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## New Festival ‘Pedal Into Spring’ Planned for Cold Spring

*Organizers hope to see flowers, bicycles, visitors*

By Michael Turton

Cold Spring business owners met last Monday evening, Feb. 25, at Hudson Valley Outfitters to hear details of a plan to organize a weekend street festival as a complement to an already planned international bicycle event. Saturday, May 4, and Sunday, May 5, will see the two events combine for what organizers hope will become an annual tradition — and a boon to the local economy.

“Pedal Into Spring” is a new event being organized by the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Putnam County Tourism. A street festival with a theme centered on spring flowers and plants, it will fill Main Street sidewalks with tents, tables, music and activities throughout the weekend.

That Sunday, the Putnam Cycling Classic will return after making its debut last fall. This year’s event will have a distinct international flavor, as cyclists from around the world will compete in a Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) race, part of its World Championship Tour. Cold Spring will be the only U.S. community to host a UCI race in 2013. Other far-flung host locales include Australia, Brazil, Italy and Hungary.

Pedal Into Spring will focus on bringing visitors to Cold Spring as a boost to local business. Main Street shop owners will be given first crack at setting up a tent in front of their own businesses. Chamber members will be offered tent rental at cost while non-members will pay an additional fee.

“We want Chamber members to pay as little as possible. And as an added value they will get an (Continued on page 4)



The logo created for Pedal Into Spring creatively combines the weekend’s two major themes: cycling and flowers. Image courtesy of Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce



Waiting for April | See page 16 for more of the Winter Photofest.

Photo by Ed Drake

## Tough Sledding at Haldane as Spending Cuts Become Real

*Summer school, classroom and support staff to feel the pinch*

By Michael Turton

The going is not getting any easier as trustees and administrators continue to inch closer to a final spending plan for the Haldane Central School District for 2013-14. The first set of numbers put forward by the administration in December estimated that \$409,000 in cuts would be required to keep the district within the state-imposed tax cap. At its Tuesday (Feb. 26) meeting, new figures presented by Superintendent of Schools Mark Villanti indicate that cuts will now total \$535,000. The reason? Recent increases in insurance premiums, Teacher Retirement Savings contributions and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) expenses.

### Increase estimated at 2.83 percent

Nothing is final yet, but the current spending plan would result in a budget-to-budget increase of 1.23 percent, with total spending of \$22,196,872, resulting in an estimated tax rate increase of 2.83 percent. Total funds raised through the tax levy would be \$18,082,353 — an increase of \$619,849 over last year. Villanti and School Board President Michael Junjulas both stressed that the tax rate increase is approximate. The actual figure will not be known until August, when property assessment values for Philipstown are finalized.

“We do our damndest to get the [tax rate increase] number as close as possible,” Junjulas said. “In six years we’ve never presented a tax rate increase [in August] above what we’ve went to the public with,” Villanti added.

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## Doing the Butterfield Dance

*Trustees adding formula-business ban to the mix*

By Jeanne Tao and Kevin E. Foley

At the Cold Spring Village Board Tuesday night, Feb. 26, the trustees and Butterfield developer Paul Guillaro managed to execute a diplomatic dance that signaled a tentative return to consideration of the multi-use proposal for the property rather than Guillaro’s recently threatened residential home concept. The residential idea resulted from Guillaro’s reaction to the negative testimony from many residents at the recent public hearing regarding the proposed zoning change that both the trustees and Guillaro had thought was the way forward for developing the 5.7-acre site.

In addition, the trustees continued work on drafting a local law banning formula businesses (Continued on page 3)

## Repairs to Wall at St. Philip’s Church Planned

*One of a series of road projects to affect drivers*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Planned New York State Department of Transportation repair of the historic wall along St. Philip’s Church on Route 9D in Garrison joins a growing list of projects with the potential to disrupt traffic this summer.

The church announced on Monday, Feb. 25, that the state would fix the partially crumbling wall. According to church officers, the section of Route 9D running past St. Philip’s will be restricted to one lane during the work. A church representative, Anita Prentice, said Tuesday that the effort would begin after classes at the Garrison Union Free School close for the year, on June 21, and is expected to finish by Sept. 1. The Garrison school is located across the road from the church property.

The deteriorating wall drew the attention of Garrison school officials last fall and GUFs Superintendent Gloria Colucci told the School Board in December that she would meet with state officials that month to discuss the matter.

On the further north side of the church entrance drive, a stretch of wall estimated at 50-60 feet has tumbled down into the church yard. A smaller break occurs on the north just past the drive.

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Mouths to Feed

Cheese Puffery

By Celia Barbour

In Indiana when I was growing up, cheesiness was akin to fanciness. At the handful of “classy” restaurants around town, the menus were filled with food drenched in cheese sauces. It didn’t much matter what the underlying ingredients of a particular dish were — seafood, vegetables, meat, even fruit — all were tucked in like good little children beneath big, fat blankets of warm cheddar, mozzarella or muenster.

Around the same time, vegetable companies began packaging cheese sauces with their frozen broccoli or cauliflower, in an effort to make their products more popular.

At home, I occasionally tried applying this rule to my own suppers, using cheese whenever I needed to upgrade the flavor of a disliked food. Sautéed calf’s liver à la

cottage cheese was one such concoction — though not, I might add, a happy one. During high school, my appreciation for the power of cheese deepened. This was the Moosewood era, when a generation of hippie cooks decided that the best way to help carnivores get over their infatuation with meat was to throw great gobs of cheese at them. I still have a 1977 edition of the *Moosewood Cookbook*. Its glossary devotes an entire three-column page to cheesy dishes, including Arabian Squash-Cheese Casserole, Bulgarian Peppers and Cheese, Cheese-Rice Strudel, Cheese-Beans, and Ricotta Cake. By the time I graduated from college, I had also graduated from cheese-laden dishes. For many years afterwards, I avoided cooking foods containing cheese (with certain exceptions, of course — lasagna, omelets, tortilla pie and macaroni and cheese among them). It never occurred to me to wonder why.

Meanwhile, I came to adore cheese. These days, I like it so much that I am never terribly disappointed when I miss my train out of Grand Central as long as I can spend the time ogling the multitude of options at Murray’s Cheese. Here at our own farmers market, I have grown besotted with the selections from the Amazing Real-Live Cheese Company, which, week after week, I have a very hard time resisting. And if I had to pick an all-time favorite meal, it would probably be a glass of red wine and a selection of cheeses, with a little fresh and dried fruit and perhaps some sort of pickle on the side.

But now that I have taken a moment to think about it, it occurs to me that my avoidance of cheesy foods is probably linked to a childhood sense that, in cooking, cheese acts as a culinary con artist, its primary purpose to trick a person into believing a food is something it’s not: fancy or hearty or tasty.



Smoky frittata

Photo by C. Barbour

Cheese on its own is fine; grated parmesan on top of Italian dishes is finer than fine. But a cheddar-cheese-drenched vegetable dish is a scam. Or so I thought. Then along came Yotam Ottolenghi. In case you haven’t heard of him, he’s the chef of a very hot London restaurant and the author of two of the most influential (at least among my foodie friends) cookbooks to be published in recent years. His recipes are miraculous. I keep realizing in the middle of dinner parties that I’m tucking into something I saw on page 36 of *Plenty*, or on page 184 of *Jerusalem*. It was on page 96 of *Plenty* that I first spied the dish that would end my cheese

embargo. Smoky frittata is its name, and although I mistrust smoked cheeses even more than their plain comrades, this recipe called out to me. I’m glad it did. I made one the other day, and as my husband, a lifelong cauliflower-hater, took a bite, he declared that here at last was a dish that could make him like cauliflower. Wouldn’t you know it? No sooner do I invite cheese back into my cooking then that old swindler pulls a fast one again. Only this time, I was in on the take.

*Friends, I am once again required to take a hiatus from this column for a few weeks, due to some complications with my right arm. The excellent Joe Dizney will be filling in during the interim. Meanwhile, eat well and try and remember to say grace first.*



Photo by C. Barbour



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### Smoky frittata

*Adapted from Plenty, by Yotam Ottolenghi. Chronicle Books, 2010*


1 small cauliflower, broken into medium florets	3 tablespoons finely chopped chives, scallions or shallot
salt	5-6 ounces smoked mozzarella, grated
6 eggs	3 ounces sharp aged cheddar, grated
4 tablespoons crème fraîche	fresh black pepper
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard	2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon smoked paprika	

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Heat a pot of water to boiling, add a generous dash of salt and the cauliflower, and simmer 5 minutes, or until just slightly tender. Drain in a colander and set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, crème fraîche, mustard and paprika until smooth. Stir in the chives or scallions and about three-quarters of the grated cheese. Mix in salt and pepper to taste.

Heat the olive oil over medium-high in a large cast-iron or other ovenproof skillet. Fry the cauliflower until golden, stirring occasionally, about 5-7 minutes. Pour the egg mixture over it and spread the ingredients evenly in the pan. Reduce the heat to medium and cook without stirring for about 5 minutes, or until beginning to set.

Sprinkle the rest of the grated cheese over the top, transfer the pan to the oven and bake until set all the way through. You may want to place the frittata briefly under the broiler to brown the top. Remove from the oven and allow to cool a few minutes before serving.



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# Tough Sledding at Haldane as Spending Cuts Become Real (from page 1)

## Where they're cutting

Villanti, whose demeanor is usually rather jovial at School Board meetings, was visibly upset as he presented the latest budget picture. His voice quivered as he outlined the anticipated cuts in spending, which include the elimination of summer school, a savings of \$25,000; a \$163,250 cut in classroom instruction; and a \$108,048 reduction in support staff spending. Other areas being trimmed include benefits related to staff reductions, supplies and equipment, athletic supplies and equipment, and operation and maintenance expenses.

A reduction of \$150,000 in special education spending is actually a positive. Villanti explained that there would be no reduction in services provided and that the reduced cost is largely due to a special education consortium developed in partnership with the Garrison Union Free School District.



**"It's painful" is how Superintendent of Schools Mark Villanti described the process of deciding what to cut from spending for 2013-14.** Photo by M. Turton

"I'm an emotional person," Villanti said. "If occasionally you see my emotional side, it's because it's painful. It's painful to work hard to create a great school district, and then have things [impact it] that are out of our control."

Villanti said that he would not announce in public which staff will be affected by cuts but will hold one-on-one conversations with those involved when the time comes. There are still a number of unknowns that will affect final staffing decisions, including the size of the incoming kindergarten class. Low enrollment could mean that the teacher who is retiring would not have to be replaced, resulting in a savings of more than \$60,000.

