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ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4



Incumbent Aymar-Blair, Truitt vie for County Comptroller role

By Curtis Schmidt
Incumbent Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair faces the challenge of Will Truitt in this year's local election. Early voting begins on Oct. 25 and Nov. 4 is Election Day.

Aymar-Blair defeated Gregg Pulver in 2024 and served the final year of the four-year term of Robin Lois, a Democrat who resigned to become the state's deputy comptroller for local government and school accountability.

Aymar-Blair, a Democrat, emphasizes 20 years of experience in government financial operations, including 15 years at New York City Public Schools where he served as Chief Operating Officer for Teaching and Learning, which he states had a budget as large as that of Dutchess County. He also served on the Beacon City Council from 2020-2024.

Truitt, a Republican and current chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature, highlights his management of the finances of a local, family-owned construction company for the past eight years, which makes millions of dollars in annual revenue. As Chairman of the Legislature's Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee, he led the adoption of a budget in excess of \$630 million.

In response to a question on the main issues in the race, Aymar-Blair said, "Just like Sheriff and District Attorney elections, voters are more often looking at competence, not party affiliation. So the main issue in the race is competence."



Dan Aymar-Blair

He added, "As Comptroller, my job is to identify patterns of weakness in our policies and procedures and internal controls. The main patterns I have identified are a systemic lack of planning and reckless real estate deals. Dutchess County needs to do better in these areas."

He identified two examples and said, "Better planning saves money and delivers better results for taxpayers."

Truitt stressed the affordability issue and said, "In a state that makes it uniquely challenging to afford to stay here, we must do all that we can locally to blunt this trend. That is why in my 10 years of



Will Truitt

service in the legislature, we have reduced the county property tax rate every year. We have done all this while maintaining a healthy reserve account of approximately \$100 million and maintaining an S&P bond rating of AA+; the highest in the state of New York."

He added that in his time in the legislature, "We have created and strengthened many grant programs that put money back where it belongs, in our communities."

The following is the full text of the responses from the two candidates, with the incumbent going first.

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Municipalities to host annual Halloween festivities

By Kristine Coulter

Local municipalities will throw Halloween parades and parties for those dressed as little ghosts, goblins, witches or any costume. Get ready for the festive events.

Village of Fishkill Halloween Parade Sunday

Join the Annual Halloween Parade in the Village of Fishkill will be on Sunday, Oct. 26. Line up begins at 12:30 p.m. at Bedford Ave. At 1 p.m., the parade participants will march from Bedford Ave. to the Village of Fishkill Firehouse.

"The Village of Fishkill's Halloween Parade is a special tradition that I am proud to celebrate each year. People can expect a day of classic Halloween fun. We have a parade down Main Street followed by a costume contest. Expect to see some of the most creative costumes of all time!" said Village of Fishkill Mayor Kathy Martin.

Martin noted, "I think this is an event this is appropriate for all ages. We get a lot of families that dress up in group costumes. We also get children of all ages."

Martin said she "loves remembering" enjoying the parade with her children, and now her grandchildren.

"This is a tradition that has been loved by Village residents for many generations. I think that is really special," said the mayor.

Wappinger to host Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, at Brexel-Schlathaus Park in the Town of Wappinger. The Golden Pumpkin Awards will also be presented.

According to organizers, "Golden Pumpkins will be awarded to kids ages 0-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-13 for Cutest, Funniest, Scariest, and Most Original costumes. Also, we will have an award for best family, so make sure everyone joins in on the fun!"

Jessica Fulton, recreation director for the Town of Wappinger, was asked what can one expect if they attend the event? "An afternoon filled with spooky candy fueled fun! We've got a number of community organizations and residents setting up trunks to hand out treats to the kids. We've also got our annual haunted house taking place up the hill from our brand-new stage!" replied Fulton.

One may pre-register for this free event. Although pre-registration is not required, organizers say it will speed up one's check-in process.

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'I have been given a second chance'

Rombout Fire Co. Asst. Chief thanks heroes who saved his life

By Kristine Coulter

Rombout Fire Company Assistant Chief John Lucariello was with his fellow firefighters, town employees and community members outside the Fishkill Town Hall, where a huge American flag was flying off a Rombout Fire Co. fire truck. The Fishkill Town Board honored Lucariello and the heroes that saved his life earlier this year, during its Oct. 15 meeting at the town hall.

"As I stand here before you all, I can wholeheartedly say, for some reason ...miracles happen - I am living proof. I have been given a second chance. Thank you," Lucariello said in the town hall.

Lucariello collapsed at a scene on Mountainview Road in Fishkill in the early morning hours of Aug. 11. According to a social media post at that time by the Rombout Fire Co. (RFC), it was while investigating an active structure fire, that the assistant chief collapsed. He was "declared dead," it said in the statement.

The statement on social media in August stated, "Five minutes later, in a moment that doctors say they've never seen before, John began breathing again on his own. His heart started beating." Lucariello was first brought to Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh, Orange County, and then he was flown to Westchester Medical Center in Westchester County and was under the care of cardiac specialists.

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Rombout Fire Company Assistant Chief John Lucariello receives a standing ovation during the Town of Fishkill board meeting on Oct. 15 at the Fishkill Town Hall. He thanked those who saved his life on August 11.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

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Volunteers can still decorate their trunks and hand out candy the day of the event. If one wants to participate, register one's vehicle's trunk.

"We let the adults vote for best Trunk, so you could win the golden pumpkin for best Trunk (that one happens to come with a \$50 gift card attached)," it states on the Facebook page of the Wappinger Recreation Department.

For more information, visit https://wappingerny.myrec.com/.../program_details.aspx...

"Our haunted house comes in various levels of spooky so it's great for all ages, just let our attendants know what you think your kiddos can handle," suggested Fulton.

Fulton said she enjoys "seeing the creativity of the folks who come up with amazing themes to decorate their trunks as well as the creativity of a lot of the homemade costumes our visitors make for the children."

East Fishkill to host Halloween events

The annual Halloween Costume Party in East Fishkill, for East Fishkill residents only, will take place at Mill Creek Caterers, 17 Route 376, from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30. One must register for admission to the event by going to <https://eastfishkillny.myrec.com>.

Town of Poughkeepsie Halloween fun on Oct. 26

The 5th annual Town of Poughkeepsie Trunk-or-Treat event, with music, candy,



The Village of Fishkill Halloween Parade will take place on Oct. 26. Pictured is from a previous year's event.

-Archive photo

games, and costumes, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 1-4 p.m. at Stanley Still Park, 80 Jackson Road. This free event will have prizes for decorations. One can sign up at Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation.

Halloween curfew set in Wappingers Falls

Village of Wappingers Falls Clerk John Karge announced By Executive Order of the Mayor of the Village of Wappingers Falls, the Halloween curfew.

During the evening hours of Oct. 30, through Nov. 1, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. the following day, it shall be unlawful for any minor, anyone under the age of 18, to congregate, loiter, wander, remain or play in or upon any public place, public park, public area, street, road or highway in the Village.

The terms "remain" and "loiter" mean: 1) linger or stay, or 2) fail to leave premises when requested to do so by a police officer, owner, operator, or other person in control of the premises.

Christopher Strattner new police chief in Town of Fishkill

By Kristine Coulter

The Town of Fishkill has a new Chief of Police. Christopher Strattner's appointment to that position was approved by the board at its Oct. 15 meeting at the Fishkill Town Hall. He was then sworn in.

Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra said there were 30 applications, which were then dwindled down to 10 "highly qualified applicants." The 10 were then dwindled down to three applicants, which Strattner came out on top.

Councilman Greg Totino asked Strattner to offer a message to Fishkill residents

"I am looking forward to exercising some good ethical, strong leadership with the police department, I think that's the backbone of modern law enforcement. I am very deeply committed to listening as much as anything else."

He added, "I would say, right now, I probably don't know what I don't even know. And I'm looking forward to working with our partners in fire, EMS, highway, schools, all of the other agencies that we will work together."

He noted he would listen to the community and police department staff.

Town of Fishkill Police Commissioner Scott Bierce said, "Chris comes to the Town of Fishkill with 28 years of law enforcement experience being first in Westchester than in Rockland County."

Strattner was employed as Director of the NYS Zone 4 Regional Police Academy at Rockland County from 2019 to the present. Before that, he was lead training developer from 2021-2024 for NYS DCJS Gun-Involved Violence Elimination.

Strattner was a police officer for the South Nyack Village Police Department from 2020-'21. Among other positions Strattner has held: President of AmaroK Response Team Training & Technology in Pearl River, Instructional Developer/Instructor MSA Security in New York City and Police Sergeant/Tactical Paramedic for the Orangetown Police Dept. in Orangeburg.

He began as an emergency medical technician in 1984 in Pearl River and was a police officer and police diver for the North Castle Police Dept. in Armonk from 1997-2001.

He earned degrees from Columbia University and Seton Hall University School of Law.

Strattner said he was "full of gratitude."

"I am always grateful for the sergeants, lieutenants and chiefs who had time and patience with me who helped me" with making his resume the way it looks now, said Strattner.

"Welcome, we look forward to working with you as well," Councilwoman Jackie Bardini said to Strattner.

Councilman John Forman said Strattner was on the top of everyone's list.

"I think you're coming into a great family and welcome," remarked Forman.

Councilman Brian Wrye said the officers are ready to support him.

"We made our decision and we chose you, and we know we're going to have exceptional leadership," said Wrye.

The vote was bipartisan, noted Albra. Albra believes Strattner's experience with the Zone 4 Regional Police Academy gave Strattner "the edge."

The Board also discussed terminating the position of Officer in Charge, which Jason Murtaugh had been filling since the resignation of former chief Jonathan Clark. Murtaugh was returned to a Detective Sergeant position.

Spooktacular (not so haunted) at Stony Kill

Stony Kill Foundation will host its Not So Haunted Spooktacular on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 4-7 p.m. at 79 Farmstead Lane in Wappingers Falls. There will be hayrides, farm animals, food trucks, an I Spy Spooky Garden and a haunted barn.

For more information, please visit stonykill.org.

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“Absolutely nothing. Not a thing,” Lucariello replied when asked what he remembers from the day in August. “The only thing I remember is waking up a week later.”

Lucariello returned to work, for the Town of Fishkill Highway Department, in September.

“It’s good to be back at work,” he said.

Fishkill Highway Superintendent remembers phone calls

Town of Fishkill Highway Superintendent Carmine Istvan recalled a phone call he received after Lucariello collapsed.

“I was one of the first ones to get the call that there wasn’t a pulse,” Istvan remembered. Minutes later, Istvan received another call, informing him, ‘John died.’ “My heart stopped, literally. I was very sad and emotional,” said Istvan. Then, after another 10 minutes, “I got a call again, stating they got a pulse. It was amazing!” said Istvan.

It is “great” having Lucariello back at work, said the highway superintendent. “For the guys that support him, the jokes and teasing him, it’s amazing. It’s a miracle!”

Neighbor prays for assistant chief

Luigi Manente said he was asked to share a story about “someone so important, so necessary to his family and community,” that “he fought off death.” Manente was up early praying. “I am the one who called in the fire,” he recalled. He helped carry Lucariello to the front lawn. He went “to go hose down the back deck, because I would much rather put out a fire than to watch someone die.”

“I never witnessed such strong composure and confidence in something, that to me, was so frightening,” Manente said. He said for the previous 3 weeks he was not getting on the road until later, but that day he woke up earlier. He gave thanks to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Manente recalled seeing a firefighter screaming out in pain at the loss of his fellow firefighter. “I asked Mary, ‘if there is anything you can do, please do it now,’” he told those in the town hall. He said at that moment on that day, the Biblical story of Lazarus, who was raised from the dead, came into his mind. He said he didn’t find out the fire chief began breathing on his own until days after the incident. “He is a living miracle,” said Manente.

Rosary beads from Jerusalem were given to him by the owner of the home whose house was on fire that August day. “I asked God to open a door for me” to give the rosary beads to the fire chief. He presented the rosary beads, which have been blessed by numerous people, to Lucariello. Lucariello received the beads and embraced Manente to a rousing applause from all in the room.

Montefiore St. Luke’s Cornwall staff’s lifesaving efforts

John Bilancione, Emergency Department Director at Montefiore St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital, in Orange County, said it was “an unbelievable” event that took place. Bilancione read emails from Dr. Shahram Ahari, Medical Director & Chairman of Emergency Services, who was not there that particular morning, but did follow up. Emails from Daniel Maughan, President & CEO Montefiore St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital were also shared.



Members of the Fishkill Town Board and local leaders honor local first responders and community members for saving the life of Rombout Fire Co. Assistant Chief John Lucariello. The event took place on Oct. 15 at the Fishkill Town Hall in Fishkill.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

“Your efforts definitely saved a life,” Dr. Ahari stated in his email.

Maughan remarked in his email “reading this message gave me chills” and filled him with pride. Maughan said it was because of the “unshakable commitment” to beat the odds, that Lucariello was saved.

“Every link in the chain was strong,” he said in the email, and noted every moment matters. “Miracles are sometimes made by people who refuse to quit,” he said.

County officials offer thanks

Commissioner of Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response William Beale spoke on behalf of Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. He said it was “an honor” to speak in front of heroes.

“Each one of you was in the right place at the exact right time and did the exact thing that you needed to do, which beat all the odds that were stacked against you all. I believe, by the grace of God, that this living miracle is here today.” The Lazarus effect is extremely rare, he noted. “John would not be here today without the heroic persistence of every single one of these individuals,” said Beale.

Dutchess County Chairman Will Truitt stated, “Thank you for letting us be here to witness this today. What a beautiful ceremony. He thanked “everyone who played a part in this.” He added, “This story, this miracle ... we are so thankful.”

Legislator Doug McHoul said, jokingly, “Everybody who knows John, knows John loves a crowd giving him attention.” He continued, “John you are a top-notch individual.”

Yvette Valdés Smith ,Dutchess County Legislature Minority Leader, Dutchess County Legislature, said, “Everybody in this room, this is what makes Fishkill, Fishkill.” She said Lucariello is her son’s hero.

“Thank you for all of your service and the service I know you will continue,” said Yvette Valdés Smith.

Legislator Robert Faust said everyone did everything they could for Lucariello and they love him.

Rombout Fire Chief is ‘thankful’

Rombout Fire Company and Fire District Chief Jeff Marino said the members respond

to about hundreds of calls a year. They also have a catering service to raise funds, such as the pancake breakfast. “One person that has been integral to all of that” is Lucariello, who has been an all-time responder, said Marino. “He’s a very important guy. So, why’d I tell you all that? To all of you being recognized, not only did you save a life, you may have very well saved our entire organization, [we would have had] to fill a void so large that we may not have fully recovered.”

Marino thanked all the RFC families and members and neighboring fire companies for “stepping up” during this time. He offered appreciation to all who were honored saying their “persistence” was “truly heroic.”

“John, we’re so thankful you’re back with us,” remarked Marino.

