the liquid has been absorbed, 20 to 25 minutes.

Spread cooked rice onto a baking sheet to cool, about 5 minutes. Transfer rice to a large bowl.

Mix in pancetta, grated Parmesan cheese, Coppola’s marinara sauce, 1/4

cup bread crumbs, eggs, parsley, salt, and ground pepper. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour.

Remove rice mixture from refrigerator and form 2-inch, football shaped croquettes. Roll croquettes in bread crumbs and place on a baking sheet.

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat; cook breaded croquettes until browned on all sides, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towels to absorb excess oil.

Serve with Coppola’s Marinara Sauce for dipping.

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

Early Railroading in Dutchess County, the story of the William T. Hart Railroad Ferry

Following its completion in 1889, the Poughkeepsie Railway Bridge was a crucial link between New England and the United States’ elaborate railroad network. It continued for over eighty years until its fiery demise in 1974, but prior to trains traveling by rail, a vastly different method of transportation was used to cross the Hudson River.

Join author and historian Alex Prizgintas with the Beacon Historical Society as he explores the early history of the Erie and West Shore railroads in Newburgh, Orange County as well as the service of the William T. Hart—a steam-powered barge that transported railroad

cars from the late nineteenth century until the turn of the twentieth century from Newburgh to Fishkill Landing en route to New England.

The lecture will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. in the LaGrange Association Library in LaGrange.

The rise of railroad traffic between the Hudson River and Boston gave way to an intricate railroad network that connected almost every municipality in Dutchess County, with lines such as the Dutchess & Columbia, Boston, Hartford & Erie, and the Newburgh, Dutchess & Connecticut.

Author Talk with James Patterson in Poughkeepsie



James Patterson

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James Patterson has published over 200 novels, including the best-selling books featuring Alex Cross. He has expanded into non-fiction, including the recent best-selling book “The Idaho Four: An American Tragedy.” On Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m., Patterson will be in conversation at the Lateef Islam Auditorium in the Family Partnership Center to discuss his writings and his newest book, “Disrupt Everything—And

Win: The Proven and Effective Way to Harness Change Into a Force for Success.” Registration is required.

The first 500 attendees will receive a free copy of “Disrupt Everything—And Win: The Proven and Effective Way to Harness Change Into a Force for Success.”

The Lateef Islam Auditorium at the Family Partnership Center is at 29 N. Hamilton St., Poughkeepsie.

‘White Glove’ tour Sundays at Mount Gulian this month

Mount Gulian Historic Site will offer its exclusive White Glove Tour every Sunday this September (Sept. 21, Sept. 28) at noon and 2 p.m. This special tour highlights items from the collection that are rarely on display. Following a tour of the house and grounds, visitors will have the opportunity to wear the trademark white gloves to examine artifacts up close and out from the collection storage rooms, giving a seldom found perspective of the past.

“We Admission for the “White Glove Tour” is \$18 adults; \$15 seniors; \$8 children; free for children under 6 and Mount Gulian members. Membership is open to the public and may be purchased day of the event. Registration is strongly suggested.

To register, please contact Mount Gulian at 845-831-8172 or info@mount-gulian.org. For further information and directions visit www.mountgulian.org.

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If a cylinder and a bell got married, they would make a trumpet.

Found most often in bands and musical ensembles, trumpets have a powerful sound. Their music is often used to honor important events or individuals. They have a historical association with royalty and ceremony.

The shape of the trumpet contributes to its bright, piercing tone. The inside diameter of its tube is relatively consistent for most of its length. That distinguishes it from instruments like the cornet, which has a more conical bore (gradually widening tube) and a mellower sound.

In essence, the trumpet's shape can be described as a long pipe, with a mouthpiece at one end, a flared curve at the other, and a set of valves in the middle to manipulate the airflow and produce a variety of notes. To me, it's like a baby produced from the pairing of a cylinder and a bell.

Trumpets in unexpected places

In nature, the trumpet shape can be found in some unusual places. Chanterelles are flared-funnel-shaped mushrooms often used in savory dishes. The stentor, a protist, commonly found in freshwater throughout the world, has a characteristic trumpet shape that is particularly important in capturing its food. The Giant Triton and Queen Conch are marine snails which grow very large shells that have been used as horns due to their ability to resonate sound in their spiral shapes. Our outer ears act like the bell of a trumpet, gathering sound waves from the environment; Our ear canal acts as the lead pipe, further channeling and modifying the sound waves as they travel to the eardrum.

Flowers

Trumpet-shaped flowers abound because they have evolved to attract pollinators with long beaks or proboscises (tongues). Small Carpenter Bees and Bumblebees are both long-tongued pollinators that forage from flowers with deep floral tubes, such as the Wild Morning Glory (Genus Calystegia), a climbing plant with white or pink trumpet-shaped flowers. Likewise, Hummingbirds are major

pollinators of Trumpet Creeper (Campsis radicans), an aptly named vine with vibrant flowers of red, orange, or yellow.

The flowers of Calystegia are about 3 inches in length and width. Typically, one flower blooms at the points where leaves connect to the stem. The flowers of Campsis radicans are longer than those of the Wild Morning Glory, but the mouth of their trumpet is narrower. Trumpet Vines flower in clusters of two to eight per stem. Both grow along Rombout Road in LaGrange, as well as many other places in Dutchess County.