When a parent in the audience asked if kindergarten might be cut entirely, Junjulas replied, "Kindergarten is not mandatory" as dictated by the state, but such a move was "not on the table this year." Villanti said that if the trend in reduced state aid for education continues, "Everything is on the table."

Other likely cuts include replacing a full-time French teacher, who is retiring with a part-time position, along with re-

ductions in spending on teachers' aides. In the support area, cuts may be made to bus drivers, with employees who do both cleaning and driving picking up the slack.

"It's grim; it's what we predicted last year," Trustee Peter Henderson said. "But I'm surprised cuts aren't even more severe."

Henderson said that the reductions are disconcerting, in the face of a number of fundamental needs that he feels the district should address, and listed such items as increased Internet bandwidth, greater information technology support, meeting requirements for online testing, professional development, and a targeted internal audit.

Junjulas and Villanti urged residents to view a short video produced by the New York State PTA explaining the state's Gap Elimination Adjustment and its impact on public education. The video can be viewed online at nysptapresident.

# Doing the Butterfield Dance (from page 1)

in the village. Expedited work on the ban, which the adopted village Comprehensive Plan recommends, is in response to the concern of many, including the trustees as well as the other candidates running in the March 19 village election, that proposed buildings on the Butterfield site not contain such businesses, especially if some or all the discussed governmental services don't materialize.

The conjuring of yet another attempt at a meeting of the collective village mind on Butterfield came fraught with difficulties and potential obstacles. The trustees, although appreciative of Guillaro's return to the table, did not have an organized response to his appearance. Each in turn expressed generally positive support for the project and offered praise for Guillaro's work in the past without getting too close to the tripwire issues involved.

Guillaro for his part indicated a willingness to return to the much-discussed multi-use concept but only after "the concerns of the various boards are worked out before I come back." Just how such a result could be accomplished, even in conceptual terms, was not clear, although trustees and Village Attorney Stephen Gaba suggested some kind of conceptual roadmap could be drawn up indicating agreement on broad issues before the more technical considerations of either the Planning Board or the Historic District Review Board were undertaken.

Guillaro said further that he was looking for a clear demonstration from the trustees that they supported the project and that they would work to see the other boards involved understood the elected officials' view of the situation.

Mayor Seth Gallagher, acknowledging he would soon leave office, asked Gaba to come up with a possible timeline and direction the trustees could follow in reconsidering the project. Such a timeline would have to include a number of potentially lengthy steps. Guillaro emphasized he had already spent a great deal of money on the proposal so far and didn't want to spend more unless a clear scheduled path could be discerned.

## Banning chains

Earlier in the board meeting Gaba presented a draft local law that would prohibit chain stores and restaurants (known in legal terms as formula retail stores and restaurants) as well as drive-thru windows within the village. After discussion, Gaba agreed to redraft the law to reflect some changes that board members wanted to make, starting the process of getting the ban into the Village Code.

Discussion of a ban on formula businesses began last summer, after a Dunkin' Donuts was proposed (and finally approved in December) at the Elmesco service station on Route 9D, and residents grew concerned that more franchises could be on their way to the village. In September, Gaba presented a memo that outlined cases in which municipalities were challenged on similar bans. (He had found that the villages whose laws prevailed in court cases were those that had strong factual bases for their bans.) The Comprehensive Plan Special Board was then asked to conduct a study on the feasibility of enacting such a ban in Cold Spring, and their report (available at coldspringny.gov) was presented to the Village Board on Feb. 12.

The purpose of the law, it states, is to protect from the negative impacts of formula restaurants and stores and drive-thru windows "on the village's unique character and economic vitality."

Gaba explained that in the current code there are no definitions of restaurants or retail stores, and so his draft sets out definitions of those as well as of formula restaurants and retail stores.

According to the draft law, a formula restaurant is a restaurant that has standardized menus, ingredients, food preparation or uniforms and in addition has the same name or trademark as others in a chain or group, or exterior or interior signage, design and/or architecture standardized among a chain or group.

Similarly, a formula retail store is any business that has the same name or trademark; exterior or interior signage, design and/or architecture; the same uniforms; or standardized merchandise as others in a chain or group. Gas stations and financial institutions such as banks are not included in the definition of formula retail store.

Gaba did add, however, a provision that excluded grocery stores, because it would be particularly difficult to find an independent supermarket. Board members added that independent drug stores would be similarly difficult to find, so Gaba will add a provision that allows certain uses by special permit (granted by the Village Board) in his redraft.

A drive-in window was defined in the draft as "a feature or improvement which permits customers to receive services and/or paid goods while remaining in their motor vehicles." Gaba also rec-

ommended getting rid of the term "customer shop" in other places of the code and replacing them with the now defined term "retail store."

While Gaba said that the Special Board's report on formula businesses "really lays out the case for adopting something like this," he said for the law to hold up in court, it would need "some more factually detailed information," as the stronger municipal laws tend to have. He recommended looking particularly at the business districts along Route 9D, to provide concrete research for adopting the law, whether it be on issues of community character, village aesthetic, traffic flow or pedestrian traffic, "so if you're challenged later on, you can say, 'Hey, we didn't just do this arbitrarily; we really looked into this carefully.'"

Mayor Seth Gallagher pointed out that the Special Board was working on such a report, and Special Board Chairman Mike Armstrong added that the committee would present that report at their meeting Thursday, Feb. 28.

Some board members expressed a desire to protect those businesses already established in the village that are or could become part of a chain (such as the approved Dunkin' Donuts or the existing Frozenberry), which could be "grandfathered in" (i.e., follow the current law) with a provision in the code. Gaba's redraft may include such a provision.

Next steps, Gaba said, would be for him to circulate the redrafted law to the Village Board and Special Board, schedule workshops to invite public comment, and to start the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process.



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Steven Mattson has worked in the financial services industry for 15 years. He is also a Marine Corps veteran of the Iraq War and is an active member of the Brewster Veterans of Foreign Wars, Putnam County Land Trust, and the Cub Scouts. This event will begin at 5 p.m. and last until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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Cold Spring trustee elections

Dear Editor:

The activities of the village that capture the most attention — in reporting, in meetings and in sidewalk conversations — are issues that push the village government to address immediate concerns: current year tax implications, the Butterfield development and successful management of Cold Spring’s operations. What encourages me about Stephanie Hawkins’s commitment to the village and the platform that she has put forward is that even as she is dedicating herself to solving the immediate, she is looking to the future. Her focus on infrastructure, strong budgeting and responsible zoning will provide the foundation for us to create the Cold Spring that we want to live in five, 10 or even 20 years from now.

While I don’t know what that Cold Spring will look like, I think that our village government should be actively discussing, thinking and planning for that future. Without a well-laid foundation I know that we will constantly be forced to address the immediate, and rather than shaping our own future, it will be shaped for us. I appreciate Stephanie’s commitment to laying the foundation for that future, and think that her vision and energy will be a real asset as a village trustee.

John Hedlund

Dear Editor:

It is not very often that Candy and I publicly endorse a candidate for local office. In the case of Stephanie Hawkins we are making a rare exception. Equally unusual is the fact that we both agree

on our support for her candidacy. Ms. Hawkins has already made immeasurable contributions to our community and she will make an excellent trustee.

We feel she will work to make the Village Board one that looks out for the best interests of all of the village residents. She will bring to the Village Board a woman’s perspective and the desire to build on the work that so many others have already invested. Most importantly however, she will bring to our government a sense of inclusiveness as opposed to the hubris which some claim to be “passion.” Only by working together can the village take on the challenges we face. We feel that Stephanie offers our best hope for that. We urge our fellow Cold Spring residents to vote for her.

Al and Candy Zgolinski  
Cold Spring

Dear Editor:

I am so delighted we have such a dedicated, smart, hard-working woman running for trustee on our Cold Spring Village Board.

I’ve known Stephanie Hawkins for the last couple of years. Not only is she a seemingly endless source of energy and ideas, she is a person who gets work done. My husband worked alongside her and a handful of others to found the Cold Spring Film Society, which quickly became a staple of summer in Cold Spring. Stephanie was instrumental to making the CSFS what it is. Her hard work with budgets and permits kept the group solvent. She reached out to the Village Board and worked with Trustee Bruce Campbell to bring CSFS to Dockside and turn a dream into a reality.

Stephanie doesn’t like the limelight; she

prefers to work behind the scenes. So I was surprised when she decided to run for trustee, as it would put the focus on her. But that just tells you how much she loves this community, that she’s decided to make this run for the good of our village.

There’s been a lot of drama in recent months at Village Hall. Despite being a board member of the Depot Theatre, Stephanie doesn’t do drama. She has a proven track record of playing well with others. And that’s what we need on our Village Board. I’m also glad Bruce Campbell is running for re-election. Bruce has been one of the most dedicated members of our community, serving on the Village Board AND the School Board, working to improve and protect the wonderful place we call home.

I’m voting for Stephanie Hawkins and Bruce Campbell, and I hope you will, too!

Best,  
Maia Guest  
Cold Spring

Dear Editor:

Michael Bowman is running for village trustee in the next election. I believe that he is very qualified to fulfill the duties of this elected office. He believes in open government, transparency and accountability. I feel that he will look at the big picture, not just bits and pieces, and do what is right for the residents of our village. Most people distrust politicians, but I trust him completely. I believe that he can once again bring back the trust that is lacking in our village. Please join me and elect Michael Bowman on March 19, 2013.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Allen  
Cold Spring

## New Festival ‘Pedal Into Spring’ Planned for Cold Spring (from page 1)

ad in the journal” being printed for the festival, said Chamber President Vinny Tamagna. “We’re putting a stake in the ground to build on; we’re going to transform Main Street into something spectacular,” he said. Tamagna challenged business owners to help make the festival a success. “We have to bring people here; get creative with your business; do something to attract cyclists’ families.” With organizers of the Putnam Cycling Classic hoping to welcome as many as 500 cyclists, the family, friends and spectators they bring with them could easily surpass that number.

Teri Barr, owner of Hudson Valley Outfitters and coordinator of Pedal Into Spring, reinforced Tamagna’s comments. “We don’t want to bring in outside vendors,” she said. “We want you to move your businesses out onto the sidewalk.”

Putnam County Tourism has developed a marketing plan to publicize the weekend’s events. Tourism Director Libby Pataki said that sponsors are being actively sought for the event and that the printed program being planned promises to be a “nice, thick journal.” She said ad sales are already taking off.

Local businesses specializing in flowers and plants will be encouraged to set up a tent on Main Street. “Who won’t buy flowers on the weekend before Mother’s Day?” Tamagna asked. He said the new event is already generating enthusiasm within the chamber and that “10 to 12 new members” have joined in the past two weeks.