Council reads and presents proclamations

Councilman Brian Wrye read a proclamation for Manente. “Everything you did put everything else in motion. It started with you, and the Lord was with you,” stated Wrye to Manente

A proclamation was read by Councilman John Forman for Dutchess County Sheriff’s Deputy Ben Concha. Concha evaluated Lucariello and surmised he was having a heart attack, he “immediately began CPR,” said Forman.

Town of Fishkill Supervisor Albra read a proclamation for Town of Fishkill Officer Dennis Karaman, who drove the ambulance to hospital so two paramedics could stay in back with the assistant fire chief.

“To say that this moment is extraordinary is an understatement,” said Councilman Greg Totino, who read a proclamation for Empress EMS paramedics Gladys Plaza-Guzman and Dustin Moore.

Councilwoman Jacqueline Bardini read the proclamation for those from Montefiore St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital.

Lucariello offers thanks to community

Lucariello thanked the town board and

supervisor for taking time “to honor the people that saved my life.”

He said first responders and the staff at St. Luke’s performed their jobs “flawlessly.” To the Westchester Medical Center cardiac thoracic unit and all doctors and nurses, he said, “I say ‘thank you.’” He offered thanks to fellow firefighters for supporting RFC.

Istvan, he said, was there from the beginning for his family offering support and “being my voice of reason.”

Appreciation was offered to all who offered well wishes, texts and calls, “know, that in my heart, I was thinking of you,” said Lucariello. He is grateful to all police and other first responders who escorted them to and from the hospital.

Lucariello then thanked his family for their outpouring of love and support. “The love you have shown me is truly the love of what family is all about,” he said.

“To my wife Linda, as was mentioned, [after] 26 years, we did get married. When this first happened, you never stopped believing I would survive,” he said. “Thank you. I love from here to eternity.”

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When: November 7, 2025

Time: 6 – 10 p.m.

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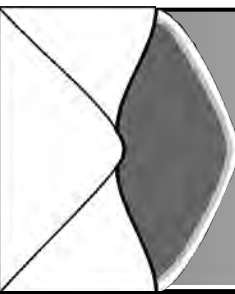
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This event is open to the public. Tickets, \$65 per person, are available online or \$60 by check payable to MHTU. Send your check to Pat Crisci, 115 Beaver Rd., Lagrangeville, NY 12540.

For more info, please contact patcrisci@aol.com

Proceeds from the dinner and auction will help fund MHTU conservation projects such as stream cleanups, tree plantings, stream and habitat improvement, community outreach.

Viewpoints



LETTERS
TO THE
EDITOR

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- Letters appearing on the Viewpoints page are the views of the writers alone and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Southern Dutchess News.

‘Wholeheartedly’ supports re-election of McLoughlin

To the Editor:

I had the honor of serving as one of the two County Court judges in Dutchess County from 2011 until 2020, when I retired. County Court is where felony prosecutions, such as murder, robbery, sexual assaults, and drug trafficking are litigated.

One of those judges, Hon. Edward “Ned” McLoughlin has served in that position since his election in 2015. Since our terms overlapped for 5 years, I had the unique perspective of having worked with him on a daily basis handling the most severe crimes that occur in our county. Based on my personal and professional dealings with Judge McLoughlin, I wholeheartedly support his re-election in November.

Before his election to the bench, Judge McLoughlin served as a prosecutor in the Dutchess County District Attorney’s office for more than 20 years. He was one of the best trial lawyers in that office. He never lost a felony trial in County Court during his tenure in the DA’s office.

As a judge, he has brought that same work ethic and experience to the position of County Court judge. His trial decisions are routinely affirmed after defendants convicted after trial file their appeals to the Appellate Division. He is courteous and polite to all who serve on juries or appear as witnesses or as members of the various agencies and departments who have business before his court. Attorneys who practice before him are always treated with respect.

Law enforcement has, in particular, lined up to support his re-election this year because they know he supports their efforts when proper cases are brought before him. He does not shy away from giving a guilty defendant a lengthy prison sentence, when appropriate.

In addition, Judge McLoughlin has been a valuable member of the adjunct faculty at Marist University, teaching criminal law and procedure courses to the next generation of students for more than 20 years.

In my opinion, there is no one more qualified to sit as a member of the County Court bench in Dutchess County than Judge Ned McLoughlin. Please join me in voting for him on November 4th.

Hon. Peter M. Forman (Retired)
Beacon

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Town's ‘false historical claim’ and ‘unauthorized’ sign placement

To the Editor:

On October 14, 2025, the Town of Fishkill placed a sign on my private property without my permission, falsely claiming that the 1897 Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) monument located on my land marks the site of a Revolutionary War soldiers’ cemetery.

That claim is completely false—and, more importantly, deeply disrespectful to the soldiers who gave their lives for our freedom.

The New York State Historic Preservation Office, the Town Historian, and, in a sworn deposition on October 6, 2025, Friends of Fishkill Supply Depot (FOFSD) Chairman Lance Ashworth, all confirmed that there is no evidence whatsoever that my property contains a Revolutionary War soldiers’ cemetery.

In fact, official state records and historical documents clearly show that the DAR monument was originally placed west of Old Albany Post Road (Route 9)—on the site of what is now the Dutchess Mall—as a memorial honoring soldiers buried at Trinity Church in Fishkill and at the Lower Barracks near the Putnam Valley border, not on my property. These facts are well-documented and undisputed.

Despite being informed of these facts, the Town knowingly installed a sign on my land promoting this false narrative, and did so over my explicit objections.

This action represents both a willful disregard for the truth and a violation of private property rights and free speech.

As a property owner and lifelong supporter of historic preservation, I have great respect for efforts to honor those who fought for our nation’s independence. But those efforts must be based on truth and integrity, not misinformation and political theatrics.

I urge residents of Fishkill and surrounding communities to review the public records and correspondence for themselves by visiting www.continentalcommons.com— and to read the 1897 DAR dedication ceremony transcript firsthand.

Domenic Broccoli
Property Owner, Corner of NYS Route 9 & Van Wyck Lake Road

Early voting starts October 25

Note: Information taken from <https://elections.dutchessny.gov/early-voting/>

Early voting for the Nov. 4 General Election begins on Saturday, Oct. 25, and runs through Sunday, Nov. 2. (In-person early voting is not available on Nov. 3, the day before the Election Day.) Dutchess County voters may visit any early voting site in the county. Please be aware that your typical poll site is likely closed for early voting.

Locations:

Pavilion at Brookmeade,	34
Brookmeade Drive, Rhinebeck	
Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill	
Boardman Road Library,	141
Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie	

Cornell Cooperative Extension, 2715 Route 44, Millbrook
Mid-Hudson Library Auditorium, 105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie
Board of Elections Training Center, 4280 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park
Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls

Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 25,	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 26,	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 27,	noon-8 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 28,	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 29,	noon-8 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 30,	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 31,	8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 1,	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 2,	9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: We appreciate the passion that people feel for their candidates and their political parties, but encourage letter-writers to express support for their candidates in a positive and instructive manner. It is easy to criticize others, but at the local level, we know that great things can be accomplished through cooperation. We have faith that our readers, and our communities, can rise above the partisan fray in this election season, and emphasize the good that their candidates will do.

Don't miss the next ‘Skilled Trade Fair’ Oct. 23

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is teaming up with NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey and the Red Hook Central School District to host a Skilled Trades Fair, designed to connect students and young adults with a wide range of career opportunities available in the Hudson Valley. Participating businesses will have a unique opportunity to engage with motivated students and young adults eager to explore careers in their trades.

This free event, open to the public and students from school districts across the region, will take place on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 6-8 p.m. at Red Hook High School, 103 W. Market St.

There is no fee to participate.

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Incumbent Aymar-Blair, Truitt vie for County Comptroller role

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Dan Aymar-Blair
Please give your background/qualifications and why you are running for re-election to the position of County Comptroller.
Before being elected Dutchess Comptroller, I had 20 years of experience in government financial operations. I worked at New York City Public Schools for 15 years, where I served as the Chief Operating Officer for Teaching and Learning, which had a budget as big as Dutchess County's. I also served on Beacon City Council from 2020 to 2024, where I consistently lowered property tax rates and successfully advocated for infrastructure investments, park improvements, housing policy reforms, better public safety and emergency response capabilities for Beacon residents – including Beacon's new firehouse.
Because of my experience, I was able to jump right in and start making good on my promises to increase financial reporting and to share information about the County budget directly with the people. In the nine months I've been in office, I've gotten the office on pace to produce a record number of reports in 2025. I've also done 11 town halls and started recording brief video summaries of our reports on social media. The result is that our reports are being read by the public 4-5 times more than before. I'm doing the job exactly as I promised and I want to see this vision through.
What do you see as the main issues in this race and the role of County Comptroller?
The question before voters this year is:

Who is more capable and independent to do the job of Comptroller?
There is no Democratic or Republican way to check that two numbers match. But a Comptroller must know which two numbers "should" match. Just like Sheriff and District Attorney elections, voters are more often looking at competence, not party affiliation. So the main issue in the race is competence.
As Comptroller, my job is to identify patterns of weakness in our policies and procedures and internal controls. The main patterns I have identified are a systemic lack of planning and reckless real estate deals. Dutchess County needs to do better in these areas.
From Dutchess County's COVID-19 funding to the stalled Youth Opportunity Union project in Poughkeepsie, I have seen well-intentioned projects fall apart due to a lack of planning. And, through our reporting, we've encouraged the County to make improvements. Better planning saves money and delivers better results for taxpayers.
I've also seen a pattern of large real estate deals that have gone sideways. For example, the County purchased a property for a homeless shelter but, not until after the purchase, did they learn that it needed \$15 million of work to get up to code. The County bought a campground for \$4.8 million even though it wasn't in the market for a campground and didn't shop around. This camp remains inaccessible to the public and has barely been used. What exactly is going on here? So we're staying on top of this and will make recommendations on improving the processes for acquiring real estate.
Because I haven't been in the legisla-

ture for the last ten years, I can look at these issues with clear eyes, pursue the truth, and make recommendations for our County government to work better.
Will Truitt
Please give your background/qualifications and why you are running for the position of County Comptroller.
I am a lifelong Dutchess County resident and earned my degree in accounting and finance from Marist University. I have the right blend of private and public sector financial experience that uniquely prepares me for the position of Dutchess County Comptroller. Professionally, for the past eight years, I have managed the finances of a local, family-owned construction company making millions of dollars in annual revenue. Simultaneously, I have served my community in the Dutchess County Legislature for the last decade, including as the Chairman of the Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee, leading the adoption of a budget in excess of \$630 million. I currently serve as the Chairman of the Legislature, where I lead the entire body. My experience allows me to understand how to make government live within its means, as well as what it means to make payroll in the private sector. Over the past decade, I have built working relationships with elected officials, community stakeholders and non-profit leaders that will allow me to be an effective comptroller, working to ensure that our tax dollars are spent efficiently and effectively.
What do you see as the main issues in this race and the role of County Comptroller?
One of the top issues I hear about all the time is affordability. In a state that makes

it uniquely challenging to afford to stay here, we must do all that we can locally to blunt this trend. That is why in my 10 years of service in the legislature we have reduced the county property tax rate every year. We have done all this while maintaining a healthy reserve account of approximately \$100 million and maintaining an S&P bond rating of AA+; the highest in the state of New York. This is made possible by making smart investments, consolidating services where we can, and effectively managing the revenues that we receive. If elected comptroller, I will provide constant oversight to ensure our tax dollars are spent efficiently, allowing us to continue this trend.
In my time in the legislature, we have created and strengthened many grant programs that put money back where it belongs, in our communities. This is why we have allocated \$500,000 in grants to local senior programming, \$150,000 for veterans' infrastructure grants and transportation needs, \$100,000 for local historical societies, as well as several rounds of grants for youth sports and youth programming, to name just a few. I believe we should continue to invest in our communities. As comptroller, I will work to ensure that these funds are being maximized and going towards the critical programming that they were intended to service.
Finally, Dutchess County over the next several years will come to consider several critical infrastructure projects. I believe that my background in the construction industry will allow me to provide deeply informed oversight over these types of projects, ensuring that money is spent most efficiently and that we are keeping our commitment to the taxpayers.

Emery & Webb donates \$10,000 to Alzheimer's Association of HV



Emery & Webb recently presented a donation of \$10,000 to Alzheimer's Association of the Hudson Valley.

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Emery & Webb, Inc. has officially awarded a \$10,000 donation to Alzheimer's Association of the Hudson Valley, a nonprofit committed to raising awareness, supporting caregivers, and funding research to end Alzheimer's disease. The donation will be used to expand caregiver support groups, host educational events, and accelerate scientific research toward a cure.
Initially, Emery & Webb, Inc. received a \$5,000 donation through the Liberty Mutual® and Safeco Insurance® 2025 Make More Happen™ Awards program for its partnership with the Alzheimer's Association of the Hudson Valley. After their story was featured on the Make More Happen microsite at www.agentgiving.com/emery-webb/, the community rallied with over 500 votes and comments—triggering a matching donation and bringing the total to \$10,000.
Alzheimer's disease touches countless lives across New York, often quietly affecting families and workplaces alike. Emery & Webb knows this struggle firsthand, as many in their agency have lost loved ones or cared for relatives battling the disease.
Agency executive Ed Gentile helped form

and now leads an executive leadership committee for the Alzheimer's Association, responsible for corporate fundraising for the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's each October. Emery & Webb is more than a sponsor—they are active participants, organizing a dedicated agency team for the walk and raising funds year-round through personal donations and family support. They also take part in the Sub-Zero Hero Polar Plunge every February, braving icy waters momentarily in exchange for funding long-term caregiver assistance.
"We hope to foster a workplace culture that supports employees dealing with Alzheimer's personally or as caregivers," said Gentile. "Raising awareness is just the start—we want to be part of the solution."
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County legislators face challenges in 15 districts

Compiled by Curtis Schmidt

The Dutchess County Legislature is divided into 25 districts. This year, legislators face challenges from opponents in 15 districts and 10 have no opponents - five Democrats and five Republicans.

Early Voting begins on Oct. 25. The general election is Nov. 4.

Incumbents and challengers were asked to provide information on their background and why they are running for election/re-election and what they see as the main issues facing the county and in their area in particular.

In this report, incumbents are listed first. In open districts (no incumbent), candidates are listed alphabetically.

In the Southern Dutchess New and Beacon Free Press, we are providing information on candidates for districts representing Wappinger, Fishkill, East Fishkill, Beacon, plus the bordering districts of the Town and City of Poughkeepsie, Pawling, Dover, Union Vale, LaGrange and Beekman. Information on the remaining districts are given in the Northern Dutchess News.

Bob Gorman - Republican
District 1, Town of Poughkeepsie



Please give your background and why you are running for re-election.

I am in my first term as a Dutchess County Legislator. I

am currently a member of the Legislature's Environment Committee and the Public Works & Capital Projects Committee. I also serve as a liaison to the Dutchess Community College Board of Trustees.