Vines vs Shrubs

Morning glories and trumpet creepers both grow on supporting structures. Sporadic pinkish-white blooms appear in a thicket of greenery when Calystegia takes over. Contrast that to the bevy of bright, beautiful flowers which are produced by Campsis radicans. But, keep your distance, because the trumpet vine is known to cause skin irritation.

Neither of those vines produce as many trumpet-like blossoms as the genus Weigela. Some species of the deciduous shrubs bloom more than once during a season. Flowers that appear are plentiful in white, pink, and red.

You can't choose your family

The Weigela genus is a member of the Honeysuckle Family. Like Calystegia and Campsis radicans, Asian Honeysuckles are invasive in Dutchess County. But, flowers on both native and non-domestic honeysuckles have tubular, albeit smaller trumpet-like blooms. So, it's not surprising that Weigela shares some DNA with them.

Say Wy-JEE-la or Vy-JEE-la

Some may even say WAY-guh-luh when referring to the Weigela Genus. The eponym was bestowed to commemorate the German scientist Christian Ehrenfried Weigel, who made contributions to the field of botany. So, when pronouncing the name for the genus, its acceptable to emphasize the first or second syllable, use a hard or soft "g,, and start with a phonetic /w/ or /v/. But, do not end



Weigela

with the 'ia" sound. The plant is not called a Weigelia.

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://www.gettrudekatzchronicles.com/> and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com>.



From left, Trumpet Creeper, and Calystegia Genus.

-Photos by Francine Wizner

Tag Sale and Adoption Event set for Sept. 28

A Tag Sale and Adoption Event is set for Sunday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at River Valley Arts Center, 9 South Mesier Ave., in Wappingers Falls. There will be pup for adoption. A plant sale

will also be held. The event will be held rain or shine.

For questions, email hopefordogsvolunteer@gmail.com.

A Night of Gospel Jazz on Sept. 19

A Night of Gospel Jazz will be held on Sept. 19 at 8:30 p.m. at Towne Crier Café, 379 Main St. BTMOG & Associates with

special guest Darren Rahn.

For tickets to this concert, please go to <https://townecrier.com>.

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Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls, partners provide back-to-school supplies



The Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls and JanCare Private Home Care Agency partnered recently to provide school supplies to local children. -Courtesy photos Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls

The Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls and JanCare Private Home Care Agency partnered to provide 12 backpacks filled with school supplies for students in need at Wappingers Junior High School. In addition, JanCare generously donated a nursing basket to the school. The Rotary Club also extends appreciation to JanCare staff members Marie Rizzo and Alyssia Green, whose support contributed to the

success of this initiative. This partnership highlights the Rotary Club’s ongoing mission of “Service Above Self” and demonstrates the positive impact that can be achieved when local organizations work together for the betterment of the community. Rotarians were able to donate nearly 1,000 school supply items to Sheafe Road, Evans, and Myers Corners elemen-

tary schools. Rotarians thank Trustco Bank in Fishkill and JanCare Private Home Care Agency for their partnership this year, and the Town of Wappinger, Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County, Grinnell Library, for serving as drop-off locations. Pictured, from left, Todd Bowen (Past President, Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls), Dr. Dwight Bonk (Superintendent,

Wappingers Central School District), Andrew Green (Vice President of Operations, JanCare), Janice Green (CEO, JanCare), Dick Thurston (President, Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls), Hayley Bowen (Front Desk Coordinator, JanCare), Crystal Butler (Healthcare Recruiter, JanCare) and Jennifer Bianco (Care Coordinator, JanCare).

Amenia Historical Society to present program on ‘Plight of a Loyalist’

The Amenia Historical Society invites the public to its first “Rev250” program, to hear author and historian Jay A. Campbell present “The Plight of a Loyalist,” as revealed in The Journal of Cadwallader Colden, Jr., 1777-1779. This event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Smithfield Presbyterian Church, 656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia in the downstairs church hall. Campbell, formerly from Orange County, where the Colden family resided 250 years ago, became intrigued by Colden’s Journal and decided to transcribe it and research the saga therein. Campbell subsequently published an annotated copy

of the Journal. He will share his findings regarding the difficulties Colden faced as a prisoner of the transitional government of New York and why he was sent to Charlotte and Amenia Precincts of Dutchess County to appeal his case in 1777. This Rev250 event is funded by a Dutchess County Government grant and is free to the public, with refreshments provided by the Amenia Historical Society.

Hudson Valley Gospel Festival set for Sept. 27

The Hudson Valley Gospel Festival committee is pleased to announce the 6th Annual Hudson Valley Gospel Festival, set for Saturday, Sept. 27, at 2 p.m. at the Family Partnership Center, 29 North Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie. This free, family-friendly event brings together choirs, praise teams, and dancers from across the mid-Hudson region for an afternoon of uplifting music, worship, and community celebration. The 2025 festival will feature the Hudson Valley Gospel Festival Choir, directed by Dinesa Hansen, the Ulster County Community Gospel Choir, led by Dennis Washington, the Baptist Temple Church Praise Team from Orange County, led by Pastor Dollyann Briggs, and the Hudson Lily of the Valley Praise Dance Team, led by Linda Molina. Pastor Evelyn Clarke will serve as emcee for the afternoon. Gospel music has been an essential part of Poughkeepsie’s cultural life for

generations. The Hudson Valley Gospel Festival continues this legacy, providing a platform for choirs and performers to engage the community while celebrating the richness and creativity of gospel music today. The Hudson Valley Gospel Festival is free and open to the public. Families, friends, and neighbors are encouraged to attend and enjoy an afternoon of music, dance, and fellowship in the heart of Poughkeepsie. Pre-sale Tickets: Adult Admission: \$20 | Student (K-12 with ID), seniors, veterans & active military: \$15 | Children under 5: Free At the Door: Adult Admission: \$30 | Students (K-12 with ID), seniors, veterans & active military: \$25 | Children under 5: Free Sliding-scale tickets are available at the door. For more information, please visit www.artsmidhudson.org/hv-gospel-fest.