To accommodate cyclists who come to town, bike racks will be set up in various locations along Main Street. And while serious cycling will be a key ingredient on Sunday, kids and their less-speedy bikes will also be a part of the weekend festivities. “Scoop the Loop” will draw upon a time-honored tradition in Cold Spring. Kids of all ages will be invited to decorate their bikes and take part in a

Organizers hope that if the Putnam Cycling Classic on May 5 attracts up to 500 cyclists, the family and friends they bring with them will keep busy and spend money while taking in Pedal Into Spring activities.

Photo by M. Turton

ride from Dockside, “scooping the loop” at the bandstand. Katie Robertson, event organizer, said that prizes will be awarded for the best decorated bikes.

Ray Fusco is organizing the Putnam Cycling Classic and is also charged with ensuring that the two events compliment each other.

“We want something we can reproduce and drive business to Cold Spring. We have to ensure that the two events are harmonious — traffic, parking, everything,” he said. “We need everyone involved and included. If we do it well, it will be a wonderful template for a fall event.”

A logo for Pedal Into Spring has been created, combining the weekend’s two main features — spring flowers and cycling. Colorful bicycle sprockets in the shape of flowers creatively illustrate the weekend’s dual identity.

In concentrating on events in the spring and fall, the chamber has opted not to sponsor the Summer Sunset Concert Series this summer. For the past several years the series has provided free, live

music at the Cold Spring bandstand on Sunday evenings throughout the summer.

Business owners who want to reserve a tent or who need information about Pedal Into Spring should contact Barr at Hudson Valley Outfitters.

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# Trustee Bruce Campbell Wants to Continue What He Is Doing

*A commitment to service and attention to details mark trustee's candidacy*

By Kevin E. Foley

Bruce Campbell shows up, rolls up his sleeves and digs in. As a village trustee, a member of the Haldane School Board or a committed member of local service organizations (Lions, Knights of Columbus), he plays the long game of attention to the details, patience with bureaucracy and consultation with stakeholders. This is how he relates his shoulder-to-the-wheel story as a lifelong village resident and the key reason voters should return him to office.

“As a trustee and the deputy mayor appointed by Mayor Gallagher, I have been involved in every part of the day-to-day operations of the village government,” said Campbell, who is finishing a four-year run added to a previous six-year incumbency from 2002-2006. In between, he was elected to the Haldane School Board, so he is no stranger to asking citizens for their votes.

“I have always worked in support of the chain of command,” said Campbell, adding to the sense of duty and effectiveness he wants to convey about his candidacy. Campbell is retired from 36 years’ civilian work, supervised by military officers, at West Point. He specialized in electronic communications work, involving maintenance of on-base radio frequencies as well as television signals and support of tactical training exercises.

Issues that demand constant attention and daily visits to the Village Hall, ac-

cording to Campbell, include the condition of the water treatment plant, the West Street pump station (which moves water uphill from the waterfront onto Fair Street where it can run over to the treatment plant before being discharged into the river), traffic safety on Main Street (Route 301) and Route 9D, involving crosswalks and lighting, as well as street drainage. These problems in search of solutions are only a partial list of items Campbell asserts he has helped address during his tenure.

He is especially proud of shepherding the Main Street renovation project that has involved years of interaction with the federal Department of Transportation, which first approved funding more than seven years ago. “We are going to see sidewalk repair, new lighting and some drainage upgrades as well as compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, with respect to curb cuts and the like,” said Campbell.

Campbell said he views working with Mayor Seth Gallagher on the new docking law, allowing visiting vessels to tie up at the foot of Main Street, as another significant accomplishment. He also includes working with the Hudson Highlands Land Trust on the railing and lighting improvements at the dock. “Making improvements and opening the dock area to boats can mean more tourism for village businesses without all the added traffic,” said Campbell.

One particularly cost-effective, below-the-radar effort Campbell takes pride in involves taking the time to work with the



Bruce Campbell Photo by K.E. Foley

Putnam County Inmate Work Program. Coordinated through the sheriff’s office, the village benefits by having individuals work off their community service time sentences on improvement projects. According to Campbell, the work has included minor carpentry, painting, staining and related tasks that have resulted in upgrades to the bandstand, the benches in the dock area as well as improvements in Mayor’s Park. He said the labor was no cost and the supplies paid for out of fees from use of these spaces for various events.

“As chairman of the Recreation Commission, I also like getting involved in the enjoyable aspects of community life, such as organizing Community Day (on the July 4 weekend), the senior citizens picnic, as well scheduling use of our fa-

cilities for weddings, graduations and other events,” said Campbell.

On the vexing Butterfield development controversy, Campbell finds himself looking for a way forward that recognizes the progress he believes has been made on changing the plans based on community input but also acknowledges the concerns raised at the last public hearing. “All the time we have spent on this as trustees, we thought we were getting close with the rezoning proposal. We thought the B4A/R1 would be acceptable to the majority,” said Campbell. “However, I share the same concerns people raised at the hearing,” he continued. “I don’t want to see a strip mall come out of it; nobody wants that. I don’t want my legacy to be something like Fishkill,” he said.

Campbell said he thought it important that the trustees return to the village’s adopted Comprehensive Plan and work toward making the zoning and other code changes that plan envisions.

Campbell references audit, insurance and personnel committee work to underline his familiarity with the nitty-gritty of government function and accountability. He cites the painstaking effort to arrive at a satisfactory agreement with the part-time police force on arbitration and other issues as another notch in the belt of granular governmental success.

“Since I was 18 (which he admits, when asked, was 41 years ago), I have always focused on what would be good for the village through serving in organizations and on boards, taking a leadership role. I am running for re-election now because I want to follow through on the things I have been working on,” he said.

## Repairs to Old Wall at St. Philip’s Church Planned for Summer *(from page 1)*

This week’s news of the wall project followed reports at the Philipstown Town Board meeting earlier this month of other road improvements expected to affect drivers this summer. At the board meeting, Councilor John Van Tassel told his colleagues that the DOT intended to undertake major work on the Taconic State Parkway, with the likely result that traffic diverted from the Taconic would use Route 9 through Philipstown instead. Supervisor Richard Shea then observed that further work on Snake Hill Road in Garrison, which links Routes 9 and 9D, also was scheduled for summer and would probably close Snake Hill Road for about two months.

Van Tassel, who serves as a Town Board liaison to other agencies on transportation issues, said Tuesday night that the Taconic work was supposed to start in August and end before school resumes in the fall. Until alerted this week, he had not known about the Route 9D project on St. Philip’s wall. He spoke with the state on Wednesday and later said that because of possible local concerns, the DOT would check the schedule and inform the town government accordingly.

Meanwhile, the old wall stood in stal-

wart gray silence, oblivious of pending efforts on its behalf.

“The stone wall was a personal offering from Gov. Hamilton Fish in 1883 when this was a quiet country lane,” the Rev. Frank Geer, St. Philip’s rector, told his congregation at the parish’s annual meeting on Sunday. “It was never intended to serve as a retaining wall to a busy state highway.”

The wall’s donor, Hamilton Fish, one of various family members to bear the name through several generations, lived in Garrison — when he wasn’t in Albany or Washington, immersed in national and state politics. He served as a governor of New York, U.S. senator and U.S. Secretary of State and over the years opposed the extension of slavery to land acquired during the 1840s war with Mexico, advocated the creation of free public educational institutions in New York state, helped prevent a war with Spain over Cuban independence in the 1870s, and gained a reputation for sound advice and conduct during the trouble-prone administration of President Ulysses S. Grant. A lawyer by profession, born in New York City in 1808, he also served on the vestry (parish council) of St. Philip’s and died at age 85 in Garrison.



A stretch of wall tumbles into the yard at St. Philip’s church. Photo by L.S. Armstrong



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# Overview of Haldane's Safety Measures Presented to Parents

By Alison Rooney

Members of Haldane's advisory Health and Safety Committee (HSC), together with Superintendent Mark Villanti, the principals, director of facilities and the school's outside safety auditor gathered together on Wednesday night (Feb. 27) to present an overview of current and past school safety measures, some implemented, some recommended, in a PTA-sponsored interactive presentation open to parents and the public.

Calling the subject of safety "critical and anxiety-producing" for parents, PTA President Laura Danilov stressed how "important it is for parents to be in partnership with the administration."

Haldane's HSC is an advisory committee created by the Board of Education and consisting of a mix of parents — including many law enforcement and/or security professionals — Haldane staff, and a board member. They are charged to:

- Participate in the investigation and disposition of health and safety complaints, issues and concerns.
- Ensure that at least one member of the committee participates in the annual visual inspection.
- Consult with district officials in completing safety ratings of all occupied school buildings.
- Monitor safety during school construction projects including periodic meetings to review issues and address complaints related to health and safety resulting from the project.
- Upon completion of a construction project, conduct a walk-through inspection to ensure the area is ready to be reopened for use.
- Provide an annual report to the Board of Education.

HSC co-chair Bob Ferris (along with Tom Cunningham), who is a criminal investigator with the county sheriff's department, spoke first, mentioning his eight years on the HSC. He said there was now "a real need to get up to speed, even though this is a small town," saying the process was a matter of "reviewing, upgrading, finding weaknesses." He stressed the importance of "securing the building with the aim of slowing down any potential intruder and speeding up the arrival of trained emergency services at the building[s]."

The resumes of some of the other committee members in attendance spoke to the abundance of professional experience in the voluntary committee: former MTA Police Chief of Security Kevin McConville; City of Beacon lead firearms instructor and Patrol Sgt. Kevin Junjulas; former New York Police Department,



Safety Committee Co-chair Bob Ferris, left, speaks with MSA Security Director Matt Dimmick after the Haldane safety meeting Feb. 27.  
Photo by A. Rooney

now Town of Fishkill police Sgt. Jim Spratt, who also works in private security; and Department of Homeland Security Special Agent Chris Shields. All have or had children who attended Haldane.

Shields said he felt it important "to be proactive rather than reactive. I also want the teachers to feel relaxed, the students secure, and other local agencies more involved."

Elementary/Middle School Assistant Principal Julia Sniffen described the formation of the HSC, in 1999, after Columbine, when "Project Save" legislation was enacted, requiring school districts to have emergency management plans. She said the plan had undergone several revisions, the first large one in response to the Sept. 11 attacks, and now, in response to the recent tragic events, another point of reevaluation.