I am committed to holding the line on taxes and ensuring the fiscal health of Dutchess County. That is why in the most recent budget I voted to decrease the property tax rate for Dutchess County taxpayers. This was achieved while maintaining the highest bond rating in New York State and keeping a strong balance in reserves. I will continue to support budgets that keep a lid on taxes and maintain Dutchess County's strong fiscal position.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

I believe in putting money back into the community in a variety of ways. This year, I have supported grant programs that have allocated \$150,000 for our veterans, \$500,000 for our seniors, and \$100,000 for our local historic societies. I will continue to advocate for grant funding that sends money back to the community in future budgets.

Supporting our police and first responders are a top priority of mine. I have been an advocate for an increased investment in our Drug Task Force, for the establishment of a Real Time Crime Center, and for \$2 million in funding for supplemental EMS coverage in Dutchess County. I will continue to advocate for investment in our first responders to prioritize the safety of my constituents.

Trevor Redl – Democrat
District 1, Town of Poughkeepsie



Please give your background and why you are running for election.

I am a lifelong Dutchess resident, Marist graduate, and community leader.

Raised in a family of small business owners, I know how hard it is to keep our community affordable and thriving. As Housing Chair and founder of the Poughkeepsie Weekly, I've fought for families and local businesses, and now I'm running for County Legislature. If elected, my goal is to deliver Dutchess County's first comprehensive housing plan so that we can create more affordability for our families, seniors, and the next generation of residents. When businesses look to invest here, one of the reasons they don't is because of housing supply and the cost of it. Housing is very much so linked to our local job market and opportunities. Importantly, I've talked to hundreds of families across the district and I have heard directly what their concerns are locally. My goal is to turn those specific concerns into action, starting day one when elected I want everyone to feel that the county government sees them, hears them, and is actively working for them.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

The most pressing issues are housing costs, high taxes, and making sure the government works for people, not special interests. My campaign is focused on leading Dutchess County's first housing plan so families can stay rooted here, cutting red tape so small businesses can thrive, and keeping money local by investing tax dollars in our own communities. I'm also fighting for better buses and safer streets, walkable and bikeable neighborhoods, and phasing out the polluting incinerator with a responsible waste plan. I believe that when families feel safe and connected to our community, when the government actionably works for them, we can grow a stronger community.

Ryan Travepiece – Republican
District 2, Lagrange, Pleasant Valley, Town of Poughkeepsie



Please give your background and why you are running for re-election.

I am currently serving my first term as a Dutchess County Legislator represent-

ing parts of the Towns of LaGrange, Pleasant Valley and Poughkeepsie. I currently serve as the Vice Chair of the Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee and as a member of the Family & Human Services Committee. I am also the representative of the legislature on the Audit Review Board, the Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council, and the Youth Board & Coordinating Council.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

Property taxes are one of the top concerns I hear from constituents. While the county portion of the property tax bill represents a very small portion, it is important that we keep them in check. I bring a lifetime of experience in the financial sector to my work in the legislature. As the Vice Chair of the Budget Committee, in my first budget as a legislator, I was proud to champion a budget that reduced the property tax rate by 2.7%. We must continue this trajectory by maintaining our healthy bond rating, keeping a robust fund balance and implementing smart budgeting practices that fund essential service at the best value to the taxpayer. My background in finance prepares me well for this challenge.

I am a proponent of doing all that we can to support our veterans. That is why I supported \$100,000 in grants for veterans' organizations and an additional \$50,000 to bolster transportation options for our veterans in the most recent budget. I would like to see Dutchess County continue to fund these programs that seek to enrich the lives of those who served us.

Public safety must be a top priority for any government. In my first term, I was proud to support funding for a groundbreaking Real Time Crime Center in Dutchess County that will bolster law enforcement's ability to rapidly respond and better protect our residents. I was also proud to support \$2 million for supplemental EMS services in Dutchess County. We must continue to fund this program as the state fails to act on the EMS crisis that is facing every county across New York State.

Emma Arnoff – Democrat
District 2, Lagrange, Pleasant Valley, Town of Poughkeepsie



Please give your background and why you are running for election.

I've dedicated my life to serving our community. As a social worker, I've

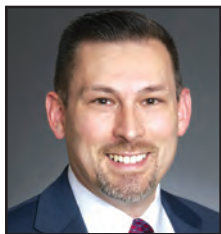
helped families through challenges and connected them with the support they need. When I started The Sensory Space, it was to give children and parents a place where they feel welcome and understood. I've also coached Little League, partnered with local schools, and worked with groups like

Astor Services and Think Differently to make sure every child has the chance to thrive.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

Our biggest challenges in Dutchess County are our rising cost of living, the housing shortage, and underfunded mental health and emergency services. Families, students, and seniors are struggling to stay here, and we need our county government to do more. I'll fight wasteful county spending while focusing on solutions that make life more affordable and safe: expanding mental health services, building more housing, and strengthening EMS and public transportation. Our county government is not doing enough to make Dutchess County affordable for the people who live and work here, and I'm running to change that.

Michael Polasek – Republican
District 3, LaGrange



Please give your background and why you are running for re-election.

I have been proud to serve the residents of LaGrange and Dutchess County for

the past six years. For the past two years, I have served as the Assistant Majority Leader. Together with my colleagues, we have: Supported a cut to county property

taxes for 2025, created a real-time crime center in collaboration with the Sheriff's office and the District Attorney, continued investment in the Drug Task Force resulting in a 50% drop in overdose deaths, invested \$2 million in supplemental EMS service, which has led to reduced response times, created a Department of Mental Health to focus on the growing need to help our residents, made Veterans Affairs a distinct unit of County Government, established a Youth Wellness Microgrant Program, continued to invest in our regional airport, which now operates at a profit to the County and approved historic investments in Dutchess Community College, including the trades programs

If elected, my goals for the next two years are to:

Continue to control county property taxes, while delivering mandated essential services, support economic development that fosters growth in Dutchess County, promote public safety, including tick disease education and prevention, maintain a high quality of life in Dutchess County, including inclusive parks and balance the needs of small businesses with those of our residents.

Dave Siegel - Democrat
District 3, LaGrange



Please give your background and why you are running for election.

This is my first time running for public office. I have been

a resident of the Town of LaGrange with my wife, MaryEllen, for 31 years. I have two adult children that were raised here in LaGrange. I graduated from Syracuse University and then embarked on a 40-year plus career in information technology. I retired and decided to get active in local politics because I was disturbed by the fact that Republicans ran unopposed election after election in our town and I decided I wanted to do something about it. So, after becoming the Secretary of the LaGrange Democratic Committee, I launched my campaign for County Legislature representing District 3. The voters of LaGrange deserve to have a choice on the ballot. I spent my career in business and I want to cut waste, improve services, and put more money back in your wallet. LaGrange should have a representative who listens, cares, and gets results for families and local businesses.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

Important issues in our community begin with our lack of affordable, attainable housing. It's time to start putting the creation of affordable housing at the top of the agenda for this county's government. We need to leave no stone unturned when it comes to looking for creative ways to encourage the development of homes that people can afford while still being able to pay all of their other bills. Another important issue is the expansion of Mental Health facilities in our county. We don't have enough beds and we don't have enough Mental Health professionals. Mental Health issues can be the root cause of many other societal problems that plague us such as drug abuse and homelessness. If we can help more people (especially when young) I believe it will go a long way to helping us reduce homelessness and crime. We must improve our Emergency Medical Services in Dutchess County. While the southern parts of the county have by and large good EMS services, the same

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Poughkeepsie Children’s Cabinet to participate in national initiative

The Poughkeepsie Children’s Cabinet has been selected for a new Wallace Foundation initiative that will provide funding to help seven communities across the country reach their economic mobility goals by expanding enrichment and career-focused opportunities for young people. Poughkeepsie is expected to receive funding of approximately \$5 million - \$ 6 million to improve interest-driven career exploration opportunities for youth outside the school day.

The Children’s Cabinet was chosen by the Wallace Foundation following an extensive process, which started with an “Open Call” that drew interest from more than 1,700 communities.

The Wallace Foundation Fund for the Advancement of Opportunities for Adolescents at the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley initiative will explore how schools, nonprofits, government agencies, businesses, and other entities can deepen their collaboration with the afterschool, enrichment, and summer programs that comprise each community’s out-of-school sector. In addition to funding, participating communities will have access to technical assistance, peer learning opportunities, and other resources. Through the multi-year initiative, The Poughkeepsie Children’s Cabinet will also build capacity for the community to sustain what works from the initiative and apply this to future efforts.

Poughkeepsie Children’s Cabinet Executive Director Jill Gomez said, “By implementing the partnerships and innovations emerging from the Cabinet, we have been able to take a deeper dive into the data and the many out-of-school factors that influence youth development and classroom success in our city. The Wallace investment in our adolescents will allow us to make significant progress towards our North Star goal to increase socioeconomic mobility of youth in Poughkeepsie through connecting 5,000 youth to cradle to career supports.”

The Children’s Cabinet, formed in 2020, brings together representatives from across sectors -- including nonprofits, local government, schools, higher education, faith-based organizations, philanthropy, business and healthcare – and receives funding support from Dutchess County and the

City of Poughkeepsie, the Dyson Foundation, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, and local corporate and individual donors.

City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers and Poughkeepsie City School District Superintendent Gregory Mott serve as co-chairs of the Poughkeepsie Children’s Cabinet Leadership Council, as well as members of the Board of Directors. County Executive Sue Serino is additionally an ex officio member of the Board.

“Young people spend more than 80 percent of time learning outside of school,” said City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers. “It’s essential to have robust after-school and summer programs that provide positive opportunities for our youth. We thank the Wallace Foundation for including Poughkeepsie in this innovative initiative.”

“Here in Dutchess County, we’ve made it a priority to create spaces where young people feel seen, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential,” said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. “From the very beginning, the County has been proud to support the Poughkeepsie Children’s Cabinet and its mission to connect our youth with the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. This partnership with the Wallace Foundation is an incredible opportunity to build on that work – opening new doors for our youth to explore their interests, connect with caring mentors, and discover what’s possible for their future.”

“When we invest in our young people’s time beyond the classroom, we invest in their confidence, creativity, and future,” said Mr. Gregory D. Mott, Superintendent of Schools.

“The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley is honored to partner with The Wallace Foundation and the Poughkeepsie Children’s Cabinet on this transformative investment in local youth,” said Laura Washington, President & CEO of Community Foundations.

New York State Senator Rob Rolison stated, “The Poughkeepsie Children’s Cabinet has come a long way since its foundation during my time as mayor, and I’m incredibly proud to see how much it has grown. The Cabinet’s selection for this major investment is a testament to what can happen when a

community unites around one shared goal — putting children first. As a member of the Leadership Council and the Ranking Member of the Senate’s Committee on Children and Families, I remain deeply committed to our mission of building systems that help every child in Poughkeepsie thrive. Together, we are reimagining how decisions are made and creating a future where every child in Poughkeepsie has the opportunity to succeed and shine.”

In addition to Poughkeepsie, the Wallace Foundation initiative includes partnerships in Adams County and Broomfield County, Colorado; Akron, Ohio; Hamilton County, Tennessee; Monterey County, California; South Salt Lake City and Millcreek, Utah; and Wayne County, New York.

Each of the cross-sector partnerships involved in the Initiative will engage in a year-long planning process comprised of vision-setting and program design . Beginning in 2027, the Poughkeepsie Children’s Cabinet and its local partners will concentrate on a range of core activities, including strengthening and expanding collaboration with Poughkeepsie’s youth development sector, bolstering youth development practices and programs and collecting and analyzing data across the community to track program availability, cost, participation to improve communication efforts and better outcomes.

For more information about the Advancing Opportunities for Adolescents Initiative, please see the Wallace Foundation public announcement.

John Jay students visit courtroom for real-world learning experience



Students from John Jay High School’s Business class visited the local courthouse to observe Judge Edward McLoughlin’s morning criminal calendar and courtroom proceedings on Wednesday, Oct. 15 in Poughkeepsie. This experience gave students an up-close look at how the justice system operates beyond the classroom. Following the session, several members of the court—including court/probation officers, attorneys, and clerks—spoke with the students about their roles and answered questions about legal careers and courtroom procedures.

This year’s visit marked the tenth consecutive year that Judge McLoughlin has hosted John Jay’s Business Law classes, continuing a valued educational partnership that connects students to real-world applications of the law.

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can't be said for some of the Northern parts. Our goal should be a quantifiably reliable system county-wide, no exceptions. Preserving clean air and water for everyone in Dutchess is another issue and that begins with the incinerator in Poughkeepsie that is nearing end of life. I was happy to see that a solid waste consultant was retained by the county to review the situation and provide alternatives, but much more needs to be done. For LaGrange in particular we need more County provided Senior Services and more affordable housing.

Tony D'Aquanni - Republican
District 5, Town of Poughkeepsie



Please give your background and why you are running for re-election. For over 30 years, I have been a homeowner and award-

winning businessman right here in the Town of Poughkeepsie. I am a compassionate and common-sense leader, and have championed our environment, public safety, our veterans, and our seniors.

I believe in putting money where it belongs; back in our communities so that our citizens and small businesses can flourish.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

I have lower County Property Tax Rate by 2.7%, sponsored local law to protect local aquifer and water sources, voted for \$2 million in EMS services, supported \$150,000 in microgrants and transportation funds for our veterans, and voted in favor of \$500,000 in Municipal Innovation Grants for programs for our seniors. As chairman of the Environment Committee, I have championed \$75,000 for waste reduction.

In the legislature, I serve as Environment Committee Chair, member of the Budget, Finance & Personnel Committee, Family & Human Services Committee, Airport Advisory Committee, Nonvoting / Ex Officio Member and member of the Veterans Affairs Committee.

If re-elected I pledge to continue to represent Dutchess County residents with the same common-sense approach to decision making that serves the best interest of all of our neighbors.

Anna Shah - Democrat
District 5, Town of Poughkeepsie



Please give your background and why you are running for election. I'm Anna Shah, a lifelong Poughkeepsie resident, Spackenkill

High School graduate, mother of two, and attorney who has spent 25 years standing up for people who need a voice. I've served this community as PTSA president, volunteer, and board member, because leadership begins with service.

I'm running because District 5 deserves better than the status quo. Families are struggling with rising costs, scarce housing, and dwindling support, while taxpayer dollars fund projects that do little to improve daily life. Our rights are being eroded, and too many residents feel unheard. We need leadership that listens, questions, and acts with integrity.

As legislator, I'll bring the same diligence and courage that has defined my legal career, scrutinizing every proposal to ensure public funds deliver real value, meets my constituents needs and improves quality of life.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

My Priorities:

1. Stronger Communities: Invest in housing, public safety, and programs for youth, seniors, and veterans.
2. Public Health & Well-Being: Expand mental health services, preserve green spaces, and create walkable, connected neighborhoods.
3. Infrastructure & Stewardship: Repair what's worn down, plan for the future, and protect taxpayer dollars.
4. The people deserve leadership that is bold, honest, and grounded in compassion. I intend to deliver exactly that to District 5, and all of Dutchess County.