Mount Alvernia Fall Tag Sale set for Sept. 20

The Mount Alvernia Fall Tag Sale is set for Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 158 Delavergne Ave. in Wappingers Falls. There will be holiday decor, toys, houseware items and more.

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Name of LLC (Vinyl Shutter Rejuvenation Consulting LLC) filed Art of Org. on (July 30, 2025). Office location: (Dutchess County). SSNY has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served and a copy of any process shall be mailed to (12 Frieda Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603). Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Formation Wolbarre LLC, a domestic limited liability company (LLC). Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 3, 2025. The LLC is located in Dutchess County. The SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the office location: 12 Sycamore Drive, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of morganmcconnellsip LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/04/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to morganmcconnellsip LLC at 18 Orchard Drive, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation Marthaz Green Haven LLC, Arts. Of Org. Filed with the secretary of the state of New York (SSNY) on 07/24/2025. office location: Dutchess County. SSNY shall mail process to 5 nilde court Poughkeepsie N.Y 12603. Purpose: any lawful Purpose.

LLC Name: Weld Electric LLC Date of Filing: 08/08/2025 County of Office: Dutchess County Registered Agent:

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The New York Secretary of State (SSNY) has been designated as the agent for service of process. SSNY Mail Address: 22 Salisbury Turnpike, Rhinebeck, NY 12572 Business Purpose: To provide residential electrical installation, repair, and maintenance services.

Riverina Properties, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/9/2025. 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, 42 Longview Rd, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Bay 3 Productions LLC Bay 3 Productions LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 05/13/2025. The office of the LLC is located in Dutchess County, New York. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Mark Bongiovanni, 44 Fox Run Rd Bay 3, Salt Point, NY, 12578. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of VINEXPRESS LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 4, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2522 South Road #1127, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Script 304, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/11/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 291 Main St. Ste. 102 Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Crown Rituals, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/05/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall

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mail process to: 12 Ludlow Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

DWSE Real Estate LLC filed w/ SSNY 8/4/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 2 Regency Dr, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Any lawful purpose.

MILL HOLLAND RENTALS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 215 Coachlight Square, Montrose, NY 10548. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Max Volume Solutions LLC. Filed 08/14/25. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail to 20 Crum Elbow Rd Apt 6e, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purp: any lawful.

Notice of Formation of Analog Coffee Company LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/25/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Analog Coffee Company LLC 44 Mountain Creek Road, Poughquag, NY, 12570. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

CLIFF HOUSE PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/06/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 110 East Market Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: 1106 ROUTE 9 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 8, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC address to which SSNY shall mail process is 6847 Route 9, Rhinebeck NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful

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UNIT Y CULTIVATION LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/11/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Ashley Cotto, 77 Old Glenham Road, Unit 601, Glenham, NY 12527. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Dutchess Commercial Cleaners LLC filed Articles of Organization with SSNY on 5-22-2025. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to 19 South Ave Poughkeepsie NY, 12601. The purpose if the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 633 3RD AVE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/07/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 5 Riviera Dr., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Formation of HOLY CUTS BARBERSHOP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 07/16/2025. 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: 16 Church Street Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Highlands Health, NP in Family Health, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed w/ SSNY on 06/04/2025. Office location: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail to PO Box 251 Hughsonville, NY 12537. Purpose: Practice the profession of NP in Family Health.

MHJP PROPERTY LLC. A Dom. LLC filed with SSNY on 7/25/2025, DUTCHESS Cty, SSNY is DDI as agent upon whom proc.

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Agst. The LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any proc. Agst. the LLC to: 193 Ressique St., Stormville, NY 12582. Purpose: Any lawful act

FERNANDINA CAPITAL, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/19/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1984 New Hackensack Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Stissing Mountain, LLC, Art. of Org. filed w/ Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 08/18/2025. Office location: Ulster 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, 133 Water St #12A, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Fearless Home Inspections LLC Arts. of Org. filed on 8/17/2025. Office location: Dutchess Cty, NY. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 2 Dwyer Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful.

Notice of Qualification of ECC NY, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/14/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 06/11/25. Princ. office of LLC: 1700 South Lamar Blvd., Ste. 338, Austin, TX 78704. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808-1674. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: To operate retail coffee shops and related food and beverage services.

Notice of Qualification of EVERYDAY COFFEE COMPANY, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/14/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 03/18/25. Princ. office

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of LLC: 1700 South Lamar Blvd., Ste. 338, Austin, TX 78704. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808-1674. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: To operate retail coffee shops and related food and beverage services.