Elementary/Middle School Principal Brent Harrington got down to some specifics, explaining that "in the wake of Sandy Hook, we took a hard look at protocols, entrances and the significant shift in culture, balancing community feelings with recognizing the need to increase safety." These changes include a shift in entrances and exits to the school; the positioning of two alternating "greeters" at the only entrance; the locking of doors earlier in the day, the evaluation of each door and each lock, and other measures. Harrington also stressed a change in "the practice and culture of all classrooms. Now all doors are locked-when closed, though the doors can remain open at the teachers' discretion; when they are shut, they are locked." Harrington also referred favorably to the Cold Spring Police presence on campus during arrival and dismissal times.

High School Principal Brian Alm spoke next, mentioning the school's lockdown

drill, which had taken place the day before, calling it successful in most aspects. He described rehearsing that drill and another "more intense" safety drill that takes place every two years to ensure that new staff receives timely training. An evacuation plan is in place, taking into account those high school students who leave the campus for lunch. There is now a text-alert system in place, which would immediately get the word out to all students to stay away from campus in the event of any incident.

Later in the discussion, in response to a question from a parent, the committee decided to test the text-alert system in the form of a drill on occasion. In addition to enhancements in the identification system, key and swipe-card controls, which Alm called "much more meticulous now," he called the "relationship with our students" the "biggest preventative measure. The addition of a school social worker two years ago is a tremendous asset."

Director of Facilities Mike Twardy further defined some of the new measures already implemented, including making sure all closets, mechanical and electrical rooms remain locked at all times; the changing of locks; the use of a swipe-card system, which he said aids greatly in determining who is coming and going; and the addition of numerous cameras. He broke things down into immediate and future goals, the future being contingent, of course, upon securing the funding needed, not an easy proposition nowadays. On his wish list are better video monitoring systems, programmable doors and more cameras. Considering limited funding, he is looking to integrate more systems among all buildings on the campus and is, at all times, using a multiple bid system.

Villanti said the HSC was "helping us develop a balancing point where we are as safe and secure as possible, while not making this environment different from the current culture." To further that, the school has just concluded a safety audit. Director of MSA Security Matt Dimmick, who has extensive background in both military and private security, served as the auditor. Dimmick said he first looked at the facility "from the perimeter out," seeking a "layer of defense. How do we detect threats? Through the social workers, interactions with students, looking for odd behaviors, monitoring of Internet threats." He then proceeded to "the building envelope, beginning with the façade: 'How do I get in?'"

Dimmick provided more details on changes made to doors, entranceways, methods of ingress and egress, intercom systems, classroom doors (down to things as basic as hinges), etc., saying the ultimate goal was to set these things in place while still making "parents comfortable, children comfortable and having a place where education can happen — none of this should impinge on a child's ability to learn." All methods of entry, including windows, tunnels and rooftops were looked into.

Shifting his remarks towards "active shooter response," Dimmick described the three possibilities as "run, hide, fight" and spoke of a room-by-room examination and teacher training on hiding and exiting. He called the "sheltering areas" [of each room] "large enough for the whole school population." Teachers receive training via a safety plan gone over at faculty meetings.

Saying that shooters "have many common statistics, but no real profile," he again reiterated the need to hopefully deter and use all delaying tactics possible to allow for a law enforcement response, and also to have things set up systematically but not necessarily revealed to the public, for security's sake. Dimmick said, "In a real crisis, things don't follow a plan, because people will be scared," nonetheless things like a designated site for all on campus to head to, and ways of alerting parents not to descend on the buildings en masse, can better be facilitated.

Questions from the parents in attendance followed, on topics ranging from the value of having a school resource officer (as in the past), who would be funded 50/50 by the school and county, to the fine line between making children fearful and having them prepared, to putting up a proposition vote to the community to pay for further security enhancements — something Villanti seemed to think was inevitable in "taking the school to the next level" of protection.

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Antje Duvekot, above (Photo by Asia Kepka), members of Yarn, above right, and The Big Bright, who will be performing at Winterfest (Photos courtesy of Local 845)



## Warming Up With Music at Winterfest

Four-act lineup performs Saturday at The Roundhouse

By Alison Rooney

Riverfest, the free daylong music, food and crafts festival, has become one of Beacon's signature and most popular public events, attracting an increasing number of crowds (more than 3,000 people attended last year) to its multiple stages each June. This year's event, scheduled for June 29, will feature three stages and curated craft and food vendors. In order to keep it free and to keep it going, Riverfest's organizers, Local 845, need to fundraise, and, in keeping with the spirit of things, what better way to do so than through music?

Enter Winterfest, a concert taking place this Saturday night (March 2) and the first to be held in the aptly named Waterfall Room (the falls are directly outside the huge, floor-to-ceiling windows) at The Roundhouse at Beacon Falls. With three headline acts and a fourth, homegrown "surprise," the organizers are inviting attendees to "Come celebrate in communal warmth and brighten up the bleak, midwinter months ... in anticipation of the sunny days ahead."

Local 845's Stephen Clair, Winterfest's organizer, wanted to up the ante this year for this event, for which all proceeds will go directly towards Riverfest. "For our first three years we did something entirely different: pancake breakfasts, which were nice, grassroots, but a lot of work for not a lot of fundraising," said Clair. "In our first year we had some concerts at the Howland Center, which were kind of a mishmash of local musicians. This time we wanted to do something more gussied up." With that in mind, he

approached Brendan McAlpine of The Roundhouse, who "very generously provided the exquisite space." Winterfest will be a seated concert, with a bar open for drinks, some food served and "a classy set of artists performing."

With the space secured, Clair booked bands he thought would work well with its "tremendous acoustics. Riverfest is about rock bands — it's an outdoor festival. For Winterfest I booked more on the acoustic side of things," he noted.

The Big Bright pulls together keyboardist Glenn Patscha and guitarist/vocalist Fiona McBain of the popular Americana roots-rock band Ollabelle, with singer/songwriter Liz Tormes. Big Bright will make their Hudson Valley debut (their overall debut was last September at Rockwood Music Hall in Manhattan) and, according to concert press notes, "pour beautiful harmonies and understated arrangements over a surprising selection of Brit-pop and vintage New Wave guilty pleasures in support of a new disc called *I Slept Through the '80s*."

Dubbing themselves "the new wake of New Wave," the Big Bright was, according to the release: "formed around a shared guilty pleasure — vintage New Wave and '80s Brit-pop (think Depeche Mode, Tears for Fears, The Cure) — The Big Bright finds the beating heart in the melodies, lyrics and frailties hidden in the overblown, overly familiar period arrangements of retro-pop favorites, translating them into smart, dreamy — and original — contemporary pop soundscapes."

Clair added, "Their new project is understated — it's taken from the '80s, but subdued." To learn more and listen to a few tracks visit [thebigbright.com](http://thebigbright.com) and [soundcloud.com/thebigbright](http://soundcloud.com/thebigbright).

Also performing will be Antje

Duvekot (pronounced aunt-yuh doo-va-kott), a Boston-based singer/songwriter with a classically sharp poetic sensibility. Duvekot is "the rare artist who can write about the social and the personal in the same breath," said Boston's folk icon Ellis Paul. "Her voice has a sound of innocence and naiveté which makes razor-sharp insights into the human condition." Producer Neil Dorfman (Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, Sting) added: "She creates an entire, detailed world in verse, and takes you there with beautiful and understated melody. Her songs are stunning paintings of color and shade." And as Springsteen biographer Dave Marsh said, "Antje is the whole package."

Her latest album, *New Siberia*, was produced by folk legend Richard Shindell. Duvekot calls her lyric influences "the greats: Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Paul Simon and Leonard Cohen, all Mount Rushmore-like figures." To listen to her work, visit [antjeduvekot.com](http://antjeduvekot.com).

"Jammy, Americana alt-country rockers" Yarn will appear too, invited back after their 2010 Riverfest appearance because "people want to see them again," said Clair. Press notes said Yarn "follows in the fine tradition of The Grateful Dead and Widespread Panic in working crowds into a mellow, communal frenzy. Yarn's sound owes as much to Gram Parsons and Earl Scruggs as to Jerry Garcia and *Exile On Main Street*-era Rolling Stones. Led by singer/songwriter Blake Christiana, their fourth and latest disc, *Almost Home*, produced by the multi-Grammy winning Bil VornDick (Alison Krauss, Ralph Stanley, Bob Dylan), comes close to capturing their blistering live shows and is certainly their most electric to date, but they are definitely best caught live."

Yarn recently appeared at Austin's famed South by Southwest (SXSW) festival in the New Frontier Showcase. Clair calls Yarn "a little louder," (Continued on page 11)

## Desmond-Fish Librarian Polly Townsend Retiring

By Christine Simek

After over 18 years of reading books and telling stories to the children of Philipstown, Polly Townsend (or 'Miss Polly,' as she's known to her audiences) is retiring as the children's librarian at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison. Her last day was Feb. 28.

"I'm going to miss them — the kids," Townsend said. "I've loved doing crafts with the children and planning story hours."

Townsend, a Garrison native, earned her undergraduate degree in writing from Franconia College and a master's degree in English literature from the University of New Hampshire. After spending some time living and working in Greece, she returned to New England and spent several years teaching writing to incarcerated young men and as a freelance journalist, ever passionate about language and literature.

Townsend and her family moved back to the Philipstown area in 1990, eventually settling into a home situated on several acres of the land she lived on and roamed around as a kid. During her childhood, Townsend's father tended an organic garden on the property "before anyone knew what organic gardening was," laughed Townsend. "But I learned to love nature and the land with him."

As she had two school-aged children to care for at the time of their move, the children's librarian post at the library allowed Townsend to balance work (and her love of books) with her responsibilities as a parent. "It was a perfect fit," she said.

Townsend's appreciation for the natural world has, over the years, inspired the programs she's developed at the library. Townsend (with the help of the children who attend her library programs) maintains herb and vegetable gardens on library grounds. In the spring and summertime, butterflies and hummingbirds visit the feeders she's placed just outside of the huge glass window in the children's room where

(Continued on page 11)



Polly Townsend and her favorite children's book, *Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney

Photo by C. Simek



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One of our regular customers at the Goose is David Duffy who says he's a novelist. He buys coffee and always has a rude comment for the boss. I think of him as the Insulter-in-Chief because he'll accuse the boss of cheating him and leave the store with remarks like "See you next week if you haven't been indicted for fraud." If he is indeed a writer he's not the only artistic character around Philipstown. There are four biographers who will surely mention Cold Spring in their work.