Lisa Kaul - Democrat
District 6, Town of Poughkeepsie



Please give your background and why you are running for re-election? I immigrated from India and have lived in Poughkeepsie for 21 years. My back-

ground as an educator combined with my service on the Board of Education of the Arlington Central School District Board and as the Director of Community-Engaged Learning at Vassar College has taught me to listen carefully, identify root problems, and forge partnerships that deliver practical solutions.

My years volunteering with local organizations - including organizing the Poughkeepsie Repair Café - give me first-hand understanding of the challenges families face and the resources communities need to thrive.

As your legislator, I serve on the Environment, Government Services & Administration, and Airport Advisory committees, plus the Climate Smart Communities Task Force, and Environmental Management Council.

I have already delivered results, securing bipartisan support for a comprehensive waste management study and improving transparency through expanded financial disclosure requirements. I'm proven to be an effective watchdog while allocating funds for youth programming, senior services, veterans' support, housing support, mental health resources, transportation and accessibility initiatives.

Serving as your legislator has been an incredible honor. We deserve a county that is affordable, safe, and sustainable. To get there, we need a transparent, fiscally responsible government that works for all. That's what I'm here to fight for.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

1. Affordability: Dutchess families face real challenges - from rising housing prices and taxes that make it hard for young people to stay in the county and for seniors to stay in their homes, to a lack of affordable child-care and eldercare options. Lack of robust public transportation options adds to the affordability crunch.
2. Infrastructure -waste management, water, roads: We need to reduce, divert, and dispose of our waste sustainably to ensure

that we have clean air. Our water infrastructure is aging and our roads and sewer systems are facing increased stress because of extreme weather events.

3. Mental health, substance use, food insecurity. There is a substance use epidemic and mental health crisis in Dutchess, exacerbated by a lack of appropriate services. The looming cuts to Medicaid and SNAP will increase hardship for our most vulnerable.

4. Government transparency and accountability. We need a county government that is fiscally responsible with tax-payer dollars and committed to completing projects that have been started.

5. Public safety - especially road safety and gun violence.

(No opponent)

Craig Brendli - Democrat District 8, City and Town of Poughkeepsie



Please give your background and why you are running for re-election. Defending and delivering for the City and Town of

Poughkeepsie is deeply important to me. I am a longtime resident and homeowner in Poughkeepsie, a former public school teacher for ten years, and currently a local real estate agent. My background in education taught me the importance of communication, collaboration, and accountability, while my work in real estate gives me first-hand understanding of the challenges residents face with affordability, property taxes, and access to housing.

During my tenure, I have fought to make county government more transparent and accountable. We have delivered meaningful results including ethics reform, independent redistricting, the Dutchess County Stabilization Center, expanded health and mental health services, the Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank, and funding for affordable housing through a housing trust fund. I have also opposed wasteful spending such as the oversized county jail and costly stadium upgrades.

I am running to ensure county government remains focused on responsible spending, smart investments, and real solutions that strengthen our community.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

The key issues we face both locally in Poughkeepsie and across Dutchess County include the mental health crisis, the growing housing shortage, and the need for expanded workforce development opportunities to strengthen local jobs and the economy.

The county must continue expanding access to mental health services, especially for our youth. Our investment in health and mental health programs has been an important step forward, but more needs to be done to ensure residents receive care locally, when and where they need it most.

Increased funding for affordable housing

through the county's housing trust fund has also been a step in the right direction, but additional investment is needed to meet growing demand. The rising cost and limited availability of housing continue to impact families, seniors, veterans, and young professionals. We must prioritize responsible development that expands affordable and workforce housing options throughout Dutchess County.

As a member of the Legislature, I will continue to advocate for expanding job training and workforce development programs that strengthen our local economy and create sustainable, well-paying jobs. I am also committed to advancing environmental initiatives that reduce waste, improve air quality, and protect our natural resources. Expanding opportunities for youth, seniors, and residents with disabilities will remain a top priority so that Dutchess County can be a place where everyone can live, work and thrive.

(No opponent)

Barrington R. Atkins - Democrat
District 9, City of Poughkeepsie



Please give your background and why you are running for re-election. Since taking office, I have worked tirelessly to ensure that the City of

Poughkeepsie has a real voice and a fair shake at the county level. Poughkeepsie is one of the most resilient and culturally rich communities in Dutchess County, yet it has too often been overlooked and under-funded. My mission has always been to change that reality by fighting for equity, transparency, and accountability in how county resources are distributed.

During my term, I have championed initiatives that strengthen youth programs, expand access to mental health services, and support working families and local businesses. I have stood firm against policies that perpetuate systemic inequality and demanded fairness in budgeting, housing, and social services.

I am running for re-election because the fight is far from over. Our city deserves to be respected, heard, and invested in. I will continue to advocate for fair funding, stronger partnerships, and policies that uplift every neighborhood in Poughkeepsie. My commitment is to keep pushing until equity is not a request, but the standard.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

One of the most urgent issues is the decision by the Republican led County Legislature to site the homeless shelter in the Fifth Ward of Poughkeepsie. This was never a City choice. It was imposed on our community without transparency, without equitable sharing of burden, and without honoring our voice. That decision reinforces a long pattern of offloading challenges onto Poughkeepsie while other areas evade responsibility.

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Harvest Fest at Poughkeepsie Farm Project on Oct. 25

Poughkeepsie Farm Project is thrilled to announce its 3rd Annual Harvest Fest on Saturday, Oct. 25, from noon to 5 p.m., rain or shine, at 51 Vassar Farm Lane, Poughkeepsie. This fall celebration is a vibrant, family-friendly music festival that spotlights local food, music, makers, and community spirit - with proceeds from the event supporting the Poughkeepsie Farm Project's work feeding families, educating youth, and

training future farmers in the Hudson Valley.

Tickets are offered on a "pay-what-you-can" basis (suggested donation \$30), ensuring open access while encouraging community support. Harvest Fest brings together neighbors, artists, families, and food lovers alike for an afternoon of celebration, connection, and fall magic on the farm. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit farmproject.org/harvestfest.

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Another broken promise is tied to the plan for the YOU Youth Opportunity Union, a multipurpose youth center intended for the benefit of all youth in the region. Though celebrated in political campaigns, that vision has repeatedly stalled and shrunk, with only demolition and planning funds spent so far. What was supposed to be a flagship facility has become a political echo chamber, and Poughkeepsie’s residents are still waiting for real action.

Underlying both these issues is a deeper power imbalance at the county level. Too often major decisions slide through on party line votes. Too many legislators sit silent in sessions, refusing to challenge flawed proposals or defend communities under duress. The consequence is that public policy frequently compounds inequality rather than correcting it.

I am running for re-election to continue pushing against that imbalance. I will demand accountability, make sure Poughkeepsie is heard before decisions are locked in, and fight until we secure momentum, investment, and justice, not just empty promises.

(No opponent)

Randy Johnson – Democrat
District 10, City of Poughkeepsie
Did not respond to questionnaire.
(No opponent)

John Metzger - Republican
District 12, East Fishkill



Please give your background and why you are running for re-election.
I was born and raised in the Town of East Fishkill, where I

and my family currently live. I am married with two children.

I graduated from Hudson Valley Community College where I earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science. After attending the Rochester Institute of Technology, I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering Technology.

I am currently the Vice President of my family's construction company located here in East Fishkill. As the son of small business owners and farmers, I was raised with a sense of pride and obligation for my local community.

I would like to continue to work for the people of the 12th district to make county government more efficient, effective and financial sound. I am dedicated to keep Dutchess County affordable and its government working for all of us.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

I feel there are many complex issues the residents of Dutchess County are currently facing. However, the issue I believe at this time is affecting all residents is the cost of living. This is an issue that we are feeling in almost every aspect of our day-to-day lives, whether it is at the grocery store or paying monthly utilities. Residents are feeling the burden of this increase of living expenses every day in their wallets. This is why I believe it is absolutely crucial the County keeps taxes low, but also look to get the most out of every dollar spent.

(No opponent)

Kevin Giles - Republican
District 13, East Fishkill and Wappinger



Please give your background and why you are running for election.
This is the first time I am running for elected office. I am a life-long Dutchess County

resident and have been involved in the local community for many years, including as a youth baseball coach, commissioner and board member. I have knocked on over 1,000 doors meeting my neighbors and the top issues I consistently hear about are taxes and the cost of living. As a legislator, I will work to keep our tax burden from spiraling out of control at the county level. I have spent my career in the private sector which has given me a keen understanding of how to do more with less and identify wasteful and duplicative spending. I believe by doing this we can keep taxes in check while still funding critical services that people rely on.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

As someone who has raised my children here and been involved in youth sports, I believe investing in our families and youth is crucial. Dutchess County has a number of smart grant programs, including ones that invest in youth sports leagues and in youth centers across the county. I would like to see our commitment to those programs continue and grow. I believe that we ought to put money where it belongs, back in our local communities. I will also do all that I can to support our veterans and seniors. I would like to see Dutchess County continue and grow its grant programs that invest in our veterans and seniors, including funding for transportation and for capital improvements to senior friendship centers. Dutchess County should also continue to fund improvements to local veterans organizations as has been funded in the past few years. Public safety is another issue I hear about constantly on the campaign trail. We must invest in our first responders. So many people in our community have been affected in some way by the opioid and mental health crisis. We must continue investments in our Drug Task Force and our local police to ensure that we are fighting this scourge. I would also like to see us continue our investment in EMS in Dutchess County. The latest budget added \$2 million for supplemental service in our county, and I would work to see this continue in the legislature.

Keith Odums – Democrat
District 13 – East Fishkill and Wappinger



Please give your background and why you are running for election.
I am a 23-year resident of the Wappinger community and a devoted

husband and father. I have consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the well-being of our community and to the people who call Dutchess County home. My track record speaks for itself. As a three-time elected Trustee of the Wappinger Central School District Board of Education, I have served with distinction for eight years — twice as Vice President — and contributed meaningfully on the Policy, Operational Audit, and Strategic Planning Committees. Beyond my service on the school board, I hold leadership roles on several community boards, where I continue to champion effective governance and collaborative progress. I am also well known for my longstanding involvement in youth sports, serving as both a coach and mentor, helping to shape the next generation through team-

work and leadership. Professionally, I bring the perspective of a seasoned business consultant, equipped with a data-informed, analytical approach to decision-making. My ability to ask the right questions, identify solutions, and make sound, forward-thinking decisions makes me exceptionally qualified to serve in public office. I am ready to lead with integrity, transparency, and dedication. I am endorsed by The Working Families Party and the Dutchess County Central Labor Union

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

My campaign is committed to listening to the community, addressing real concerns, and delivering sustainable improvements across four key pillars: social wellbeing, environmental stewardship, infrastructure development, and fiscal responsibility. Focusing on these key pillars will build a thriving, resilient, and future-ready county. If elected, I will work to ensure our county government delivers healthy and inclusive communities by expanding access to mental and physical health services for all residents.

Everyone deserves the opportunity to thrive, and that starts with care that is affordable, accessible, and responsive to the needs of our diverse population. I will also prioritize environmental stewardship by protecting open spaces and investing in eco-services that preserve our natural resources for future generations. A cleaner, greener county benefits not just our environment, but our economy and overall quality of life. To support smart growth, I will invest in resilient, modern infrastructure, upgrading water and sewer systems, ensuring access to clean drinking water, improving storm-water management, maintaining wastewater treatment, and expanding public transportation options to better connect our communities. Finally, I am committed to fiscal responsibility through transparent budgeting and diversified revenue sources, ensuring that taxpayer dollars are used efficiently and effectively to meet today’s needs while planning responsibly for tomorrow. Our county deserves leadership that’s forward-thinking, practical, and committed to the well-being of every resident. I’m ready to serve.

Lynne Miele-Versaci – Republican
District 14, Town of Poughkeepsie and Wappinger



Please give your background and why you are running for re-election.
I am a lifelong resident of Dutchess County and have raised my two chil-

dren here, all while serving my community and working several jobs at a time to provide for my family. Currently, I am in my first term as a Dutchess County Legislator representing the people of the 14th District. I am proud to serve as a member of the Public Safety Committee and as a member of the Government Services & Administration Committee. I am the Chair of the Dutchess County Tick Task Force, an ex-officio member of the Airport Advisory Committee, and a member of the Dutchess County Veterans Affairs Committee.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

As always, taxes and cost of living are a top issue to my constituents. In my first term, I am proud to have supported a county budget that reduced the property tax rate by nearly 3%. We must continue to hold the line on taxes so that our children can afford to settle here and our seniors can afford to stay here.

We also must continue to invest in public safety. That is why I voted to allocate \$2 million in supplemental EMS service in our county. I have also supported to establishment of a Real Time Crime Center here in Dutchess County and have voted to increase our investment in the Drug Task Force to ensure that our communities remain safe for all.

I am proud to have advocated for several grant programs that have brought money back into our community. This includes a \$75,000 grant that was recently awarded to the Town of Wappinger for improvements to the senior center, including new kitchens, renovated bathrooms and new flooring. We also recently awarded \$15,000 to the Wappingers Falls VFW for much needed infrastructure improvements. The Town of Wappinger also received a \$50,000 grant to improve composting efforts at the recycling and transfer station. I believe in putting money back into our community. I have done that in my first term and will continue to advocate for further investment if re-elected.

Alix Winsby – Democrat
District 14, Town of Poughkeepsie and Wappinger



Please give your background and why you are running for election.
This is my first step into elected public service. As a small

business owner, homeowner, and mother, I understand the affordability challenges families face.

Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, and the Village are vibrant communities that deserve strong representation that can lead to safer sidewalks, better mental health services and smarter environmental solutions.

Before running, I served on the Village of Wappingers Falls Planning Board. I currently serve on the boards of the Wappingers Historical Society and the Advisory Board for the Friends of Camwath, and I’m an active PTA member in the Wappingers Central School District.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety: One of the crossing guards in Poughkeepsie was killed this month in another pedestrian death. The need to work on sidewalks, crosswalks, flashing beacons, intersections, and heavily walked routes is imperative.

Air Quality: The Hudson Valley has one of the highest rates of asthma in the country. We need to take action in Dutchess County to divert as much of the solid waste stream as possible so that the incinerator burns within reasonable limits. I want to continue the work begun in the County Legislature to protect the health of our population.

A Walkable Future: Walkability connects safety and air quality. As a parent and a small business owner, I see every day how difficult it can be to get around without a car. Our district is cut in half by two major state roads, Route 9 and Route 9D. In their current state, they divide neighborhoods and make walking dangerous. This isn’t a problem that one town can solve on its own. By working together across the county, we can bring real pressure on the New York State Department of Transportation to make changes that matter—like rerouting truck traffic out of the Village of Wappingers Falls and back onto Route 9. Doing so would allow us to strategically build sidewalks, bridges, and easements that connect residents to schools, green spaces, and local businesses. The result would be a safer, healthier, and more connected community, while also taking pressure off the parking shortage in the village.

Robert Faust – Republican
District 15, Town of Wappinger



Please give your background and why you are running for re-election.
As a retired police officer with 23 years of service, public safety and community well-being have always been at the

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Hydrant flushing in the Town of Wappinger

Residents of the United Wappinger Water District, West of Spookhill Road, including Chelsea in the Town of Wappinger, are being advised to limit water use.