RANDALL W HIGHT CONSULTANTS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/14/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 79 Redtail Pass, Amenia, NY 12501, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

VALLEY PROPERTIES OF DUTCHESS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/21/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 16 Valkill Dr., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

204 HOSMER HOUSE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/26/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 533 Ackert Hook Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

206 HOSMER HOUSE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/26/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 533 Ackert Hook Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: SPFX, LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was May 03 2025. 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, 1540 Route 376, Wappingers Falls, N.Y. 12590 Purpose: any lawful purpose.

UPTON LAKE LLC. Filed 8/7/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Usacorp Inc, 266 Broadway, Ste 401, Bklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: General.

NORTH STAR ENVIRONMENTAL BUILDING PERFORMANCE LLC. Filed 8/6/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 189 S Cherry St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

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AKJMA LLC. Filed 7/25/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 167 Riverview Dr, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: General.

CW NEW STAR 168 LLC. Filed 7/17/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 21 Logans Way, Hopewell Jct, NY 12533. Purpose: General.



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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: REDL'S TOWING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 22, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC address to which SSNY shall mail process is 2 Sedgewick Road, Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

EWEJ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/21/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 60 Teller Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

KMAC Group LLC filed with SSNY on 04/25/2025. Office: 31 Pleasant Ridge Road, Poughquag, NY 12570 , Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 31 Pleasant Ridge Road Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: The Bannerman Group LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: April 9, 2025. 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: PO Box 62, Glenham, NY 12527. Purpose: any lawful activity.

55 WILLOWBROOK, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/19/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County.

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SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Suite 1, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

CORCOLI NYC LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/27/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Formation of Alysha Winter Photography LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/24/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Alysha Winter at 7 Fox Hill Road Wappingers Falls NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Michael Thompson Millbrook LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/18/2025. 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 Berlandi Nussbaum & Reitzas LLP, 527 Rte 22, Ste 2, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act.

Michelle Thompson Millbrook LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/18/2025. 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 Berlandi Nussbaum & Reitzas LLP, 527 Rte 22, Ste 2, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful

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act. Notice of Formation of Vertical Growth Technologies, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on September 1, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Jacob Lester, 15C Village Green, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of One Stop Merchandise LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/19/25. 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 any process served to: One Stop Merchandise LLC, 18 Old Farms Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

VANIK CAPITAL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/16/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 16 Woods End Road, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qualification of DYNAMIC SYSTEMS (DSI), LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/29/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 07/22/25. Princ. office of LLC: 3901 S. Lamar, Austin, TX 78704. 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. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little

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Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Fabrication and supply of HVAC and Plumbing systems.

Notice of Formation Kip's Flooring LLC Art. Org. filed with SSNY ON 8-23-25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 10 Andrea Court 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Kilonova Studio LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/22/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been 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: Steve Kennedy, 3 Franklin Ave. Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Clairvoyance, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on August 26, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: [230 Old Route 55 Poughquag, NY 12570]. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

JEWELS PILATES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/20/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 5 Cathy Lane, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Joes Floors LLC filed

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with SSNY on 8/30/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Joseph Puggioni, Po Box 254 Wingdale, NY 12594. Purpose: any lawful professional activity.

Cornerstone Consultancy LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC), was filed with the NY Department of State on June 3, 2025. The office of the LLC is located in Dutchess County. The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1402 route 343, Dover Plains NY 12522. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.

CERTIFIED FUTURE STRATEGIES LLC. Filed 12/18/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 5 Osprey Ct, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of EcoWorks Mechanical LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/3/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to EcoWorks Mechanical LLC P.O. Box 453 Rhinecliff, NY 12574 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Asymmetric Legal PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/4/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Asymmetric Legal PLLC, 42 Four Corner Blvd, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Pur-

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pose: Legal services.

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: Criology, LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was August 18, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 401 Ringgold St. Peekskill New York 10566. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.

CSZ GROUP, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/8/25. 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: 1018 Rte 292, Holmes, NY 12531.

Notice of Formation of SOGOS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 09/07/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: SOGOS LLC, 418 Broadway #10220, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of SALASSMITH 209 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/01/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 209 RHINECLIFF RD, RHINEBECK, NY, UNITED STATES, 12572. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of GSR MARKETING LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY)

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on 09/05/25. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 5 TOMPKINSLN HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY, 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Spiritual Graffiti LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/15/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 30 Old Post Road North, Red Hook, NY, 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEHRER & CO. CUSTOM PROVISIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/08/23. 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, 19 Memorial Avenue, Apartment #5, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

FAM5 MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/05/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 Queen Anne Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

GANSBAY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/09/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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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-40-25
Electrical Parts and Supplies
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 30th day of September 2025 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 **23rd day of September, 2025** 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.: 25-7859 (Area Variance)**
Richard Chauvin: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District in an R-40 Zoning District.
-Where **50 feet** is required to the rear yard property line, the applicant can provide **30.1 feet**, thus requesting a variance of **19.9 feet** for the construction of a 30' x 12' deck.
The property is located at **11 Apple Blossom Lane** on .85 acres and is identified as **Tax Grid No.: 6257-04-957118** 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
September 4, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Chelsea Fire District of the Town of Wap-

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ping, County of Dutchess, New York, will hold a special meeting on Monday, September 22, 2025. The meeting will commence at 5:30 p.m., at the Chelsea Fire District Office located at 15 Liberty Street, Chelsea, New York, in the Town of Wappinger, and is open to the public. This notification is being given in accordance with the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York. By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District.
Claire Gibson
Fire District Secretary
Chelsea Fire District

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2018-2, Plaintiff - against - VOLKER RUESSELER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on April 1, 2025. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the rear lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York on the 17th day of October, 2025 at 2:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Clinton, County of Dutchess and State of New York. Premises known as 26 West Cookingham, Staatsburg, (Town of Clinton) NY 12580. (SBL#: 6267-00-450621) Approximate amount of lien \$167,840.65 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.
Index No. 2023-50971. Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq., Referee.
Davidson Fink LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
400 Meridian Centre Blvd, Ste 200
Rochester, NY 14618
Tel. 585/760-8218
Dated: August 12, 2025
During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the

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time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.