First up is journalist Gabriel Sherman of *New York Magazine* who is writing a biography of leading citizen and husband of the owner of the *PCNR*, Roger Ailes. Next comes Mr. Ailes himself who promises to write about Mr. Ailes and include passages on Cold Spring and some of its citizens. I certainly hope that the reviewer in the *PCNR* will be kind. Remarkably, an authorized biography of Ailes, this one by Zev Chafets, is just out. Isn't Mr. Ailes competing against himself?

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Fourth is the boss. She has completed her manuscript and delivered it to her publisher with the title, *Lament of an Expat. How I discovered America and tried to mend it*. I hear that, because of his importance, the impact of Mr. Ailes on the district is discussed in her volume. I'm no critic but David Duffy read an early version and says it's almost as good as his alleged novels.

I may be biased of course but the boss's book sounds exciting. It includes a plane crash from which she walked away with hardly a graze, a strange encounter with Mafia wives, with Robert Redford, with Richard Nixon, with a Manhattan call girl from the boss's home town in Wales and it describes her wedding on a Caribbean island, which was supposed to exclude God but didn't. She portrays Cold Spring and its long, varied history with affection, recalling how almost single-handedly the late Donald Lusk stopped Hollywood director Steven Spielberg from making *War of the Worlds* in Cold Spring. Was that good? I don't know.

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MARINA GALLERY | 153 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-2204 | [themarinagallery.com](http://themarinagallery.com)  
Ends March 31

### As the Crow Flies

9 A.M. - 5 P.M. MONDAY TO THURSDAY  
11 A.M. - 5 P.M. SATURDAY  
NOON - 5 P.M. SUNDAY  
BEACON INSTITUTE | 199 Main St., Beacon  
845-838-1600 | [bire.org/events](http://bire.org/events) | Ends March 2

### Eleni Smolen: These Are Mine

11 A.M. - 6 P.M. FRIDAY TO SUNDAY  
THEO GANZ STUDIO | 149 Main St., Beacon  
917-318-2239 | [theoganzstudio.com](http://theoganzstudio.com)  
Ends March 3

### Family

NOON - 5 P.M. MONDAY TO SATURDAY  
MAD DOOLEY GALLERY | 197 Main St., Beacon  
845-702-7045 | Ends March 24

### Figuratively Speaking

NOON - 6 P.M. THURSDAY TO SUNDAY  
GALLERY 66 NY | 66 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-809-5838 | [gallery66ny.com](http://gallery66ny.com)  
Ends March 31

Peekskill Project V: The New Hudson River School | Ends July 28

The Power of Place | Ends April 28

11 A.M. - 5 P.M. FRIDAY  
NOON - 6 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
HUDSON VALLEY CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART  
1701 Main St., Peekskill  
914-788-0100 | [hvcca.org](http://hvcca.org)

### Photography by Phil Haber

10 A.M. - 8 P.M. MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY  
10 A.M. - 5 P.M. TUESDAY AND THURSDAY TO SATURDAY  
NOON - 3 P.M. SUNDAY  
BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY  
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring  
845-265-3040 | [butterfieldlibrary.org](http://butterfieldlibrary.org)  
Ends March 14

### Robert Rodriquez Jr. Photographs

NOON - 6 P.M. WEDNESDAY TO MONDAY  
RIVERWINDS GALLERY | 172 Main St., Beacon  
845-838-2880 | [riverwindsgallery.com](http://riverwindsgallery.com)  
Ends March 4

### Say Peekskill by Ben Altman

9 A.M. - 9 P.M. MONDAY, TUESDAY THURSDAY  
11 A.M. - 9 P.M. WEDNESDAY  
9 A.M. - 5 P.M. FRIDAY  
10 A.M. - 5 P.M. SATURDAY  
1 P.M. - 4 P.M. SUNDAY  
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Ends March 28

### The Shifting by Liliane Tomasko

#### In Search of America by Stephen Cox

10 A.M. - 5 P.M. TUESDAY TO SUNDAY  
GARRISON ART CENTER  
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3960 | [garrisonartcenter.org](http://garrisonartcenter.org)  
Ends March 3

### Studio Mali by François Deschamps

NOON - 6 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
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#### Children Read to Dogs (ages 7-10)

3:30 - 5 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY  
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#### Pizza Night and Ice Cream Social

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#### Wine Tasting

4 - 7 P.M. ARTISAN WINE SHOP | 180 Main St., Beacon | 845-440-6923 | [artisanwineshop.com](http://artisanwineshop.com)

#### Wine & Cheese

5 - 8 P.M. ANTIPODEAN BOOKS  
29 Garrison's Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3867 | [antipodean.com](http://antipodean.com)

#### Sunset Readings DJ Dance Party Fundraiser

8 P.M. CATHRYN'S TUSCAN GRILL  
91 Main St., Cold Spring | [sunsetreadings.org](http://sunsetreadings.org)

### Sports

#### Army Hockey vs. Holy Cross

7 P.M. TATE RINK, WEST POINT  
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### Art & Design

#### Aspects (Opening)

6 - 8 P.M. MARINA GALLERY | 153 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-2204 | [marinagallery.com](http://marinagallery.com)

#### Figuratively Speaking (Opening)

6 - 9 P.M. GALLERY 66 NY | 66 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-809-5838 | [gallery66ny.com](http://gallery66ny.com)

### Theater & Film

#### God of Carnage

8 P.M. THE BEACON THEATRE | 445 Main St., Beacon | 845-453-2978 | [thebeacontheatre.org](http://thebeacontheatre.org)

#### Prisoners

8 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT THEATRE  
10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3900 | [philipstowndepottheatre.org](http://philipstowndepottheatre.org)

### Music

#### Chris Ruhe With Dance Performances by Anna Ruhe and Friends

8 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER  
477 Main St., Beacon  
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#### The Compact

9 P.M. MAX'S ON MAIN | 246 Main St., Beacon  
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## Garrison Art Center

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**Free Computer Help**  
2 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY | 472 Route 403, Garrison | 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

**Calling All Poets**  
8 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

**Beginner AA Meeting**  
8 P.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
10 Academy St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

Religious Services

**Beacon Hebrew Alliance**  
5:30 P.M. SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA  
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon  
847-831-2012 | beaconhebrewalliance.org

**Philipstown Reform Synagogue**  
6 P.M. SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA  
St. Mary's Church, 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
845-265-8011 | philipstownreformsynagogue.org

**Stations of the Cross**  
6 P.M. ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
845-265-2539 | stmaryscoldspring.org

**Reform Temple of Putnam Valley**  
6:30 P.M. SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA  
362 Church, Putnam Valley  
845-528-4774 | ny069.urj.net

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Kids & Community

**Cold Spring Farmers' Market**  
8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER | 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison | csfarmmarket.org

**Math and Science Matter, Especially for Young Women (grades 5-8)**  
8:45 A.M. - 12:45 P.M. DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE | 53 Pendell Road, Poughkeepsie  
845-431-8545 | sunydutchess.edu/msm

**Food Pantry**  
9 - 10 A.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN | 10 Academy St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

**Four Seasons Hike One: Winter**  
10 A.M. MOUNT BEACON PARK  
Route 9D and Howland Avenue, Beacon  
845-473-4440, ext. 273 | scenichudson.org

**Public Eagle Hike**  
10 A.M. CONSTITUTION MARSH AUDUBON CENTER  
127 Warren Landing, Garrison  
845-265-2601 | constitutionmarsh.audubon.org

**Maple Sugar Festival**  
10:30 A.M. - 3 P.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER  
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall  
845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

**Meet the Animals**  
1 & 2:30 P.M. WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER  
25 Boulevard, Cornwall  
845-534-7781 | hhnaturemuseum.org

**Make Your Own Lip Gloss (ages 11 and up)**  
1 P.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
313 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**Wine Tasting**  
3 - 6 P.M. ARTISAN WINE SHOP  
See details under Friday.

**Sports**  
**Army Women's Basketball vs. Lehigh**  
1 P.M. CHRISTI ARENA, WEST POINT  
845-938-2526 | goarmysports.com

**Art & Design**  
**Dia:Beacon Tour**  
1 P.M. 3 BEEKMAN ST., BEACON  
845-440-0100 | diabeacon.org

**Meet the Artist: François Deschamps**  
1 - 4 P.M. FOVEA EXHIBITIONS | 143 Main St., Beacon | 917-930-0034 | foveaexhibitions.org

**Abstractions: New Modernism (Opening)**  
6:30 - 8:30 P.M. ANN STREET GALLERY  
104 Ann St., Newburgh  
845-784-1146 | annstreetgallery.org



Hudson Valley Swappers

The Hudson Valley Swappers will hold a food swap at the Beacon Farmers Market on Sunday, March 3. It's a chance to swap homemade or homegrown foods with other people in the area.

Source: facebook.com/HudsonValleySwappers

Theater & Film

**Auditions for Beyond the Fringe**  
10 A.M. - NOON & 1 - 3 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT THEATRE | 10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org  
Email josephdunn9@gmail.com

**Prisoners**  
8 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT THEATRE  
See details under Friday.

**God of Carnage**  
8 P.M. THE BEACON THEATRE  
Details under Friday

Music

**Beacon Winterfest**  
7 - 11 P.M. THE ROUNDHOUSE AT BEACON FALLS  
2 East Main St., Beacon  
917-806-1348 | local845.com

**T Jay**  
9 P.M. MAX'S ON MAIN | See details under Friday.

**Meetings & Lectures**  
**AA Meeting**  
10 A.M. - NOON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
216 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-3365

**Introduction to Buddhism**  
10 A.M. - 1 P.M. GRAYMOOR SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER  
1350 Route 9, Garrison  
914-522-9044 | maevetx1@optonline.net

**Free Computer Help**  
2 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY  
See details under Friday.

**Religious Services**  
**Mass at Our Lady of Loretto**  
5:30 P.M. 24 FAIR ST., COLD SPRING  
845-265-3718 | ourladyoflorettocs.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

**Kids & Community**  
**Not Your Mama's Sunday School (ages 8-16)**  
11 A.M. - 2 P.M. SCHOOL OF JELLYFISH  
183 Main St., Beacon  
845-440-8017 | schoolofjellyfish.com

**Farmer's Market**  
11 A.M. - 3 P.M. SCENIC HUDSON'S RIVER CENTER  
Long Dock Drive, Beacon  
845-234-9325 | thebeaconfarmersmarket.com

**Hudson Valley Food Swap**  
NOON - 3 P.M. BEACON FARMERS MARKET  
Long Dock Road, Beacon  
845-234-9325 | thebeaconfarmersmarket.com

**Meet the Animals**  
1 & 2:30 P.M. WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER  
See details under Saturday.