CAMO Pollution Control, Inc. will be flushing hydrants between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. beginning Monday, Oct. 27 through Friday, Nov. 21.

During the flushing, residents may

experience erratic water pressure and turbid water conditions. This condition will only be temporary. At all times, according to CAMO, the water will meet satisfactory sanitary quality. The flushing will

bring about long-term improvements in water quality.

If one has any questions, please call CAMO Pollution Control, Inc. at (845) 463-7310.

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core of who I am. My wife is a dedicated teacher, and together we’ve built our lives here in Dutchess County, raising two children—one attending Marist College and the other at Roy C. Ketcham High School. We understand firsthand how important it is to keep our county safe, affordable, and family-friendly.

As Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, I’ve worked closely with law enforcement, first responders, and community leaders to strengthen safety initiatives across Dutchess County. From supporting our Real Time Crime Center to investing in mental health response and youth programs, I’ve focused on policies that make a real difference in people’s lives.

I’m running for re-election because I believe in a responsible, common-sense government that listens, leads with integrity, and delivers results. My priorities are simple: keep taxes down, control spending, and ensure our neighborhoods remain safe. I want Dutchess County to continue being a place where families can thrive, seniors can afford to stay, and our law enforcement has the tools they need to protect our community

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

Dutchess County faces many of the same challenges seen across the Hudson Valley—keeping our communities affordable, maintaining public safety, and ensuring smart, responsible growth. As Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, I’ve made it a priority to support law enforcement, emergency services, and community-based programs that keep our residents safe. We’ve strengthened the Real Time Crime Center, expanded mental health crisis response, and improved coordination among first responders.

In the Town of Wappinger, affordability remains a key concern. Families are feeling the impact of rising costs, and many seniors are struggling to stay in the homes they’ve worked so hard for. That’s why I’ve fought to keep taxes down and bring back county funding for our senior center and our veterans—two pillars of our community that deserve continued support.

We’re also investing in our parks, infrastructure, and youth programs to improve quality of life. My goal is simple: to keep Wappinger a safe, affordable, and vibrant place where families, seniors, and veterans can thrive.

(No opponent)

Yvette Valdés Smith – Democrat
Minority Leader, District 16, Fishkill and Beacon



Please give your background and why you are running for re-election.

I have been a public servant since 2021. I have served as the County Legislator for district 16, which includes the town of Fishkill and Ward 4 in the city of Beacon for two terms. During that time, my fellow colleagues have also chosen me to serve as the Minority Leader of the Dutchess County Legislature. I love serving our community and know how critical our role is at the local county government level for making positive change that affects people’s daily lives. Prior to becoming an elected official in Dutchess County, I was a public school teacher and hold dual NYS teaching certifications in Childhood and Bilingual Education. My husband and I raise our sons here in Fishkill, who also attend our public schools, and I serve on the Stonykill Education Center Foundation board in addition to my work with our PTO and local libraries. I currently serve as our County Legislator, Minority Leader of the Dutchess County Legislature, am on all Dutchess County legislative committees, and serve on the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board for the County. Making our community a place that supports everyone, especially, our veterans, seniors, and youth is my priority. Working across the aisle and finding what connects us is central to how I work at the County Legislature to get the job done and deliver for our neighbors. I very much hope to earn the vote of my fellow community members to continue this very important work in November.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

The most pressing issues in our communi-

ty continue to be affordability and housing. At the county legislature, I have worked on addressing and proposing solutions to both issues. In my last two terms I have fought to reduce the county property tax rate, expand mental health services and EMS, sponsored the REV250 grant funding, and sponsored a sales tax cut. I will continue to make sure that our hard earned taxpayer dollars are used to benefit our community and never misspent. My work on the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board has helped increase the amount of affordable housing units and there will be much more work needed to do on this for Fishkill and Beacon as our housing market continues to tighten and grow increasingly unaffordable. My priority is to make sure our area is the best place to live, work, raise a family, and retire. A key component of that is making sure that we all can afford to continue to live here. I’m looking forward to continuing my work in the county legislature for our community.

If our district votes to reelect me again in November, I promise to continue to improve our quality of life. The goals that I look forward to fulfilling include: addressing our affordability crisis, improving and expanding our housing opportunities, and transportation, and making sure our tax dollars are used to benefit our communities directly.

John Forman - Republican
District 16, Fishkill and Beacon



Please give your background and why you are running for election.

I was a member in the County Legislature for 12 years: 10 years representing District 18 and 2 years representing District 16. Currently, I am completing a 4-year term as a member on the Fishkill Town Board.

Professionally, I have worked in the insurance industry for 40 years. I deal with people every day. Helping others has become second nature to me. Most of the time, there are solutions to every problem. When a resident comes to me with an issue, it’s very important to them - which means it’s important to me. The Fishkill Town Board is in the process of imposing a “Hotel Bedroom Tax” in the town. A resolution I brought to the Town Board was adopted in a bi-partisan vote. Once signed by the Governor, the anticipated annual revenue will be approximately \$500,000 per year. The money is paid by the visitors who stay in the hotels in the Town of Fishkill. These additional funds will benefit every single property owner in Fishkill. This will help subsidize property taxes in Fishkill for years to come. And for renters, when property taxes rise, higher rents tend to follow. My resolution helps everyone!

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

In both Beacon and Fishkill, the lack of grant money coming in from Dutchess County has got my attention. Youth programs, Senior Centers, Police Departments, Fire companies and Fire districts and even local organizations for Food Assistance are among areas Dutchess County awards grant money. I’m running for this position because as a town board member, I have a front row seat to the lack of communication there is between County government and Town government. For example, Fishkill had to use ARPA money (Federal funds) to fix the leaky roof at our Senior Center (that leaked for 8 years). I see where East Fishkill received \$57,000 to repair their roof at their Senior Center and Wappinger received \$75,000 to make improvements to their Senior Center - all grant money from County government. Where is our money? Recently, \$100,000 was awarded in the category for "local organizations for food assistance." In Fishkill, the Fishkill Food Pantry not only provides assistance to residents of Fishkill but to other surrounding municipalities as well. No money for them. Recently in Beacon, the city had to remove several old refrigerators from an area where residents in need would go to pick up necessities. That equipment needs to be replaced. None of that \$100,000 grant made its way into Beacon. Where is the grant money for Beacon and Fishkill? I will make it a priority to bring resources to Beacon and Fishkill courtesy of Dutchess County.

Doug McHoul – Republican
District 17, Town and Village of Fishkill



Please give your background and why you are running for re-election.

Seeking my fourth two-year term as Legislator, I currently serve as Chairman of the Government Services & Administration Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Family & Human Services Committee, Legislative Liaison to the Board of Health, and am a member of the Budget, Finance, & Personnel Committee.

It’s been an honor to be part of a team that has made great strides in strengthening our county’s future. I was able to help many local organizations gain millions of dollars in funding through the county’s “Learn, Play, Create” grant program, which was designed to help youth organizations recover from the isolation and fallout as a result of the COVID-19 shutdown.

I am a strong advocate for local law enforcement. By increasing funding to the District Attorney and Sheriff’s Office, I am proud to say that our Drug Task Force has worked tirelessly to reduce overdose deaths in Dutchess by 50%.

Throughout this time, the Legislature has maintained strong financial oversight by paying off debt using fund balance, saving \$2 million in interest, lowering our property taxes, and earning one of the highest bond ratings in New York State.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

As a lifelong Dutchess resident, local family business owner, and the father of two teenagers, I’ll continue my efforts to enhance the stability and success of our county. And the challenges are numerous.

Our county, just like other counties across the United States, is currently facing an EMS and ambulance crisis. The health and safety of our residents is paramount, and the County Legislature is proactively seeking measures to mitigate this concern. With the recent appointment & confirmation of Emergency Services Commissioner Bill Beale, I have full confidence that we will be able to tackle this issue head-on by providing the funding and resources needed.

Traffic is always a hot topic, especially in Fishkill. Due to the fact that our busiest roadways are under the control of the NYS DOT, the truth is that our options are greatly limited. Therefore, we have to do everything possible on a local level. This includes working with our Town and Village Police Departments by taking measures to minimize traffic violations and prevent accidents. We must also improve pedestrian access throughout our community. I recently supported a resolution to design and construct new sidewalks along Jackson Street from St. Mary’s Church & School to the intersection with Main Street.

(No opponent)

Molly Rhodes - Democrat
District 18, City of Beacon and Town of Fishkill



Please give your background and why you are running for election.

I’ve served on Beacon City Council for two terms/ almost four years, and am a first-time County candidate running for the open seat for District 18. As a City of Beacon leader, I have seen first-hand the critical role the county plays in supporting Dutchess County municipalities to meet their needs, and I want to have a more direct hand in continuing and shaping this work. I have spent my career in non-profit operations, most recently in my 11 years with Teach For America.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

On a county-wide level, I’m interested in continuing to improve Public Transportation and access to Public and Mental health. I’m also focused on enhancing affordability throughout the county, such as through the Housing Trust Fund and workforce development programs. I also want to make what Dutchess County does more transparent and accessible to people across Dutchess

County. There are so many services and supports people rely on that are either run or made possible by the county, and we should both celebrate what we can do and make sure people are aware of the decisions being made in their name. Specific to Beacon and Fishkill, the county has an opportunity to champion the development of the proposed Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail, which would run through Beacon and Fishkill and connect to the Empire State Trail in Hopewell Junction.

(No opponent)

Stephen Caswell - Republican
District 21, East Fishkill



Please give your background and why you are running for re-election.

As a 39-year resident of East Fishkill, I love where I live, and I’m dedicated to making my town and county an even better place to live. I volunteer my time with several not-for-profit organizations in the County, including the Julie’s Jungle playground, The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, East Fishkill Historical Society and Dutchess Community College.

As your County Legislator for three terms, I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the residents of East Fishkill and Dutchess County. Now retired from IBM, I have had a 40-year career in Accounting and Finance which serves me well as a legislator, continually advocating for a fiscally responsible government, growing the tax base, and reducing your county taxes each year I’ve been in office.

In the legislature, I have served on several legislative committees. I was previously Chair of the Government Services and Administration Committee, and I’m currently Chair of the highly regarded Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee. I believe my background supports me as being the best qualified person to continue serving the people of my town and county.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

Expanding services for youth, seniors, veterans and first responders continue to be a pressing issue in my community. We have accomplished much with funding and recognition in these areas, but there is still more that can be done. As a County Legislator, my most important objective is to LISTEN to the people of my district and take ACTION to make improvements in our community. In the past 6 years I have obtained hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant money for East Fishkill, the Library, the Historical Society, and dozens of youth organizations, providing them with needed funding. This will remain a top priority for me as your legislator.

My goal is to continue to closely scrutinize the County Budget. By remaining fiscally conservative and advocating for shared services to improve efficiency and reduce costs, we will continue to provide the needed services as cost effectively as possible. We also need to ensure the County enables smart growth and development. The Town of East Fishkill has done an outstanding job in bringing businesses to iPark in Hopewell Junction and the County has supported the town along the way. We have amazing County employees providing outstanding services supporting our children and seniors, our families in recreation and those in need of a home. There is always more we can do! Growing our tax base will enable the County to expand services where needed most while keeping taxes low.

I want to work with the entire County Legislature for the betterment of the people of Dutchess County.

Eric Eckley – Democrat
District 21, East Fishkill



Please give your background and why you are running for election.

I am a homeowner and have lived in my home in East Fishkill for 31 years. Both my kids were brought up in Dutchess County, attended public school, and graduated from

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John Jay. Both attended and graduated from local colleges, so they were very well prepared by the Wappingers School District. This type of success needs to continue; NYS Funding is critical to the future success of our schools. A well-educated population will allow us to attract more growth industries that will create jobs that offer living-wage career opportunities for our youth and future growing families. I am a proud service employee at Vassar College and the Vice Chair of our union local. My experience as a union leader, a member of the negotiating committee which just successfully negotiated a 3 year contract with the college has prepared me well to engage with local leaders in local government and I understand why it is so important to produce value for your community and constituents. We are all in this together!

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

My reasons for running are that bipartisan government is what will best serve our local community. No single political party has all the answers to govern a busy growing area like Dutchess County and in particular East Fishkill. Smart sustained development is what we should be focused on. Growing our economy while protecting quality of life will be my main focus. NYS is a big state, and each area is a bit different. We have become a bedroom community of Westchester and NYC, and the tax revenue from all commercial real estate and large residential development should be leveraged to ensure our schools and libraries are well funded, and that our roads are paved and our environment, air, water and open space, especially local farms and recreation areas, are protected. We all live here together and what is good for one should be good for all. Sustained development, funding local programs and protecting quality of life for Dutchess County residents will be my focus as your voice in Dutchess County government.

Joe Tresca – Republican
District 22, Beekman and Union Vale



Please give your background and why you are running for election.

I'm a 9/11 first responder and served for 15 years as a volunteer firefighter with the Mahopac

Volunteer Fire Department. I currently work as a Machine Equipment Operator for the Town of Patterson Highway Department. My wife and I built a small business together while raising our young family here in Dutchess County.

Although this is my first time running for office, I've supported local efforts behind the scenes and have stayed involved in our community through town events and outreach. I'm running because I believe the legislature should include voices from everyday working people who understand the challenge of balancing work, family, and community life.

I want to bring a common-sense approach to government, be a representative who listens, and make sure residents in Beekman and Union Vale are informed and heard. My goal is to be an accessible legislator who shows up, shares updates, and helps keep our community connected to what's happening at the county level.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

One of the biggest issues facing Dutchess County is affordability. It's becoming harder for working families and seniors to keep living here, and we need to be thoughtful about spending. Residents want to live in safe, well-maintained communities with strong local infrastructure, reliable emergency response, and access to services that support their daily lives. They deserve leadership that respects their tax dollars and works to deliver real value.

In District 22, infrastructure is a clear priority. We need to invest in roads, public safety, and reliable emergency services like

EMS. Just as important is the need for stronger communication and representation. Right now, many residents aren't aware of the programs, grant opportunities, or county services that are available. I want to change that by helping to keep people informed and building a stronger connection between the legislature and our towns.

If elected, I'll provide regular updates through a newsletter, speak at town board meetings, and attend local events to hear directly from residents. I'll also work closely with town officials to align our priorities and make sure we're working together to get things done for Beekman and Union Vale.

Heidi Tucci - Democrat
District 22, Beekman and Union Vale



Please give your background and why you are running for election.

I am a retired public school teacher. I taught for 33 years, beginning in Pough

keepsie and ending in Millbrook. Throughout my 37 years as a Dutchess County resident, I have volunteered with many organizations - The V.F.W., Dutchess Outreach, Sparrows Nest, The Parkinsons Foundation, Relay for Life, my church food pantry and more.

Although I have donated countless hours in service to my immediate community and the greater community of Dutchess, I really felt that it was time to get more involved in the decision making process that affects the lives in our county. We need more public servants in office who are interested in doing the work to improve our communities.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

There are so many pressing issues in our communities right now. Three of my top priorities are affordability, mental health services, and our environment. Our adult children and senior family members are struggling to afford housing, utility costs, taxes, and groceries. This affordability crisis causes immense stress which can, and does, lead to mental health issues. We need to improve and expand access and outreach for vital mental health services.