Notice is hereby given that license # NA-0340-25-226981 for liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor at retail in a restaurant under the ABC law at 2703 W Main St Wappingers Falls NY 12590, Dutchess County for on-premises consumption.
NONNINANY LLC
2703 W Main St
Wappingers Falls NY 12590

NOTICE OF SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION - WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL IN DUTCHESS COUNTY
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Ann Goldsmith, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the Wappingers Central School District, Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess and State of New York, having duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of Taxes for the Wappingers Central School District for the school year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, will attend (only for collection of taxes for the above town) at the East Fishkill Tax Office, 2464 Route 52, Hopewell Jct., NY 12533, from September 15, 2025 through October 31, 2025, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm, for the purpose of receiving the Taxes assessed upon such rolls. Checks or money order are to be made payable to Katherine Buneta, Receiver of Taxes. No payment will be received Saturdays, Sundays, or on legal holidays. Tax office information may be obtained by calling (845) 831-7800 ext. 3338.
Tax Rate for District per \$1,000 Assessed Value
Homestead - \$13.24
Non-Homestead - \$17.41
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: Taxes may be paid on or before October 14, 2025

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Value Homestead is \$13.217137 and Non-Homestead is \$17.701838.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before October 14, 2025 without penalty. On all such remaining unpaid taxes after October 31, 2025 at which time the unpaid school taxes will be turned over to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, Poughkeepsie, NY, to be re-levied on the 2026 land tax bills with an added seven (7%) percent.
Dated: September 3, 2025
Ann Goldsmith
Receiver of Taxes
Town of East Fishkill

Notice is hereby given that a license (Application ID # NA-0267-25-227334) for Beer, Wine & Cider, has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Beer, Wine & Cider in a Music Listening Room under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 211 Fishkill Avenue, Studio 113, Beacon, NY 12508 for on premises consumption.
Kelly Ellenwood, Member, SAINT RITA'S MUSIC ROOM, LLC

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT I, THE UNDERSIGNED Receiver of Taxes of the Wappingers Central School District, Town of Fishkill in Dutchess County, have duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of Taxes for the Wappingers Central School District for the school year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, will attend (only for the collection of taxes for the above Town) at Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 from September 15, 2025 through October 14, 2025, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM until 3:30 PM for the purpose of receiving Taxes Assessed upon such rolls. Checks or money order are to be made payable to Katherine Buneta, Receiver of Taxes. No payment will be received Saturdays, Sundays, or on legal holidays. Tax office information may be obtained by calling (845) 831-7800 ext. 3338.
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without penalty. On all such remaining unpaid taxes after said October 14, 2025, two (2) percent will be added through October 31, 2025, at which time the unpaid school taxes will be turned over to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, Poughkeepsie, NY, to be re-levied on the 2026 land tax bills with an added seven (7) percent.
Dated: September 4, 2025
Signed: Katherine Buneta
Receiver of Taxes

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF SALE
UNDER SECTION 182 OF THE NY STATE LIEN LAW NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNIT, WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE OR AUCTION AT:
A SPACE TO PLACE STORAGE - OWNED BY DB VAN PROPERTIES NORTH, LLC
4 MARSHALL ROAD - WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590
DATE: Tuesday September 23, 2025 - TIME: 11:00 AM
THE SALE OF SUCH PROPERTY IS TO SATISFY THE LIEN OF A SPACE TO PLACE STORAGE ON PROPERTY FOR THE ACCOUNT OF: **UNITS 1160, 1084, 1139, 1133, 1163, 2170, 2027, 2010, 2150**

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-32-25
Scanning of Annual Tax Rolls and Other Document Imaging Projects
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 29th day of September 2025 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.

ROMBOUT FIRE DISTRICT
TOWN OF FISHKILL
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
STATE OF NEW

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RESOLUTION
At a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Rombout Fire District in The Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, held at the Rombout Fire District Office Located at 901 Main Street, Town of Fishkill, New York, on September 10, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.,
The meeting was called to order by William Muller, Chairman and upon the roll being Called the following was present:
William Muller, Chairman
Present
Sharon Forbes, Vice Chairman
Present
Peter Delfico
Present
David Lamoree
Present
Daniel Silvestri
Present
The following resolution was moved and seconded. To wit:
BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Rombout Fire District in The Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:
Section 1:
The Board hereby determines it is the best interests of the Rombout Fire District to purchase a 2025 Pumper Truck for the Rombout Fire District.
Section 2:
The utilization of the Equipment Reserve Fund for the purpose of said Purchase is hereby authorized to an extent not to exceed \$1,384,545.00. The plan for financing The maximum estimated cost is by an expenditure from the Equipment Reserve Fund of not more than \$1,384,545.00.
Section 3: It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the 2025 Pumper Truck is Twenty (20) years pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 11:00 (27) as Amended.
Section 4:
Upon this resolution being adopted, the same shall be published in full in the Southern Dutchess News together with a notice from the Fire District Secretary in the form Provided by Section 175 of the Town Law as amended.
Section 5: This Resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum as set forth in General Mu-