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Gallery Exhibit Opening  
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The Calendar (from page 9)

**FrogWatch Training**  
2 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY | 472 Route 403, Garrison | 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org  
Sponsored by Putnam Highlands Audubon Society

**Little League Baseball Clinic**  
5:30 P.M. MAJORS  
6:30 P.M. MINORS  
PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER  
107 Glencllyffe Drive, Garrison  
philipstownlittleleague.com

**Putnam Valley Educational Foundation Benefit Auction**  
7 P.M. CAMP COMBE | 684 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley | pvefny.org

Health & Fitness

**Hudson Valley Co-Ed Soccer**  
7:45 A.M. FISHKILL RECREATION CENTER  
793 Route 52, Fishkill  
meetup.com/hudsonvalleycoedsoccer

Art & Design

**Drop-In Art Sessions**  
9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. DRAWING & PAINTING FROM LIFE (LONG POSE)  
10 A.M. - 1 P.M. ETCHING  
1:30 - 3:30 P.M. PRINTMAKING  
GARRISON ART CENTER | 23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison | 845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Theater & Film

**Auditions for Beyond the Fringe**  
10 A.M. - NOON PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT THEATRE  
See details under Saturday.

**OC57: The Obsessive Compulsive Major Depression Bipolar Asberger's Movie (Documentary)**  
NOON. DOWNING FILM CENTER  
19 Front St., Newburgh  
845-561-3686 | downingfilmcenter.com

**Prisoners**  
2 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT THEATRE  
See details under Friday.

**God of Carnage**  
3 P.M. THE BEACON THEATRE | Details under Friday

**A Chorus Line**  
3 P.M. EISENHOWER HALL THEATRE | 655 Ruger Rd., West Point | 845-938-4159 | ikehall.com

Music

**Yes! Women Hold Up More Than Half The Sky!**  
2 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org  
Presented by Southern Dutchess NAACP

**Chiara String Quartet**  
3 P.M. MONTGOMERY SENIOR CENTER  
36 Bridge St., Montgomery  
845-457-9867 | chiaraquartet.net

**Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman**  
3 P.M. ENGER HALL | 685 Hardee Place, West Point | 845-938-2617 | westpointband.com

Meetings & Lectures

**Beginner AA Meeting**  
NOON. GRAYMOOR SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER  
1350 Route 9, Garrison  
800-338-2620 | graymoorcenter.org

**Brave New Gita With Madan Oppenheimer**  
4 P.M. BEACON YOGA CENTER  
464 Main St., Beacon  
347-489-8406 | beaconyogacenter.com

**AA Open Meeting**  
8 P.M. ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring | 845-265-2539  
stmaryscoldspring.org

**Religious Services Our Lady of Loretto**  
7:30, 9, & 11:45 A.M. MASS  
24 Fair St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3718 | ourladyoflorettocs.com

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**  
8 & 10:30 A.M. 1 CHESTNUT ST., COLD SPRING  
845-265-2539 | stmaryscoldspring.org

**St. Philip's Episcopal Church**  
8 & 10:30 A.M. 1101 ROUTE 9D, GARRISON  
845-424-3571 | stphilipshighlands.org

**Grace United Methodist Church**  
8:15 & 10 A.M. | 337 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley | 845-526-3788

**St. Basil's Academy Greek Orthodox Chapel**  
8:30 A.M. ROUTE 9D, GARRISON  
845-424-3500 | saintbasilacademy.org

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church**  
9 A.M. 65 OSCAWANA LAKE RD., PUTNAM VALLEY  
845-528-8858 | stlukesputnamvalley.org

**First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown**  
9 A.M. ADULT BIBLE STUDY  
10:30 A.M. SERVICE  
10 Academy St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

**South Highland Methodist Church**  
9:30 A.M. 19 SNAKE HILL ROAD, GARRISON  
845-265-3365

**Quaker Friends Worship**  
10 A.M. WHYATT HOME  
845-424-3525 | Call for directions.

**St. Joseph's Chapel**  
10:15 A.M. 74 UPPER STATION ROAD, GARRISON  
845-265-3718 | ourladyoflorettocs.com

**Church on the Hill**  
10:30 A.M. 245 MAIN ST., COLD SPRING  
845-265-2022 | coldspringchurchonthehill.org

**Fourth Unitarian Society**  
10:30 A.M. 1698 STRAWBERRY ROAD, MOHEGAN LAKE | 914-528-7131 | fourthuu.org

**Graymoor Spiritual Life Center**  
11 A.M. PILGRIM HALL, 1350 ROUTE 9, GARRISON  
800-338-2620 | graymoorcenter.org

**United Methodist Church**  
11 A.M. 216 MAIN ST., COLD SPRING  
845-265-3365

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Kids & Community

**Bridge Club**  
9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

**Little Bookworms (ages 2.5 to 5)**  
10 A.M. BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY  
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring  
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

**AARP Tax Assistance**  
10 A.M. - 2 P.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
313 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**Indoor Tot Park**  
NOON - 2 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER  
See details under Friday.

Health & Fitness

**Cooking With Whole Grains With Nicki Sizemore**  
9:30 A.M. PHILIPSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER  
107 Glencllyffe Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

**Youth Basketball Skills/Drills (Grades 3-8)**  
6:15 - 7:15 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER  
107 Glencllyffe Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

**Men's Basketball**  
7:30 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER  
107 Glencllyffe Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Art & Design

**Drop-In Drawing & Painting From Life (Short Pose)**  
9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. GARRISON ART CENTER  
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Music

**Community Chorus**  
7 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Meetings & Lectures

**Introduction to Computers**  
4 P.M. BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY  
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring  
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# The Calendar *(from page 10)*

**Member Meeting**  
7 P.M. COLD SPRING BOAT CLUB  
5 New St., Cold Spring  
845-265-2465 | coldspringboatclub.com

**PCNR Candidates' Forum**  
7 P.M. HALDANE SCHOOL (CAFETERIA)  
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring  
845-265-2468 | pcnr.com

**Parents Support Group**  
7 P.M. COLD SPRING HEALING ARTS  
6 Marion Ave., Cold Spring | 914-522-9044  
Sponsored by Haldane and Garrison PTAs

**AA Big Book Meeting**  
8 P.M. ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1101 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-424-3571 | stphilipshighlands.org

## TUESDAY, MARCH 5

### Kids & Community

**Indoor Tot Park**  
9 - 11 A.M. & NOON - 2 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN  
RECREATION CENTER | Information under Friday

**Muddy Buddies (grades K-2) First Session**  
3:45 P.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER  
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall  
845-534-5506, ext. 204 | hhnaturemuseum.org

**Block Party (0-3) & Lego Club (4+)**  
4 P.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
313 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**Kids Craft Hour**  
4 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY | 472 Route 403,  
Garrison | 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

### Music

**The Dream Choir**  
7 P.M. YOGASONG STUDIO  
27 Travis Corners Road, Garrison  
845-424-4340 | yogasongstudio.com

### Meetings & Lectures

**Knitting Club**  
10 A.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY | 313 Main  
St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**The Lives and Legends of Hudson River Fishes**  
6:30 P.M. SCENIC HUDSON'S RIVER CENTER  
Long Dock Road, Beacon  
845-473-4440, ext. 273 | scenichudson.org  
Part of the Naturalist Lecture Series

**AA Open Meeting**  
7 P.M. ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1101 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-424-3571 | stphilipshighlands.org

**Haldane School Board**  
7 P.M. HALDANE SCHOOL | 15 Craigside Drive,  
Cold Spring | 845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

**Board of Trustees Workshop**  
7:30 P.M. VILLAGE HALL | 85 Main St., Cold  
Spring | 845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

**Cold Spring Planning Board**  
7:30 P.M. VILLAGE HALL | 85 Main St., Cold  
Spring | 845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

**Women's AA Meeting**  
7:30 P.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
10 Academy St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

**NHFD Company Meeting**  
8 P.M. NORTH HIGHLANDS FIRE HOUSE  
504 Fishkill, Cold Spring | nhfd21.org

### Religious Services

**Bible Study**  
7 P.M. OUR LADY OF LORETTO  
24 Fair St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3718 | ourladyoflorettocs.com

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

### Kids & Community

**Indoor Tot Park**  
9 - 11 A.M. & NOON - 2 P.M.  
PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER  
See details under Friday.

**Chess Club With Moning Lin**  
10 A.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

**Mah Jongg Open Play**  
10 A.M. - 1 P.M. VFW HALL  
34 Kemble Ave., Cold Spring  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

**Senior Bus Trip to Fishkill**  
10 A.M. PICK-UP AT CHESTNUT RIDGE  
10:15 A.M. PICK-UP AT PERKS PLAZA  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

**Music & Movement for Toddlers**  
10:15 A.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY  
472 Route 403, Garrison  
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

**Preschool Story Hour**  
1:30 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY  
472 Route 403, Garrison  
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

**Flights of Imagination (grades 3-5) First Session**  
3:45 P.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER  
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall  
845-534-5506, ext. 204 | hhnaturemuseum.org

**move + play (ages 5-7)**  
4 P.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134  
beaconlibrary.org

### Meetings & Lectures

**Peace Walk for a Nuclear-Free Future**  
6:30 P.M. ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
845-764-1865 | stmaryscoldspring.org

**Men's Group**  
6:30 P.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
10 Academy St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

**AA Meeting**  
7:15 P.M. BEGINNERS  
8:30 P.M. CLOSED DISCUSSION  
ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1101 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-424-3571 | stphilipshighlands.org

**Life Support Group**  
7:30 P.M. ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1101 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-424-3571 | stphilipshighlands.org

**Garrison School Board**  
7:30 P.M. GARRISON SCHOOL  
1100 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

### Religious Services

**Contemplative Prayer**  
7 A.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN  
10 Academy St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

**Morning Minyan**  
8:30 A.M. BEACON HEBREW ALLIANCE  
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon  
847-831-2012 | beaconhebrewalliance.org

**Bible Study and Mass**  
9:30 A.M. JOHN XXIII PARLOR, 6TH FLOOR  
Graymoor, 1350 Route 9, Garrison  
800-338-2620 | graymoorcenter.org

**Bible Study**  
7 P.M. CHURCH ON THE HILL  
245 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-2022  
coldspringchurchonthehill.org

## THURSDAY, MARCH 7

### Kids & Community

**Indoor Tot Park**  
9 A.M. - 11 A.M. & NOON - 2 P.M.  
PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER  
See details under Friday.

**Brain Games for Adults**  
10 A.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY | 313 Main  
St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**AARP Tax Assistance**  
10 A.M. - 2 P.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
See details under Monday.