Next, we need to ensure that our beautiful Hudson Valley environment remains a healthy place for future generations to enjoy. We must manage air, water, and soil pollution with progressive initiatives that not only maintain, but improve as time goes on. In my district, specifically, it is important that we continually work to maintain a balance between rural character and smart economic growth. As a Dutchess County Legislator, I will examine how we can rein in wasteful County spending on failed/delayed/unfinished/expensive projects. Then, find solutions to drive down the skyrocketing cost of living. I also plan to open lines of transparent and continuous communication with my constituents through newsletters and in-person reports at Town Board Meetings. I believe that if we can work to make smarter decisions in the legislature, we can find a multitude of ways to help all of Dutchess County grow and thrive.

Chris Rolison – Republican
District 23, Beekman, Pawling and East Fishkill



Please give your background and why you are running for re-election.

I have been in law enforcement since 2012 and currently

serve as a Sergeant in the Town of New Castle Police. I am running for re-election to continue working hard for the con-

stituents of my district and for all of Dutchess County. I strive to remain accessible, accountable and responsive to the concerns of our residents. Just as trust is essential in my work as a police officer, it is equally vital in my service as a County Legislator.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

Affordability remains a top priority for me and for our entire caucus. It's an issue that impacts every resident in Dutchess County. In speaking with constituents from District 23, I know that public safety is also a key concern. Over the past two years, we've made significant investments in the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and the Real Time Crime Center to enhance safety and response capabilities countywide.

(No opponent)

Andrew House – Republican
District 24, Dover and Pawling



Please give your background and why you are running for re-election.

I am a lifelong resident, a second-

generation business owner, and have served as the Dutchess County Legislator, District 24 for the last two years. As your legislator, I have worked effectively with fellow legislators and colleagues in county government to support critical grant funding that serve our fire departments, youth, veterans and seniors. I will continue to advocate for my fellow residents and business owners who deserve to have their concerns and interests addressed by County Government.

What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?

Key issues in Eastern Dutchess include helping local businesses succeed and recruiting new businesses to help fill gaps in providing the types of services and products that residents want and need. Continuing to fight for grant funding to help improve aging infrastructure, senior and youth programming and emergency services. My wife and I have two children who are very active in local sports – keeping town recreation and facilities at our parks thriving are very important to our community. Preserving scenic vistas and open space are also critical to protecting our natural resources and I will help Pawling and Dover work with Dutchess County to create partnerships that bring opportunities for grants that can help with local land conservation projects.

(No opponent)

Leaf pick up in Village of Fishkill on Nov. 7

The Village of Fishkill will be having its annual leaf pick up on Friday, Nov. 7. This will be a one-day-only service. Only bagged leaves at the curbside will be picked up.

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Poughkeepsie sports star’s service recognized during ‘Honor-A-Veteran’ Ceremony

Sergeant Major Alexander Watkins Jr. led life of sacrifice & honor

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the County’s Office of Veterans Affairs honored the service and legacy of U.S. Army Sergeant Major Alex Watkins Jr., a former City of Poughkeepsie resident, during today’s “Honor-A-Veteran” ceremony. Today’s tribute, held at American Legion Post 1302 in Poughkeepsie, was part of a monthly series dedicated to commemorating the lives and sacrifices of Dutchess County veterans who have passed, recognizing their enduring contributions to the nation and community.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “Alexander Watkins proudly served in the U.S. Army for nearly three decades, earning respect for his hard work and bravery. He was much more than a soldier, though. He was a caring father, a proud grandfather and a strong, honest man who made a lasting impact on everyone who knew him. Dutchess County is proud to celebrate the life and service of Alexander and his fellow American heroes through our ‘Honor-A-Veteran’ ceremonies.”

Watkins distinguished himself as a Poughkeepsie High School baseball, football and track and field star, with a second-place finish in the high jump at the New York State championship meet among his scholastic athletic accomplishments. In 1959, at the age of 19, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, beginning a military career spanned 27 years, including assignments with the 23rd Infantry Division and the 32nd Armor Regiment, and later with the 547th Engineer Company in Korea. He served in Vietnam, Korea and Germany, where he met his wife, Ursula. Rising to the rank of Sergeant Major (SGM), he earned numerous honors, including the Purple Heart, in recognition of his valor and dedication.

Following his retirement from the

Army in 1987, Sergeant Major Watkins continued to serve his community through civilian roles, including positions at the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and Ames Department Stores, and he was actively involved in veterans events. SGM Watkins was a devoted father to his children, Schannon Clayton and Alex Fredric Watkins, and a proud grandfather. Remembered for his strength, integrity and love of the outdoors, SGM Watkins passed away on October 17, 2005 and was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche said, “Sergeant Major Watkins showed us what true dedication looks like, serving his country with courage for nearly 30 years and living his life with strength and heart. His legacy reminds us that greatness comes not just from what we do in uniform, but from how we live and lead every day.”

During the ceremony, Serino and Roche and members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee presented SGM Watkins’ family with several honors, including a:

- U.S. flag flown in Dutchess County for 30 days in his memory;
- proclamation from County Executive Serino;
- a memory box from Mental Health America of Dutchess County Vet2Vet;
- Veterans Challenge Coin from the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee;
- New York State Senate Liberty Medal from Sen. Rob Rolison; and
- handmade quilt from Mental Health America of Dutchess County’s Veterans Programs’ Quilts2Honor.

Monthly “Honor-A-Veteran” ceremonies are held April through November, dedicated to honoring deceased veterans for their service to



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, third from right, and Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche, center, with members of the County’s Office of Veterans Affairs and relatives of U.S. Army Sergeant Major Alex Watkins Jr., a former City of Poughkeepsie resident, during this month’s “Honor-A-Veteran” ceremony in Poughkeepsie last week.

-Courtesy photo Dutchess County Gov’t

their nation. Ceremonies take place at 9 a.m. on or about the third Thursday of each month, from April to November. The final event of 2025 will take place on November 20th in Poughkeepsie; see the County’s website for details about previous ceremonies.

Family, friends and community members are encouraged to nominate a veteran to be recognized through the “Honor-A-Veteran” initiative. The deceased veterans must meet the following criteria:

- be deceased for at least 30 days;
- have served in the United States Armed Forces with an honorable discharge, listed as missing in action, or died while serving in the military; and
- wartime and peacetime service is eligible, with no specific service dates or length-of-service requirements.

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

Completed applications can be submitted via email to veterans@dutchessny.gov or returned to the Office of Veterans Affairs in person; members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee will review each application for consideration. More information is available by calling the County’s Office of Veterans Affairs at 845-486-2060.

Re-Elect

Doug

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Outspoken advocate for Veterans and their spouses in the planning of Dutchess County Veterans Cemetery in addition to offering \$200,000 in microgrants to various Dutchess Veteran organizations.

Sponsored legislation to fund the Dutchess County Drug Task Force and dismantle the opioid epidemic through programs that eliminate the stigma and bring drug dealers to justice, leading to a 50% decrease in deaths due to overdose.

Maintains fiscal accountability to taxpayers by reducing property taxes for the 10th consecutive year and utilizing fund balance to pay off debt, saving nearly \$2 million in interest.

Budget oversight has resulted in an AA+ bond rating, making Dutchess among the most financially sound counties in New York State.

As an independent voice, went across party lines and voted against a pay increase for county elected officials.

VOTE

Early voting will be held Oct. 25 through Nov. 2 at multiple polling locations.

On Election Day, polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Doug McHoul is a lifelong resident of Dutchess County. Along with his 4 sisters, he co-owns and operates McHoul Funeral Home in Fishkill and Hopewell Junction. He Has dedicated years of service to many local non-profit and civic organizations. Prior to being elected County Legislator in 2019, Doug served as a Fishkill Town Board Member for 6 years. He has been married for 22 years to Stephanie, who owns Hot Stuff Coffee Shop in the Village of Fishkill. Their daughter Madelyn is in her first year at Emerson College in Boston, and their son Nolan is a Sophomore at Our Lady of Lourdes High School.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR
DISTRICT 17

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Creative Living

Photography Club
to meet on Oct. 23

The Photography Club will meet at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 6:30 p.m. This group meets at the library on the fourth Thursday of each month. This group is composed of local photographers - both professional and amateur who come together each month to share their love of the art of photography, to explore new techniques and discover new software, applications and tools to enhance their art. The group is open to all interested individuals; drop-ins welcome.

Call the library at 845-221-9943 or please visit online at eflibrary.org for more information.

‘From Basic to
Beautiful’ on Nov. 5

“From Basic to Beautiful: Hand Stitching Reimagined” on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville. Lynn Kane of Puppy Girl Designs will present a lecture/trunk show where the history of Redwork is reviewed through antique pieces. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America presents this program beginning at 12:30 p.m. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10 a.m. or come for this program only beginning at 12:30 p.m.

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that imposes a hotel and motel tax on visitors who stay in our hotels and motels in Fishkill. Beacon already has a similar tax in place. This will bring in approximately \$500,000 annually to the Fishkill Town Government.

I WILL WORK WITH THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

to secure funding for our Fire Districts, Sports Programs for our children and our Senior Centers.

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local law to provide the necessary support to renters.

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Our current representative is the Minority Leader in the County Legislature.

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DAV chapter donates \$2,000 to 'My Reason for Living'



The Disabled Veterans of America (DAV) Chapter 144 donated \$2,000 to fund “My Reason for Living” lock box program last month. The program supplies veterans with a lock box for a pistol. Each veteran customizes the lock box with variety of items from beloved family members as reminders for a “reason for living.”
Pictured are members of the DAV Chapter 144 and “My Reason for Living.”
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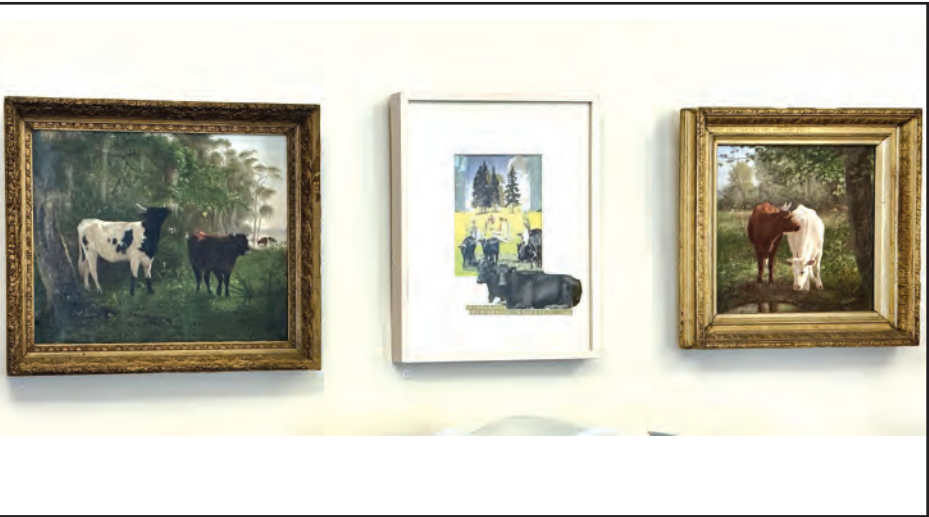
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Physical signs remain important in marking history!



Above: The exhibition *For the Love of Cows* features contemporary collages by Suzanne Ashley and photographs by Linda T Hubbard. Paintings by Caroline Clowes add context at the Sherman Library, Sherman, CT through November 19. A Pomeroy historic marker is being unveiled to the public at Clowes’ home, at 114 Overlook Road, LaGrange On Friday October 24, 2025 at 3 pm.

By Bill Jeffway

A blue-and-yellow Pomeroy Foundation historic marker will be installed in front of the home and studio of the nationally recognized female artist of the 19th century, Caroline Morgan Clowes. The public is invited to a formal unveiling that will take place on Friday, Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. at 114 Overlook Road, LaGrange, 12603.

It is a wonderful example of how physical places remain important in telling historical stories. This is best reflected by comments from Lewis Mumford at a 1926 DCHS membership meeting at Troutbeck when, in support of understanding local history, he said, “The things that we can see and touch awaken the imagination. Local history touches off these things that have happened on the spot; and the facts of local history become parts of a person’s own life to an extent which is rare with [those] taken solely out of books...”

Our recent column on the potential for digital technologies and “AI” to aid (or inadvertently hinder) both the researching and sharing our local history prompts us to expand on the point of the importance of physical places and experiences.

The Pomeroy sign is installed at the home known as “Heartsease,” which remains in the same family as its original 1838 builder and occupants.

The marker is one of eight being installed this year through the work of Arlington High School teacher Robert McHugh’s 11th grade United States History class. For a third consecutive year McHugh let students identify and propose historic sites that can meet the Pomeroy Foundation’s strict criteria for demonstrable accuracy of claims. The addition of these signs will make a total of sixteen erected through the work of his students.

DCHS started working with Linda Hubbard over a decade ago as she organized countless generations of important family documents, photographs and, perhaps most strikingly, the paintings and sketches of Caroline Morgan Clowes (1838–1904) to entrust to DCHS Collections.

A large exhibition took place in December 2022 at Locust Grove, Poughkeepsie that had over one thousand visitors. Since then, continued

collaboration with the collections donor, Linda Hubbard, keep the work and legacy of Clowes alive in physical spaces in a variety of ways in addition to the Pomeroy sign.

DCHS has four Clowes paintings on long-term loan to the Francis Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College. As well as being exhibited, outline reproductions allow the paintings to serve as children’s educational tools in the form of paper and coloring they can hold in their hands and imagine themselves as the artist, and create.

The exhibition printed catalogue available through online Amazon Books. The digital version of the catalogue, and background on the artist are at: www.dchsnyc.org/clowes

The classic, older blue and yellow historic markers you see were officially launched a century ago by New York State as part of the recognition of the 150th anniversary of the 1776 American Revolution. From about 1926 through the late 1930s, New York erected 2,000 to 3,000 of these blue and yellow historical markers across the state. Few signs of this type were erected after that period.

The Pomeroy Foundation picked up where NYS dropped off. There are some important distinctions with Pomeroy Markers. For example, they are very rigorous about requiring proof of claims, which was not the case a century ago.

They created a “Legends and Lore” marker which is a brilliant way to help us understand the difference between fact-based historical sites, and just-as-interesting and valid but very different “legends and lore.” Why do human beings gravitate to certain stories? Often they have a grain of truth but can expand in our mind’s imagination and over generations of telling.