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nicipal Law Section 6(g)(4) as amended and will not take effect until thirty (30) days After its adoption; or until approved by the affirmative vote of the majority of the electors of The Rombout Fire District qualified to vote at an annual election of Fire District Officers, if Within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the resolution, a petition in the form and content As set forth in the General Municipal Law Section 6 (g)(4) as amended is filed with the Fire District Secretary.
The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll Call, which was resulted as follows:
William Muller, Chairman
Yes
Sharon Forbes
Yes
Peter Delfico
Yes
David Lamoree
Yes
Daniel Silvestri
Yes
The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.
September 10, 2025
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
ROMBOUT FIRE DISTRICT
Jill Muller,
Fire District Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY
Please take note that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition:
181 Tinkertown Road, Salt Point
Appeal #1087
Grid# 6564-01-295747
Area Variance Requests: The applicant was previously given a variance for a 16'x 36' inground pool being in the front of the residence. The proposed size of the inground pool has changed to 20'x32' inground pool, who and will additionally need a 9' variance from the left property line due to it being 6' from the property line.
SAID Meeting will take place on September 24, 2025 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y, and begins at 7:00 p.m.

Fishkill Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin
Assistant Recreation Director
Spanish Classes: We will be offering two different Spanish classes this fall!
Spanish classes for Adults- Wednesdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Spanish classes for homeschoolers- Thursdays ages 5-8, 9:30 – 11 a.m.
Thursdays, ages 8-12 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Limited seats available. Contact Stacy for more information and to register: 518-0362 or maestra@yahoo.com
Multi-Sports Days: Join Skyhawks on Sept. 23 & Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Geering Park. This camp is open to boys and girls ages 9-13. Multi-Sport programs are designed to introduce young athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. Athletes will learn the rules and essential skills of each sport, along with

vital life lessons such as sportsmanship, inclusion and teamwork. Enjoy the benefits of exploring multiple sports while building lifelong skills with Skyhawks!
Spooky Season Paint Event: NEW! Come join us for this new kind of paint event. Bring your creativity. The event will take place on Oct. 2 from 10-11 a.m. Limited seats available.
Back-to-School Paint Night: Come paint w/ the Artist's Corner on Friday, Sept. 26 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to participate.
ZUMBA Gold: Returns to the Rec Center on Mondays at 9am. The lower impact, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired dance fitness-party that keep you in the groove of life. Exercise and part at the same time! No dance experience needed.
Beginnner Golf: Swing into Skyhawks

Beginning Golf, powered by Payne Stewart Golf Experiences. This beginning program focuses on fun and repetition with a games-based approach that can be played on any surface. Specialized equipment is used to ensure early success for young players. Key skills like putting and chipping are taught through engaging activities. Ideal for beginners and those improving, join Skyhawks for rewarding progress with every shot! The fall program, which started Sept. 16, will be held at Geering Park, for ages 5-10.
Flag Football: Experience the excitement of football with Skyhawks Flag Football Fueled by USA Football. Using a curriculum developed by the experts from USA Football, coaches will teach skills like passing, receiving, kicking and flag pulling. Participants will gain confidence and learn important life lessons in a fun, positive environment. This fall the program will be held at Geering Park starting Monday, September 15 for ages 6-12.
Cheerleading: Children in these high energy classes learn far more than just core cheer concepts and techniques; they also

explore their personal expression, agility, rhythm, and teamwork. It is a great way to build self-confidence and nurture the desire to share happiness with others! Classes will be held at Geering Park (began Monday, Sept. 15) for ages 3-9.
Little Explorers: Dive into a morning filled with purposeful stations designed around a theme. Children will have the opportunity to explore at their own pace and learn through hands-on exploration. Open to ages 0-5 years. Class Times: 9:30-10:15 a.m. ages 2 & under
10:45-11:30 a.m. ages 2 & up
October 25th: Featuring the story Gustavo and the Shy Ghost, little explorers will engage in the pumpkin life cycle. They can dress up for our sweet little parade!
November 15: Our story is Thanksgiving in the Woods, little explorers will engage in why leaves change color. We have a sweet handprint keepsake to bring home.
Visit our website for more information and to register www.fishkillrecreation.com.

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PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF FISHKILL
Local Law No. [Introductory] of 2025
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Fishkill, New York, will hold a Public Hearing at Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52 Fishkill, New York 12524, on October 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon after as the matter may be heard to consider Local Law No. (Introductory) of 2025, Introducing a Local Law To Amend The Town Code By Repealing Chapter 11, Entitled " Private Well Testing" The Town of Fishkill will make every effort to ensure that the public hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or accommodations should

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contact the Town Clerk.
By Order of the Town Board
Town of Fishkill
Becki Tompkins – Town Clerk
LEGAL NOTICE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GRINNELL PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter 239 of the Laws of 2012 of the State of New York, to all voters qualified to vote in a general election and residing within the Village of Wappingers Falls and the Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess, State of New York (except the portion of the Town located within the Beacon City School District), that an election on the budget and Trustees of the