**Bouncing Babies**  
10:30 A.M. BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY  
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring  
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

### Health & Fitness

**Adult Co-Ed Volleyball**  
7:30 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER  
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

**Breakthrough Wellness Workshop**  
7:30 P.M. THE LIVING ROOM | 103 Main St., Cold  
Spring | 646-241-8478 | delicious-nutrition.com

### Music

**Hudson Valley Comhaltas**  
6:30 P.M. CLASSES  
8 P.M. SESSION  
NORTH HIGHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT  
504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring  
hudsonvalleycce@gmail.com

**Old-Timey Fiddle/Mandolin Class**  
7:30 P.M. GARRISON ART CENTER  
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison | harrybolick.com

### Meetings & Lectures

**Poetry Writing Workshop/Open Mic**  
6 P.M. BEANRUNNER CAFÉ  
201 S. Division, Peekskill  
914-737-1701 | beanrunnercafe.com

**Beacon Board Not Bored**  
7 P.M. CUP AND SAUCER | 165 Main St., Beacon  
meetup.com/Beacon-Board-not-Bored

**Garrison PTA**  
7 P.M. GARRISON SCHOOL  
1100 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

**Philipstown Tech Group: IT Professionals**  
7 P.M. TIGHTROPE INTERACTIVE  
76 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-809-5595

**Relay for Life Organizational Meeting**  
7 P.M. NICOLA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT  
3620 Route 9, Cold Spring  
845-440-2521 | relayforlife.org/philipstownny

**Town Board Meeting**  
7:30 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN TOWN HALL  
238 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-5200 | philipstown.com

**AA Step Meeting**  
8 P.M. ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
845-265-2539 | stmaryscoldspring.org

**Philipstown Freemasons**  
8 P.M. MASONIC LODGE | 18 Secor St., Nelsonville  
845-265-2244 | philipstown236fam.org

### Religious Services

**Hill Top Visionaries (Young Adults)**  
6:30 P.M. CHURCH ON THE HILL  
245 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-2022 | coldspringchurchonthehill.org

**Light, Dirt & Longing: Exploring Genesis in the Jewish and Christian Traditions**  
7:30 P.M. BEACON HEBREW ALLIANCE  
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# Warming Up With Music at Winterfest *(from page 7)*

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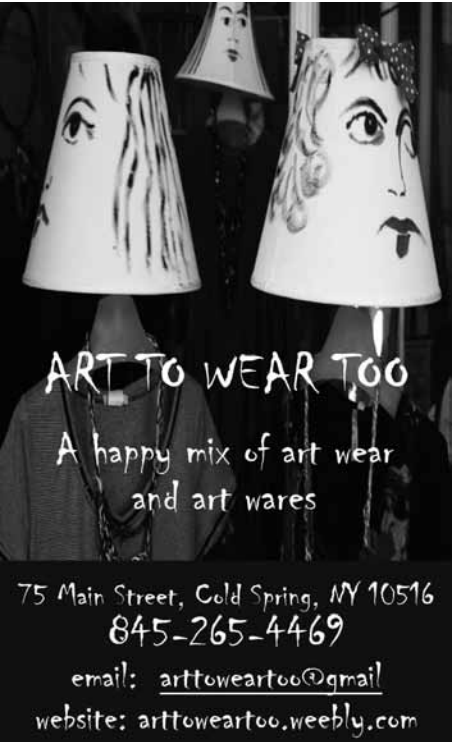
The fourth and unadvertised act will be the Beacon Music Factory House Band. Consisting of many of the Factory’s disparate teacher-musicians, this band, whose members include a conservatory-trained violinist, a jazz trumpeter and a harmonica master, will, according to Clair, “debut their super eclectic and cool sound. We began, thinking of it initially, as an outreach effort and thought ‘if we put them in a room together it will be fantastic.’ Truthfully, it was a rough start at first, as they were coming from such different schools, but they have really learned how to work together.” They will bring their unique instrumentals to a handful of songs, including the standard “Lazy River.”

The doors will open at 7 p.m. The Roundhouse is located at 2 E. Main St. in Beacon. Tickets, which cost \$45, may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 845-202-3555 or on brownpapertickets.com. There are a few VIP tickets designated “Snow Angels” with front-and-center seating, and these cost \$90.

# Desmond-Fish Librarian Polly Townsend Retiring *(from page 7)*

stories are read. Townsend is looking forward to spending more time in her own garden now that she’ll have more free time. She’ll also tap the maple trees on her property, care for her chickens and bees and increase the number of hours she volunteers at the Therapeutic Equestrian Center in Cold Spring. Surely, Townsend will be missed. “Polly’s watched children grow up here,” said Library Director Carol Donick. “She’s passed on a love for reading and an appreciation for all of the wonderful things that libraries have to offer.” The Desmond-Fish Library hosts children’s programs throughout the year. Music and movement classes for toddlers as well as story and craft hours for elementary-aged children are held weekly. Special programs are scheduled for weekends, over school vacations and during the summer.

Lucille Merry will be taking over the role as children’s librarian at Desmond-Fish effective immediately, and all programming will continue without interruption.



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## Gardens Needed for Partners With PARC Tour

Partners with PARC, a nonprofit dedicated to securing the financial future of people with disabilities, will host its annual Putnam County Secret Garden Tour on Saturday, June 8, and gardens are needed for this year’s fundraiser.

The tour, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, is a self-guided driving tour of gardens across Putnam County. Tour organizers are looking for unique, memorable and special gardens to profile for this year’s tour.

“Building on the success of our past garden tours and our well-known Cold Spring by Candlelight House Tour, we are in need of new and exciting gardens to showcase for this year’s Putnam County Secret Garden Tour fundraiser,” said Rand Otten, director of development for Partners with PARC. “With the support of our Putnam County friends and neighbors, we hope to expand our tour and include gardens that are rarely seen and off the beaten path.”

A total of 12 gardens from across Putnam County are needed for this year’s event. Tour organizers are looking for formal gardens, charming country gardens, water gardens, alpine gardens, perennial flowering landscapes, rose gardens and much more. All garden owners on this year’s tour will be given a trip for four to Cancún, Mexico (accommodations only, for five days/four nights) as an incentive for being on the tour.

To make an appointment to have a garden visited by the Putnam County Secret Garden Tour organizers, please call 845-278-7272, ext. 2287, or email garden photos to rand\_otten@putnamarc.org.

## Garrison Resident New on PFCS Board

Putnam Family and Community Services, Inc. (PFCS) has augmented its Board of Directors with a number of new members. Recent additions to the governing body of the Carmel-based nonprofit, which provides mental health and chemical dependency services to 1 in 14 Putnam residents, include:

- Tracey S. Bernstein, Esq. of Garrison, founding partner of Manhattan-based Himmel & Bernstein, LLP;
- Lori Downing of Clinton Corners, area retail manager with Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union;
- Michele L. Gasparre, of Brewster, president of Meridian Benefits Consulting;
- Susan Kessman of Pawling, contract optimization analyst with Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;
- Mary McGuigan of Carmel, retired small business owner; and
- Michael J. Nesheiwat, M.D. of Carmel, attending physician and chairman of the Department of Medicine at Putnam



Garrison resident Tracey Bernstein joins the board of PFCS. Photo courtesy of PFCS

Hospital Center, Putnam County corner, and local physician in Brewster

PFCS Executive Director Diane E. Russo said: “I would encourage anyone who wants to make a difference in the lives of their neighbors to join a local not-for-profit board of directors and to choose an agency that does work that you are passionate about. It’s the best way to give back to your community.” Russo can be reached at 845-225-2700.

PFCS is the only private nonprofit agency providing recovery-based mental health, chemical dependency treatment and prevention services in Putnam County. PFCS offers hope and healing to people of all ages through a comprehensive range of services including individual and group counseling, care coordination, family advocacy, parenting education, community outreach, psychiatric rehabilitation and medication management. For more information, visit PFCSinc.org or facebook.com/PFCSinc.

## Peabody Trio Returns to Howland Center March 10

The Howland Chamber Music Circle again presents the Peabody Trio: Violaine Melancon, violin; Natashe Brofsky, cello; and Seth Knopp, piano.



The Peabody Trio Photo courtesy of HCMC

Winning the Naumburg Chamber Music Award in 1989, the Peabody Trio gave its New York debut in 1990 at Alice Tully Hall and has since performed in chamber music series in North America and internationally. They tour frequently in England, Japan and Israel. Their reputation as champions of new music garnered them an invitation to the first Biennale for contemporary music “Tempus Fugit,” in Tel Aviv.

Many festivals including Tanglewood have been home to their summer performances, and they have appeared on radio broadcasts such as Saint Paul Sunday, NPR’s Performance Today, WGBH in Boston and WQXR in New York.

Clarinetist Charles Neidich will join the trio later in the program. He regularly appears as soloist and as collaborator in chamber music programs with leading ensembles in the United States as well as in Europe and Asia.

For its concert at the Howland Center, the trio has chosen to play the *Trio in B-flat* by Franz Schubert and Olivier Messiaen’s *Quartet for the End of Time* for violin, cello, piano and clarinet. The concert will take place on Sunday, March 10, at 4 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St. in Beacon, and will be followed by a reception to meet the artists.

Tickets are \$30 (\$10 for students) and can be reserved by calling 845-297-9243 or on HCMC’s website, howlandmusic.

org, where further information on this and other presentations by the Howland Chamber Music Circle can be found.

## Register for Seniors’ Computer Classes

Senior citizens interested in learning about computers can register for a variety of classes offered by the Putnam County Office for the Aging at the Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac, and the Putnam Valley Senior Center, 117 Town Park Lane in Putnam Valley.

The next registration will be held on March 7 and on the second Thursday of every month at Mahopac from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and at Putnam Valley from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Philipstown residents are encouraged to register at either center.

Classes being offered are Computer Fundamentals, Maintaining Your Computer, Internet and Email, Digital Photography, and many more. Free workshops in Mahopac and Putnam Valley are being planned for the spring. These include How to Save Big \$\$ on the Web, Everything Mac, How to Choose the Right Computer, Using Your Digital Camera With Your Computer, Facebook Overview and Security, How to Create a Family Cookbook, Planning Your Trip on the Internet, Organizing Files and Folders, iPad Demonstration, Computer Overview for Beginners, and Keyboarding. New this season is a class for iPads and iPhoto for the iPad in Putnam Valley. Workshops are just for one day and last approximately two hours.

The office is presently looking for volunteers 55 years of age and over to help expand the program. To learn more about the classes and workshops or to volunteer, call Cathy O’Brien at 845-628-6423, email her at cobrien23@comcast.net or visit the website at putnamrsvp.com/clc.