One such example is the Legends and Lore sign in the Town of Clinton. The street name, “Fiddler’s Bridge Road,” indicates how fixed the legend is in local minds. Erected through the efforts of the Clinton Historical Society, the Pomeroy website explains, “On September 7, 1808, an old fiddler who played at local dances and other hootenannies was robbed and murdered while walking home from a dance. His body was abandoned on a bridge that



Above: Top left then clockwise: “Lafayette’s Tour” has a total of 170 signs marking the 1824 to 1825 national tour of the French American Patriot of the Revolutionary War. Shown is a sign at Beacon. The City of Poughkeepsie recently formally named two streets on College Hill to reflect the site’s important Black history on both a national and local level. The Pomeroy foundation has a series of signs, like the one shown in the Town of Clinton, that distinguish fact-based history from “Legends and Lore.” Shown is an original blue and yellow historic marker dating back nearly a century as NY State prepared for the 150th anniversary of the American Revolution. These signs can be identified at the bottom, such as this one, reading “State Education Department, 1932.”

connected the winding, narrow road. Ever since, according to tradition, his ghost can be heard playing the fiddle on moonlit nights at the witching hour.”

There is a long tradition of naming contemporary roads for historic persons or events related to the site. This continues to happen. A very recent example is the City of Poughkeepsie formally naming two unnamed streets on College Hill with the support of the Revive College Hill Park Coalition and Celebrating the African Spirit. The long drive connecting the south and north entrances to the park on North Clinton Street has been named Frederick Douglass Way, recognizing the great Black abolitionist’s historic speech at College Hill Grove to four thousand people in 1858, on the brink of Civil War.

The historic oval at the top has been formally named Bolin Oval. This recognizes three generations of the Bolin family whose history is tied to College Hill. In the late 19th and early 20th century Abram Bolin (1826–1910) was the superintendent of the park and important city reservoir. His son, Gaius Bolin (1865–1946), whose house is at the south entrance on North Clinton Street, became the first Black graduate of Williams College, and the first Black attorney in the county. In the spring, McHugh’s class will be involved in the

unveiling of a Pomeroy historic marker there to recognize this fact. Gaius Bolin’s daughter, Jane Bolin (1909–2007), was born in that house. She went on to be the first Black female graduate of Yale Law School, and the first Black female judge in the United States.

In a growing number of instances, “QR” codes are being included in signage that allow us to be easily taken to more information online. However, in keeping with our focus on the physical, we close with an invitation to see the continued evolving story of Caroline Morgan Clowes. Through November 19, 2025 there is a special exhibit “For the Love of Cows” at the Sherman Library in Sherman, Connecticut where you can see four of Clowes’ cow paintings in the context of contemporary work. Visit www.ShermanLibrary.org for more information. On Friday, Oct. 24, at 3 p.m. at 114 Overlook Road, LaGrange (Poughkeepsie Post Office for gps 12603) you are invited to witness the unveiling of the Clowes marker.



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By Bill Green
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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) 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 TOMP-KINSLN 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

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to the LLC, 19 Memorial Avenue, Apartment #5, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

F A M 5 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.

Top Tier Cleaning Service LLC filed with SSNY on 09/13/25. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Managing Member at 160 Holsapple Road, Lot 62 Dover Plains, NY 12522. Purpose: any lawful.

DICCONSON FINE ART, LLC. Filed 8/11/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Edith A Dicconson, 2058 Route 83, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: General.

31 STUYVESANT ST, LLC, Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on September 11, 2025. Office: Dutchess Count. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 3 Water Street, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 174 Sunset Trail LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 9/8/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 187 Wolf Rd, Ste 101, Albany, NY 12205. The name and address

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of the Reg. Agent is Business Filings Incorporated, 187 Wolf Rd, Ste 101, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Sicko Stitching LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 5, 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 a copy of process to: 15 Davis St, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Bayhorse Structures LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/10/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2 Academy Hill Rd., Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

L E O N A R D O R E A L T Y HOLDINGS, LLC ART. of Org. filed with SSNY on September 12, 2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to LLC, 1 Sandra Place, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: 937N. Quaker Ln LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 13, 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 a copy of process to: 203 Cardinal road Hyde Park, NY 12538. Any Lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of JMax Properties, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on August 28, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Jenifer Borba, 20 Cubbard Drive, Milton, New York 12547. Purpose: any and all business activities permitted under NYS

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WINTERGREEN CONCRETE PUMPING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/16/25. 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, 154 Benson Hill Road, Dover Plains, NY 12522. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PLIABLE MINDS MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/14/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 42 Meadow Lane, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Mental Health Counseling.

JO ANY SPEAKS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/8/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: P.O Box 1007, Hopewell Jct, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION of eScentually Yours LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 3, 2025. Office located in 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: 26 Sassafras Circle, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

AXIOS HOUSE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/19/2025. 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, Suite 1, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Name: Hersey Music, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 27, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County,

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New York 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 to: 97 West Hunns Lake Road, Stanfordville, NY 12581. Purpose: Any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Company Law.

Notice of formation of SUPER 3D PRINTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/17/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 88 Park Place, Stormville, NY 12582. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

T H I C K E T STRATEGIES LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/28/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 136 Kennel Rd, Wassaic, NY 12592. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Not Your Average Women LLC Articles Of Organization filed with State Of New York Dept. Of State (SSNY) on 09/03/2025 Office Location: Dutchess County at 368 Feller Newmark Rd, Red Hook, NY 12571 SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Not Your Average Women LLC, 368 Feller Newmark Rd, Red Hook, NY 12571 Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose

BRIDGEPOINT PROPERTIES, LLC, Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on September 19, 2025. Office: Dutchess Count. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 5 Cliff Street, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Alfa Knows, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on

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July 2nd, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 41 Scenic Hills Dr. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 . Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of formation of SAKASM91 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 8/20/25. Office Location: Dutchess County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to SAKASM91 LLC at 3 Locust Court Apt A Fishkill NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of the Formation of Align + Restore Wellness, LLC. Arts of Org. Filed with SSNY on 9/10/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. Stephanie Stewart, registered is to be the agent upon who process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Stephanie Stewart, 5 Nancyaleen Dr, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Wild Rose Studios LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/25/2025. 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: Wild Rose Studios LLC, 35 Long Meadow Dr, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Lacrosse Company LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 16, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Hudson Valley Lacrosse Company LLC, 5 Malmros Terrace, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which an LLC may be organized under the laws of New York State. Managed by: Robert Clark. Organizer: Robert Clark, 5 Malmros Terrace, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Duration: Perpetual.

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8 BAHRET AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/10/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & luele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Elite Innovations Contracting LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/25/2025. 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: 35 Long Meadow Dr, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Plush Beauty Bar LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 17, 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: 2537 NY-52, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Prime Eastdale, LLC filed w/ SSNY 9/26/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 3344 NY-9N, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of RH AND SON LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/22/25. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: THE LLC 754 WOLCOTT AVE BEACON NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

‘Power to the People’ on display at Vassar College through Oct. 30

Dutchess Community College’s (DCC) annual Faculty Art Exhibit, “Power to the People,” is now open at The Mildred I. Washington Art Gallery on the College’s main campus. On display through Thursday, Oct. 30, the show highlights the diverse creative voices of DCC faculty through drawings, sculptures, porcelain, fabric art, oil paintings, animation, collage and photography.

“For the community, it’s an expansive exhibit of what artists can make and present,” said Gallery Director Dana Weidman. “Our goal is to educate first and help students think critically about what art can be and how we articulate our work.”

Featured artists include Weidman, Mick Bodnar, Eric Ehmschwender, Ana Maria Farina, Lindsey Guile, Katy Itter, Jeremiah Jones, Holly McCabe, Jessica Murphy, Jesse Navarra, Jennaway Pearson, Kristen Rego and Amber Synnett.

The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Docent-led tours are available on Saturdays by appointment. Visitors are advised to park in Lot D (GPS address: 97 Cottage Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601). Accessible parking is available at the top of the hill right outside the gallery entrance.

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Notice of Formation of JG Hudson LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 9/17/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 25 Robert Pitt Dr. Ste 204, Monsey, NY 10952. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Vcorp Agent Services, Inc., 25 Robert Pitt Dr., Ste 204, Monsey, NY 10952. Purpose: any lawful activity.

13 HOLE IN THE WALL, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/29/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 13 Hook Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

286 Cleverdale, LLC filed w/ SSNY 9/23/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 14 Amherst St, Red Hook, NY 12571. Any lawful purpose.

AJF PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/28/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 72 Airport Dr., Unit 101, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

AJF PROPERTY GROUP, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/28/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 72 Airport Dr., Unit 101, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LUCULE LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/10/2010. Office:

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Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, PO Box 292, Stanfordville, NY 12581. Purpose: any lawful act.

Di Jeli Herbals L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/15/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: P.O. Box 3, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

HIGH SCORE RBK LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/3/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 198 Rhinecliff Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

Maura Barrett Law PLLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/16/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 301 Manchester Rd, Ste 201, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Law.

Bear Hill (1) LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/12/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 42 Stissing Ave, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: any lawful act.

Bear Hill Apartments LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/12/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom

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process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 42 Stissing Ave, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of JLA HOSPITALITY LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the Sec of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/01/25. Office location, County of Dutchess. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: c/o JLA Hospitality LLC - 36 Morgan Ct., Wappingers Falls, NY, 12590. Purpose: any lawful act.

Snook MOB Realty, LLC filed w/ SSNY 9/25/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 243 N Rd, Ste. 304, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Any lawful purpose.

SSNV Realty, LLC filed w/ SSNY 9/24/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to 243 NRd, Ste 304, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Any lawful purpose.

LuxeHouse LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/02/2025. 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, 31B Rhobella Drive Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ANVARI CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed NY Sec. of State 09/28/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated agent for service. Mail: 2 Grace Ct Apt 3-O, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Sensible Tools, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on September 25, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to

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The LLC at c/o 31 Hankin Loop, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of grossmsgmt LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/30/25. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 50 Aspinwall Rd., Red Hook, NY 12571. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o Andrea Aidekman Gross at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LITTLE DOCK, LLC. Filed 9/25/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 136 Heber Ave Ste 204, Park City, UT 84060. Purpose: General.

MCKENNAGOLD LLC. Filed 4/1/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Edmund T McKenna Jr, 100 Wennington Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

LVFNY, LLC. Filed 9/25/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Vmg, 136 Heber Ave, Ste 204, Park City, UT 84060. Purpose: General.

LA FORTALEZA RESTAURANT NEW YORK LLC. Filed 3/8/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Arturo Ortega, 72 Colonial Woods Dr, West Orange, NJ 07052. Purpose: General.

NYNESUS LLC. Filed 9/11/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Northwest Registered Agent Llc, 418 Broadway Ste N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: General.

K N A P P ' S PROPERTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/03/25. Office:

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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, 185 Town View Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of HANK HAVEN LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/06/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543, regd. agent upon whom and at which process may be served. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: BILLET-DOUX BRIDAL LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 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 1500 Route 9, Stop 2, Tivoli NY 12583. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Van Wyck Restaurant Group LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/23/2025. 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: Hilpert Law Offices, 75 S Riverside Ave, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520. Purpose: any lawful act.

448 Route 9 Land LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/23/2025. 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: Hilpert Law Offices, 75 S Riverside Ave, Croton-on-Hudson,

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NY 10520. Purpose: any lawful act.

O&G Taqueria Beacon LLC, a domestic LLC filed with the SSNY on 9/16/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Irving Gonzaga, Mbr, 32 Market Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose for LLC: any lawful.

Notice of formation of SOLARA HOSPITALITY LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the Sec of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/03/25. Office location, County of Dutchess. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: c/o Solara Hospitality LLC - 2425 NY-52, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of LILY STAV DESIGN LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/06/25. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 351 Pleasantvale Rd., Tivoli, NY 12583. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Lily Gildor at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of AMG PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/23/23. 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, 59 POINT ST NEW HAMBURG, NY, 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Precision Veterinary PLLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 29, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County.

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SSNY is designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Precision Veterinary PLLC, 26 Jewels Court, New Paltz, NY 12561. Purpose: Practice of Veterinary Medicine.

Notice of Formation of OTG Consulting LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/13/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to OTG CONSULTING LLC. 76 Mountainview Road, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 7685061

ACAI OF ARLINGTON, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/03/25. 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, 2 Raymond Avenue, Suite 3A, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

J & A PSYCHOLOGICAL GROUP, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/25/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 19 Thames Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Psychology.

Notice of Formation of D. MILLER MEDICINE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/14/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: David William Miller, 23 Evergreen Row, Armonk, New York, 10504. Purpose: Practice the profession of Medicine.

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Call of Election
RESOLUTION BY THE Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls, New York, as follows:
SECTION 1: That pursuant to Section 504 of the Election Law, the general Village Election of and for said Village will be held on the 18th day of March 2026, and that the polls shall be open for voting between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M.
SECTION 2: That said Village has been divided into three (3) election wards and that a description of said wards, together with the polling place for each such ward is as follows:
ELECTION WARD NO. 1: All that portion of said Village lying North and West of the Wappinger Creek; the polling place in Ward No. 1 is the Village Hall 2582 South Avenue in said Village.
ELECTION Ward NO. 2: Election Ward No. 2 is comprised of all that portion of said Village generally bounded as follows: on the South by the Village boundary line, on the North by East Main Street, on the East by South Avenue and on the West by the Wappinger Creek and the polling place is the Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue in said Village.
ELECTION WARD NO. 3: All that portion of the Village lying outside the two wards above described; the polling place is the Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue in said Village.
SECTION NO. 4: This resolution shall take effect immediately.
John M. Karge, CMC, RMC, Chief Election Officer & Village Clerk
Reminder polling place for all three wards is Village Hall 2582 South Avenue.