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Grinnell Public Library District will be held on:
T U E S D A Y ,
OCTOBER 7, 2025
9:30 A.M. – 7:30 P.M.
G R I N N E L L
LIBRARY
2642 EAST MAIN STREET, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NEW YORK
At such time, the polls will be open to vote upon:
1. **Proposition:** Shall the sum of **\$1,390,109.00** be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable real property within the Grinnell Public Library District for the purpose of funding the operating budget of the Library?
2. **Election of Trustees:** The election of **three (3) Trustees** of the Grinnell Public Library District.
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

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that the following individuals are running for the available trustee positions
*** Elizabeth Devine**
*** Thomas McAlister**
*** Nicole Morris**
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Library during its regular business hours.
* Completed applications must be received by the Library at least **seven (7) days before the election** if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter.
* Applications must be received by **the day before the election** if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.
The Board of Trustees shall maintain a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued, which shall be avail-

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able for public inspection at the Library during regular office hours until the day of the election.
No absentee ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received by the Library no later than **5:00 P.M. on the day of the election.**
NOTICE OF SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION – WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, Receiver of Taxes of the Wappingers Central School District, Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warr-

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ant for the collection of taxes for the Wappingers Central School district for the school year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and that I will attend (only for collection of taxes for the above town) at 20 Middlebush Road, in said Town of Wappinger from September 15, 2025 through October 31, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on each day, excepting Saturdays, Sundays and holidays for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on the said roll. Check or money order is to be made out to Lee A. Freno, Receiver of Taxes and mailed to the above address. Tax office information may be obtained by calling (845)297-4342 or visiting the Town's website at townofwappingerny.gov.

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before October 14, 2025, without interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest of two percent (2%) through October 31, 2025, at which time the unpaid School Taxes will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance, County of Dutchess, to be re-levied on the 2026 Town/County tax bills with seven percent interest (7%).
Tax Rate for District per \$1,000 Assessed Value
Homestead : 13.20
Non-Homestead : 17.46
September 12, 2025
Signed:
Lee Anne Freno
Receiver of Taxes
Town of Wappinger

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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 4B.

Upcoming events at Beatrix Farrand Garden



Arkinetics – Jazz/Global Fusion and Bossa Nova will perform at the Beatrix Farrand Garden, 4097 Albany Post Road, on the grounds of the FDR Home & Library in Hyde Park in the upcoming weeks.

-Courtesy photos



The Beatrix Farrand Garden is at 4097 Albany Post Road, is on the grounds of the FDR Home & Library in Hyde Park. For reservations, visit www.BeatrixFarrandGardenHydePark.org.

Arkinetics – Jazz/Global Fusion
Sunday, Sept. 21, 5-6:30 p.m.
Arkinetics is a New York-based quintet blending jazz, West African rhythms, and Indian classical influences. Led by drummer and composer Dan Kurfirst, Arkinetics features an all-star lineup of performers: Anders Nillson (Guitar), Alexis Marcelo (Piano), Gervis Myles (Bass), Roshni Samlal (Tabla), Dan Kurfirst (Drumset, compositions).
Picnicking, families, beach chairs all welcome!
Free. Reservations recommended.

Brazilian Bossa Nova Concert: Mariana Barcellos
Sunday, Oct. 19, 5-6:30 p.m.
Bossa Nova, which means “new wave,” is a style of samba music that was developed in the late 1950s and early 1960s in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro. Through the advent of Bossa Nova, Brazil was able to produce one of the most unique and enduring sounds in the history of Latin music. Bossa Nova is distinct from other Samba subgenres, as it consists

of a mixture of soft samba based on traditional Brazilian music and rhythms, American jazz, and a new style of Portuguese lyrics.
Please feel free to bring food & drink to enjoy during the show.
Free. Reservations recommended.

Bellefield Garden Talk Series
“Top Flower Picks for 2026,” Sue Adams presenting Saturday, Sept. 27, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sue Adams will share her favorite new flower introductions for 2026. Each year, Sue visits trial gardens across the Northeast—including New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, and New Hampshire—to evaluate upcoming varieties. Her presentation will highlight the most exciting blooms that will soon make their way into gardens and greenhouses. Expect vibrant photos, expert insights, and plenty of inspiration for your own plantings.
Sue Adams is vice president of Adams Greenhouses, a five-acre operation in Poughkeepsie. She is an award-winning prison coveralls — inside the Big Thunder Mountain Railroad area.
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on the New England Floriculture Board (president emeritis) and is the author of What Do Your Flowers Say Today? Sue conducts trials with samples from breeding companies and is working with SUNY Cobleskill to establish a trial garden at the college.
Member Mingle: Before the talk, current BFGA members are invited to a casual morning gathering at 10:45 a.m. with coffee and cider donuts. This is a chance to connect with fellow members, meet the speaker, and enjoy a warm and welcoming start to the day in the Garden.
Free. Reservations recommended.