Approve resolution designating offices to be filled next General Election. Chief Election Officer J.M. Karge.
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICES TO BE FILLED AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION AND THE TERMS THEREOF
BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls, New York, as follows:
SECTION 1. That pursuant to subdivision 3.a. of Section 15-104 of the Election Law, this Board does hereby designate the offices to be filled at the General Village Election on March 18, 2026, and the respective terms of such offices as follows:

Office	Term
Trustee, First Ward	2 Years
Trustee, Second War	2 Years
Trustee, Third Ward	2 Years

John M. Karge, CMC, RMC, Chief Election Officer & Village Clerk

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF QUESTION TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to NYS Education Law §259(1)(13), and in accordance with the provisions of the NYS Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Pleasant Valley at the General Election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2025:
SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE PLEASANT VALLEY FREE LIBRARY BE AT FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$537,000) ANNUALLY?
Further notice is hereby given that the said election shall be held at the following locations in the Town of Pleasant Valley:
Town Hall
Traver Road School
West Road School
Pleasant Valley Fire House
Salt Point Fire House
on the 4th day of November 2025, and that the polls will be open on that day between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 p.m.
Mary Beth Muir
Town Clerk, Town of Pleasant Valley

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT

OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS. WISDOM VENTURES LLC, Plaintiff, v. ADUSEI HOLDINGS LLC, et al., Defendants. Index No. 2024-50773
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale granted herein on August 21, 2025, I the undersigned, the Referee in said Judgment named, will sell at public auction at the rear lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, County of DUTCHESS, State of New York on NOVEMBER 3, 2025 AT 2:30 PM of that day, the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold and therein described as follows:
Said premises being known as and by street address 75 OAK STREET, BEACON, NY 12508 Section 5954 Block 28 Lot 972906
Said premises are sold subject to the terms and conditions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale. Approximate amount of Judgment \$535,983.20.
Dated: Garden City, New York September 17, 2025
GERARD J. PISANELLI, ESQ., Referee
Adam E. Mikolay, P.C.
Attorney for Plaintiff
400 Garden City Plaza Suite 405 Garden City, New York 11530 (516) 222-2050

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF NRZ PASS-THROUGH TRUST XI, Plaintiff, vs. CECIL WILLIAMS A/K/A CECIL F. WILLIAMS, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on August 4, 2025 and an Order Appointing Successor Referee to Conduct Foreclosure Sale entered on August 14, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Rear Lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 on October 31, 2025 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 26 CLIFF STREET, BEACON, NY 12508. All that certain tract, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Beacon, County of Dutchess, State of New York, Section: 5954, Block: 27, Lot: 780890. Approximate amount of judgment is \$442,598.34 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 2018-51935. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Referee.
JOSEPH FRANK BUONO, ESQ., Referee
Roach & Lin, P.C., 6851 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 185, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BEEKMAN CEMETERY WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2025, 10:00 AM, AT THE POUGHQUAG METHODIST CHURCH. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Stanford Free Library in the Town of Stanford, New York hereby gives notice that, pursuant to N.Y.S. Election Law 259(1)(b), and in accordance with the provisions of the N.Y.S. Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Stanford at the General Election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2025.
SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF STANFORD FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE STANFORD FREE LIBRARY BE AT TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200,400.00) ANNUALLY.
Further notice is hereby given that said election shall be held at the Stanford Town Hall in the Town of Stanford, on the 4th day of November, 2025, and that the polls will be open on that day between the hours of 6am to 9pm in addition to Early Voting Locations and options.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, -against- CLAUDIA D. HECKERT, AS TRUSTEE OF THE DOLAN FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST, DATED MAY 31, 2017, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND ANY SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, ETAL.
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess on September 8, 2025, wherein USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK is the Plaintiff and CLAUDIA D. HECKERT, AS TRUSTEE OF THE DOLAN FAMILY IRREVOCABLE

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TRUST, DATED MAY 31, 2017, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND ANY SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE; BENEFICIARIES OF THE DOLAN FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST, DATED MAY 31, 2017, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND ANY SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, ETAL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the DUTCHESS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, REAR LOBBY, 10 MARKET STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601, on November 25, 2025 at 3:30PM, premises known as 10 NEVILLE ROAD, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590; and the following tax map identification, District: 132800; Section: 6358; Block: 03; Lot: 423213.
ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, STATE OF NEW YORK
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 2024-50476. Gerald Geist, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. **All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing.**
***LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.**

Notice is hereby given that Public Hearings will be held by the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals, Dutchess County, on Tuesday the 28th day of October, 2025 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard at the Town of East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct Public Hearings on the following applications.
1. Appeal 4148 – Jesse Alba (6457-04-889043) Jesse Alba, 91 Saddle Ridge Dr., Hopewell Junction, requesting a 14' side yard variance for a proposed 1 story detached garage 30X30 (900sq. ft). Pursuant to Section 194-17 and the Schedule of Bulk Reg-

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ulations. Footprint of existing house is 1,716.
2. Appeal 4149 – Michael Ranellone (6355-00-838759) Michael Ranellone, 8 Sunshine Lane, Hopewell Junction, requesting a 24' size variance for a proposed 1 story detached garage 27'X32 (864sf). Pursuant to Section 194-107 and the Schedule of Bulk Regulations. Footprint of existing house is 1,400.
Norma Drummond Chairperson
East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals

POUGHKEEPSIE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
Notice of Trustee Election and Budget Referendum - November 4, 2025 (on the General Election Ballot in all City of Poughkeepsie and Town of Poughkeepsie Election Precincts, excluding those in the Village of Wappingers Falls, as provided below)
Town of Poughkeepsie - 1 Trustee – 5 Year Term (1/1/2026 - 12/31/2030)
(Candidates for this position must live in the Town of Poughkeepsie)
2025 Budget Resolution
SHALL the 2026 Library District budget, as submitted by the Board of Trustees of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, be approved and SHALL the Board of Trustees authorize estimated expenditures of \$12,296,928 for Library District operations for the year January 1-December 31, 2026, which includes \$1,345,138 of previously authorized combined debt service for the year of January 1 – December 31, 2026 and, further, SHALL the Board of Trustees be authorized to instruct the City of Poughkeepsie and the Town of Poughkeepsie to collect taxes on its behalf for the financing of Library District operations and debt service as prescribed in the Library District's special legislation as amended in 1994, 1997, 2006 and 2016?

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WAPPINGER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT AREAS IN THE TOWN

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Assessor of the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, has filed proposed assessment rolls for those properties within the Special Improvement Districts or Special Improvement Areas in the Town of Wappinger for Fiscal Year 2026, pursuant to Town Law §§202-a & 239.
P L E A S E TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to § 239 of the Town Law, the Town Board will conduct a Public Hearing at Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, starting at 7:00 p.m. on October 27, 2025 to hear any objections which may be made to the proposed benefit assessment rolls for the following:
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS:
United Wappinger Water District
Fleetwood Manor Water District
United Wappinger Sewer District
Wildwood Sewer District
Fleetwood Manor Sewer District
Mid-Point Park Sewer District
The Regency at Wappinger Lighting District
Keenan Acres Drainage District
Blackwatch Farms Drainage District
Meadowood Drainage District
Tuscany Subdivision Drainage District
Chelsea Farms Drainage District
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT AREAS:
WST/TIA – Phase 3A Sewer Improvement Area #5
Wappinger Sewer Improvement Area No. 1
Watch Hill Sewer Improvement Area
Watch Hill Water Improvement Area
P L E A S E TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed benefit assessment rolls have been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, at Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York and are available for inspection during regular business hours on Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York October 15, 2025
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER
JOSEPH P. PAOLONI, TOWN CLERK

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WAPPINGER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGETS, O&M CHARGES, WATER/SEWER RATES AND RENTS FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT AREAS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, will complete tentative budgets for the Special Improvement Districts and Special Improvement Areas in the Town of Wappinger. In accordance with the tentative budgets, the Town has established proposed capital budgets, quarterly operation and maintenance charges, rates and/or rents to be levied and charged against those properties within the Special Improvement Districts and Special Improvement Areas in the Town of Wappinger in order to finance their capital needs and operation and maintenance charges during calendar year 2026.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board will conduct a **Public Hearing at Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, starting at 7:00 p.m. on October 27, 2025** to hear any objections which may be made to the proposed capital budgets and proposed quarterly operation and maintenance charges, rates and/or rents for the following Special Improvement Districts and Special Improvement Areas:

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS:

Town-wide Ambulance District
United Wappinger Water District
Fleetwood Manor Water District
United Wappinger Sewer District
Wildwood Sewer District
Fleetwood Manor Sewer District
Mid-Point Park Sewer District
Cameli Lighting District
Chelsea Lighting District
Hughsonville Lighting District
The Regency at Wappinger Lighting District
Keenan Acres Drainage District
Blackwatch Farms Drainage District

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Meadowood Drainage District
Tuscany Subdivision Drainage District
Furnia Drainage District
The Hamlet Conservation Park District
Fieldstone Conservation Park District
Kendall Farms Conservation Park District
Chelsea Farms Drainage District

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT AREAS:

WST/TIA—Phases 3A Wappinger Sewer Improvement Area #5
Wappinger Sewer Improvement Area No. 1
Watch Hill Sewer Improvement Area
Watch Hill Water Improvement Area

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the aforementioned proposed budgets have been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, at Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York and are available for inspection during regular business hours on Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Dated: October 15, 2025

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER

JOSEPH P. PAOLONI, TOWN CLERK

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-34-25 Compact Articulated Wheel Loader for the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 6th day of November 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.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-53-25 On-Call Recruitment

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Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., November 14, 2025. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions 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 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP 2025-03

Request for Proposal

The Town of Fishkill (Town) is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purchase, fabrication and delivery of two (2) Cooling Towers. One cooling tower is for the Police Department Building, the other cooling tower is for Town Hall. The cooling towers are to be identical in specifications, design, operation and function. The existing cooling towers are over 20 years old and are in need of replacement. The Town of Fishkill will not purposely eliminate any company from bidding, however, there are specifications that must be met. Taxes should not be reflected as the Town of Fishkill is tax exempt.

Effective 9:00 AM, Friday October 17, 2025, a Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained either in person at Town Hall or electronically by emailing the Town of Fishkill Project Facilitator Joe DeFrancesco at jdefrancesco@fishkill-ny.gov and Brandon Knapp at BKnapp@fishkill-ny.gov.

The requestor / proposer must provide the legal company name, address, telephone number, representative name and email address when either picking up in person or via email. Any and all questions, clarifications, or requests shall be provided in writing to the Town of Fishkill Project Facilitator Joe DeFrancesco via email at jdefrancesco@fishkill-ny.gov and Brandon Knapp at BKnapp@fishkill-ny.gov.

All questions, clarifications, and requests, together with answers, if any, will be provided to all firms that have indicated an

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interest or intention to submit statements. However, the names of any firms submitting any questions, clarifications, or requests will not be disclosed until after the deadline for submitting Proposals. The Town reserves the right to respond or not respond to any questions, clarifications, or requests. The data herein is provided without warranty or representation as to accuracy. Each proposer is directed and encouraged to make any and all examinations independently; to verify any and all examinations independently, and not to rely solely on the information stated herein, which is to be used only as a general guide.

Sealed proposals will be accepted until Friday October 31, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. at the Town of Fishkill Town Clerk's Office, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 and will be opened on the same day. No proposals will be accepted after the appointed time. No other distribution of proposals will be made by the Proposer. All Proposal copies must be signed in ink and in longhand by an official authorized to bind the Proposer. The Town of Fishkill reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, with or without cause. Awarding of the contract will take place at a regular monthly meeting of the Town of Fishkill. Should your firm be interested in submitting a proposal, submit the signed and sealed proposal with the requested / required information in the RFP, marked on the outer envelope as: **PURCHASE OF TWO (2) COOLING TOWERS, ONE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ONE (1) FOR TOWN HALL.**

Mail or deliver to: **Becki Tompkins, Town Clerk Town of Fishkill 807 Route 52 Fishkill, New York 12524 (845) 831-7800 x3333 FAX (845) 831-6040 b t o m p k i n s @ fishkill-ny.gov**

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on October 14, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or pur-

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pose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, October 17, 2025.

Clerk, County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 2025141 BOND RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 14, 2025. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,020,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF SIDEWALK, CURB RAMPS AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS ALONG JACKSON STREET (COUNTY ROUTE 34), NORTH ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 72), AND/OR WEST ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 71), IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY.

Specific object or purpose:

Sidewalk, curb ramps and access improvements along Jackson Street (Rte 34), North Road (County Route 72), and/or West Road (County Route 71)

Period of probable usefulness:

10 years

Maximum estimated cost:

\$2,020,000

Maximum amount of bonds to be issued:

\$2,020,000 bonds

SEQRA status:

Type II Action

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 **28th day of October, 2025** at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 2 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.: 25-7864 (Area Variance)

Maria Zavala: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R-40 Zoning District.

-Where **25 feet** to the left side yard property line is required, the applicant can provide **11.1 feet** for the demolition of an existing house and to rebuild a 2-story house, thus requesting a variance of **13.9 feet**.

-Where **50 feet** to the front yard property line is required, the applicant can provide **20.1 feet** for the demolition of an existing house and to rebuild a

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dle bush 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.: 25-7862 (Area Variance)

Kevin White & Melissa Roe: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R-40 Zoning District.

-Where **50 feet** to the front yard property line is required, the applicant can provide **43.6 feet** for the construction of a 24' x 24' new garage.

-Where no accessory structures are permitted in a front yard, the applicant is proposing to construct a new 24' x 24' garage, thus requesting a variance to allow in the front yard.

The property is located at **67 Forest View Road** and is identified as **Tax Grid No.: 6256-02-800965** 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 30, 2025

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The property is located at **112 Stonykill Road** and is identified as **Tax Grid No.: 6056-02-873710** 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 October 7, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE 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 November 5, 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 Proposed Local Law to Amend Town Code Chapter 29 To Allow the Officer-In-Charge Of The Town Police Force To Conduct Disciplinary Proceedings.

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 contact the Town Clerk.

By Order of the Town Board

Town of Fishkill

Becki Tompkins – Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fishkill Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on November 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM; or as soon thereafter as possible, at Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY. The matter is to be heard to consider comments on the 2026 Preliminary Budget.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on the said proposal at that time and place aforesaid.

By: Rebecca Tompkins RMC, CTO, MMC Town Clerk

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THEME: WORLD SERIES

ACROSS

1. Treble, bass and alto

6. OB-GYN test

9. Hoodlum

13. *In 1921, the World Series was first broadcast on it

14. Tribute poem

15. Cursor mover

16. Same as Amir

17. Neither here ____ there

18. *Any member of the 2002 World Series champs

19. *World Series trophy presenter, Rob ____

21. *2024 World Series winners

23. "____ and the City"

24. German industrial valley

25. Gift topper

28. Kids' building block

30. *Player with most career World Series home runs

35. Good vs ____

37. Ball of yarn

39. Offspring

40. Thespian's part

41. Shasta and Tab, e.g.

43. Singer Tori ____

44. Potato masher alternative

46. Fox coat, e.g.

47. Hokkaido native

48. Put on a pedestal

50. Just manages, with "out"

52. *2005 World Series MVP, Jermaine ____

53. Time unit

55. Polar toy-maker

57. *Team with most World Series wins

61. *2024 World Series MVP Freddie ____

65. Met's offering

66. Legal grp.

68. Give the slip

69. Send, as payment

70. Toothy fish

71. Sells

72. Cupid, to the Greeks

73. Freudian topic

74. Surrealist Max

DOWN

1. Pull an all-nighter

2. Holy man

3. "Yellowstone" actress and Josh Brolin's daughter

4. Feudal estates

5. Sour salad green

6. Atlantic Ocean, in a popular idiom

7. "Much ____ About Nothing"

8. Lost, in Provence

9. Chinatown gang

10. Massive

11. Addict

12. Hair styling goops

15. ____ shirts, in "The Outsiders"

20. *#19 Across and such

22. Unit of electrical resistance

24. Mule deer's European cousin (2 words)

25. *Player with most career World Series hits, Yogi ____

26. Egg-shaped

27. "Will comply" in radio communication

29. Lump of stuff

31. *Org. that regulates the College World Series

32. Shy

33. Eccentric like a bird?

34. Follow

36. Sinister look

38. *Only one W.S. Game 7 ended by ____-off home run

42. Ranch grazer

45. Fix leftovers

49. Anonymous John

51. Ace hiding place

54. Consumption

56. "Saturday Night ____" movie

57. Yesteryear

58. Impersonator

59. Captain of Nautilus

60. * ____ Bryant, of 2016 World Series winning Cubs

61. Wild West card game

62. "Buddenbrooks" author

63. Contributes

64. Home to eggs

67. Tote, e.g.

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