Rethinking the Fall Garden Cleanup
Saturday, Oct. 18, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Join ecological landscape designer Ashley Gamell for a garden walk exploring the fall season and how we can best utilize it to boost garden beauty and extend the bloom season even into the winter, all while supporting a bounty of life in our gardens. Ashley will highlight spectacular fall bloomers in the walled garden and the wild garden, and share her approach to thoughtful garden cleanup that ensures a lush garden buzzing with gorgeous biodiversity throughout the year.
Ashley Gamell has spent her career interpreting the world of gardening and

nature to the public. During her ten years on staff at Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Ashley developed and ran children’s gardens, curated greenhouses, ran educational programming, developed exhibits, and led the creation of the groundbreaking new Discovery Garden, a garden developed with Michael Van Valkenberg Landscape Architects that celebrates native plants and habitats. Ashley is a co-author of the award-winning The Kids’ Guide to Exploring Nature, as well as a contributor to several other nature and garden books and blogs. She teaches gardening and nature courses on a range of subjects, from indoor gardening and Gardening 101 to fragrant botanicals and native plants.
Ashley holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies and Non-Fiction Writing, a Certificate in Horticulture, and is completing her Diploma in Garden Design at the Oxford College of Garden Design. Ashley owns an ecological landscape design business and recently worked with Partners for Climate Action to co-write an action guide for pollinator conservation gardening. She lives in the Hudson Valley of New York with her husband and two children, a small flock of chickens, and an ever-expanding wild garden.
Free. Reservations recommended.

Banksy ‘sly documentary’ to open 20th season of Movies with Spirit

The sly documentary “Exit Through the Gift Shop,” by mysterious street artist Banksy, screens at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Unison Arts, 9 Paradies Lane in New Paltz. The showing kicks off the 20th annual season of the Movies With Spirit community film series.
Premiering at the Sundance Film Festival, the Banksy film became the first street art documentary ever nominated for an Academy Award, sweeping critics’ awards nationwide.
The brutal and revealing account of what happens when fame, money and vandalism collide tells the story of Thierry Guetta, an eccentric French immigrant in

Los Angeles who obsessively films street artists with his camcorder. Among them is Banksy and his notorious 2006 Disneyland stunt, in which he placed a lifesize inflatable Guantanamo Bay detainee — hooded and dressed in orange prison coveralls — inside the Big Thunder Mountain Railroad area.
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Guetta’s transformation into a street artist himself, going by the name “Mr. Brainwash.”
Narrated with dry wit, with Banksy’s face obscured and voice altered, the film offers an engrossing look at underground art — and a sharp reflection on artistic rebellion, myth-making and the spectacle of fame.
The 2010 film runs 87 minutes and is rated R. The screening will be followed by a discussion. Refreshments will be served. Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person.
The monthly film series, organized by Gerry Harrington of Kingston, seeks to

stimulate joy and wonder, inspire love and compassion, and help people understand their connection with others and with life itself. It supports all cultures, faiths and beliefs while transcending them.
Screenings take place in diverse places of worship and culture in Ulster County at 7 p.m. on the third Saturday of every month. Movies With Spirit has no religious affiliation.
For more information, call Harrington at 845-389-9201 or email gerryharrington@mindspring.com. Learn more on the Movies With Spirit Facebook page, tinyurl.com/MoviesWithSpiritFacebookPage.

Eagle Scout candidate unveils restored Albany Post Road Mile Marker in Wappinger



Town of Wappinger officials joined Eagle Scout candidate Evan DiMattia of Troop 145 in unveiling a beautifully restored Colonial Albany Post Road Mile Marker — a key step toward earning his Eagle Scout rank. Evan worked alongside Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini, his fellow scouts, and community volunteers to return this 18th-century landmark to its former glory.

Senior Councilman William H. Beale, representing the First Ward where this marker stands, and Fourth Ward Councilman Al Casella also joined neighbors to celebrate this moment of preservation.

Once inscribed with “72 Miles to N. York,” this mile marker is part of a chain installed along the original Post Road under the direction of Benjamin Franklin in colonial America. These markers served as vital reference points for mail carriers and travelers, guiding them between New York City and Albany — long before Route 9 became the modern thoroughfare we know today. The marker stands in front of Southside Plaza on Route 9.

-Courtesy photos Town of Wappinger

Special Olympics NY announces upcoming events

The following are events for Special Olympics NY.

B4 The Polar Plunge Kick Off Party
Celebrate the opening of Special Olympics Polar Plunge season with a delicious BBQ dinner and Bingo down near

the Hudson River. Bingo prizes include local craft beverage and high-end designer handbags. Date: Saturday, September 27, Time: 5-9 p.m. Location: Pirate Canoe Club 140 Rivercrest Road Poughkeepsie. Cost: Half table five ppl is \$300 incl- din-

ner, bingo, & appetizers. Full table ten ppl \$550 incl dinner, bingo & appetizers. \$40 BBQ dinner only

Purchase tickets: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Kyu/> or please contact Patricia Deangelis at patriciadeangelis30@gmail.com All proceeds directly support Special Olympics New York – Hudson Valley Region.

Special Olympics Super Regional Fall Sports Festival
Volunteers needed. Date: Sunday, Oct. 5, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Beacon Memorial Park, 97 Robert Cahill, Drive Beacon.

To inquire about volunteering email Mercedes Vincent at: mvincent@nyso.org.

Law and Order Night
Law and Order Night at Texas Roadhouse 2323 South Road in Poughkeepsie. Wednesday, Oct. 22, 5-8pm Order out or dine in. Special Olympics NY – Hudson Valley will receive 10% of the proceeds during the 5-8 p.m. timeframe for all who show event flyer. Flyer can be found on Special Olympics event calendar under the date. <https://www.specialolympics-ny.org/hudson-valley-region-calendar/>.

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