## Peace Pilgrimage for Nuclear-Free Future to Stop in Cold Spring

Potluck dinner at St. Mary’s to welcome group on March 6

On Wednesday, March 6, a group of five to 10 people on a peace pilgrimage for a nuclear-free future, led by Japanese Buddhist nun Yasuda Jun, will begin walking from Newburgh in the morning and will arrive in Cold Spring in the late afternoon or early evening. Following their arrival, they will gather at St. Mary’s Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner. A half-hour of music will follow the potluck. All are welcome. Those attending are asked to bring a small dish or beverage to share.

The peace walk, initiated at the Grafton Peace Pagoda in Grafton, N.Y., will begin on Friday, March 1, and end in Washington, D.C., on Friday, April 5. Yasuda, the leader of the walk, is a Japanese Buddhist nun of the Nipponzan Myohoji order. The walk is a response to the disaster caused by meltdowns and explosions at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant following the 9.0-magnitude earthquake that struck Japan on March 11, 2011. “We walk together step by step as a testament of our commitment in protecting the natural resources of Mother Earth,” she said. “Let us protect ourselves and our future generations from the recurrence of this tragedy in Fukushima.”

Almost two years after the earthquake, radiation measurements in Fukushima are 138 times higher than in Chernobyl, and more than 40 percent of Fukushima children have precancerous thyroid problems. The Japanese government is

overwhelmed both financially and technologically in its efforts to safely clean up and dispose of contaminated soil, edifices and water, as well as the irradiated nuclear waste created by the reactors. As a result, Japanese municipalities and families in and around Fukushima Prefecture are left to decontaminate their own towns and homes without either the funding or training to do so; and, yet they have no choice but to get to work.

All are welcome and invited to join the walk as it passes through Cold Spring and to walk as long or as little as is comfortable. Support vehicles are available for those who need a lift back to their cars at any point. Those who wish to support the walkers but prefer not to walk are encouraged to welcome them at St. Mary’s Church at 1 Chestnut St. (at the corner of Routes 9D and 301) on March 6.

Donations to St. Mary’s are encouraged for their hosting of the walkers and can be made directly to the church, on their website (stmaryscoldspring.org) or through the assistance of Roberto Muller. For information or to join or support the walk, call Muller at 845-764-1865 or email nucleartransparency@gmail.com.

## Learn to Identify Raptors at Desmond-Fish March 10

Hawk and owl expert Anne Swaim, who directs Saw Mill River Audubon, will be in Garrison



on the afternoon of Sunday, March 10, at the Desmond-Fish Library to present *Raptors for Rookies*, a lecture on how to identify the different hawks, owls and eagles that live in this part of New York. Swaim is a long-time naturalist educator and has led international trips for bird-watchers and eco-tourists.

This program is being sponsored by the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society and is the first session in a series being offered this spring in the identification of local birds. This free event begins at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit putnamhighlandsaudubon.org.

## Putnam Highlands Audubon Scholarship Applications Due March 15

The Putnam Highlands Audubon Society (PHAS) is again offering its merit-based Marty McGuire Audubon Scholarship (MMAS) to current college students or college-bound high school seniors with an interest in nature.

The annual scholarship is limited to students from specific zip codes in western Putnam and southwestern Dutchess counties.

If an appropriate candidate is found, an award is made to a matriculating or current full-time undergraduate student with a demonstrated interest in field biology or field natural history, including those with interests in the field aspects of ornithology, mammalogy, entomology, botany, herpetology, ichthyology and similar environmental fields.

Preference will be given to students entering their freshman year in college so they may receive support for their entire undergraduate career, as long as they meet certain simple renewal criteria each year.

Students that meet the geographic and interest requirements are encouraged to apply, including those under the academic (continued on next page)



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

(from previous page) radar screen.

The scholarship honors the late Marty McGuire, who was PHAS’ youngest board member beginning at age 15 and compiler of the Putnam Christmas Bird Count for five years. McGuire was an avid birder and naturalist who had a deep respect and interest in the natural world and was mentored by Ralph Odell, a PHAS founder. McGuire died shortly before his 25th birthday in a tragic car accident. The MMAS honors the importance of mentors and the promise of young people.

University of New Hampshire senior Max Garfinkle, of Cold Spring, won the inaugural MMAS scholarship as a college sophomore, and his funding was renewed for two consecutive academic years, including the current one.

The MMAS is a permanently restricted scholarship endowment fund. The scholarship awarded is the income for one year from the endowment principal. The amount awarded thus depends on market conditions.

Applications are due by March 15. Official notice of the award will be made by late May. For detailed information on the scholarship and its simple application process, visit [putnamhighlandsaudubon.org](http://putnamhighlandsaudubon.org).

## Shop Putnam Expo to Promote Businesses

Businesses from throughout the county are encouraged to promote themselves at the 2013 Shop Putnam Business & Home Expo, the largest regional expo in the area.

The event, which is being hosted by the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce, is being held at Putnam Hospital Center on Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Exhibitors will have their choice of showcasing their displays indoor (limited) or outdoors. Oversized spots are also available. In addition to offering a spacious location for the vendors, the committee decided to hold the expo on a Saturday rather than a working weekday, giving more people an opportunity to attend the event. Also for the first time, food and catering vendors will have an opportunity to be featured at the expo.

Vendor opportunities are open to all Putnam and Northern Westchester’s businesses. Chamber rates apply for any business that is a chamber member of any of the Putnam County Chambers of Commerce.

For more information or to register as an exhibitor, visit [shopputnamexpo.com](http://shopputnamexpo.com), email [info@shopputnamexpo.com](mailto:info@shopputnamexpo.com) or call 845-628-5553. Putnam Hospital Center is located at 970 Stoneleigh Ave. in Carmel.

## St. Philip’s Celebrates at Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting held Sunday, Feb. 24, the community of historic St. Philip’s Church in the Highlands thanked outgoing vestry members and welcomed newcomers to governance roles.

Senior Warden Nathaniel Prentice is retiring after a total of 10 years of service, including six as a vestry member, two years as junior warden and two years as senior warden. Incoming Senior Warden Jan Anderson thanked Nat for helping to build a strong church community and for leading the St. Philip’s congregation in maintaining the church’s financial health in the face of a serious recession. Anderson also thanked Belle Newton, who is stepping down after six years, during which time she served as clerk of the vestry.

Dan McEvoy is the new junior warden

of St. Philip’s, returning to the vestry after previous service as treasurer. Lynn Carano and Terri Akbas are the two newly elected vestry members, and re-elected to the vestry are Michael McKee and Jeff Scully. Member Shelagh Speers will now serve as clerk of the vestry.

Reports from church working groups and committees covered the music program, welcoming efforts, fundraising, physical assets, charitable outreach, Sunday School, Nursery School, Youth Group, and Altar Guild. The Welcoming Committee members encouraged all to visit the church as well as St. Philip’s website and Facebook page, for ongoing updates on church activities: [stphilipshighlands.org](http://stphilipshighlands.org).

For further information, contact the Rev. Frank Geer at 845-424-3571.

## Sunset Reading Series Holds DJ Dance Party

The Sunset Reading Series celebrates its fifth anniversary with a fundraising party at Cathryn’s Tuscan Grill on Friday, March 1, 8 p.m. The series has brought authors, poets and musicians to the Chapel of Our Lady Restoration for free Sunday afternoon performances that have captivated a growing audience of local regulars and tourists alike. From Mary Gaitskill to Tom Lux, Aimee Bender to Valerie Martin, and Sam Lipsyte to Marie Howe, the series has attracted major writers who are known for dynamic delivery of their work. The last event of the 2012 season had an overflow crowd mesmerized by local poet Jeffrey McDaniel and singer/musician Joan as Policewoman. This year promises to be a stellar one with E.L. Doctorow, one of the greatest American novelists, kicking off the season on May 5.

The series is made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program. In Putnam County the Decentralization Program is administered by the Putnam Arts Council. Unfortunately, the 2013 grant for the Sunset Reading Series was cut in half due to state budget cuts. The series will be unable to fund four to five readings per year without more support from the private donors. All are invited to join them on March 1 for a night of cocktails and dancing to support and celebrate the reading series.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$35, which includes dancing, one sunset cocktail and hors d’oeuvres. Go to [sunsetreadings.org](http://sunsetreadings.org) to RSVP or for more information on the party and how to donate.

## Hudson Valley Restaurant Week Returns March 11-24

Hudson Valley Restaurant Week, the dining event heralding spring, returns March 11-24. Featuring more than 170 restaurants across seven counties, it is one of the largest Restaurant Week events in the country.

“The Hudson Valley is a rising star in the culinary world,” said Janet Crawshaw, founder of the event. “Home to the country’s foremost cooking school, world-class wineries and distilleries, award-winning cheese makers and some of the top chefs in America,” Crawshaw noted, “it makes for world-class eating — on par with the best dining destinations in the world.”

The Hudson Valley, in fact, is one of only three U.S. destinations recently named by *National Geographic* as a “must-see” destination in part because of its vibrant food scene.

Local purveyors who are leaders in their field, such as Millbrook Vineyards,



Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell, Putnam County Director of Tourism Libby Pataki and Cathryn Fadde of Cathryn’s Tuscan Grill in Cold Spring

Photo courtesy of HVRW

Tuthilltown Spirits and Continental Organics (aquaponics) supply many of the participating restaurants. For example, the cheeses of Sprout Creek Farm in Dutchess County can be found in dishes at local restaurants such as Babycakes Café and Terrapin. Hudson Valley Foie Gras is known worldwide, and they are featured on many menus, including those at Tarry Lodge and The Ship Lantern Inn.

Hudson Valley Restaurant Week features prix fixe, three-course dinners for \$29.95 and lunches for \$20.95 (plus beverage, tax and tip). Diners can explore a variety of international flavors with a local flare including Argentinian, French, German, Greek, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Latino, Mediterranean, Mexican, Moroccan and Swiss. A complete list of participating restaurants is available at [HudsonValleyRestaurantWeek.com](http://HudsonValleyRestaurantWeek.com). Patrons

arriving by train will find more than 65 venues are near Metro-North train stations. To make a reservation, call the restaurant directly or visit [OpenTable.com](http://OpenTable.com).

## Galef Submits Suggestions to Moreland Commission

*Constituents want better communications with utility companies*

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef sent a letter to the Moreland Commission (established by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to investigate New York’s power utility companies) voicing her constituents’ concerns about utility storm preparation and responses. Galef’s January 2013 Newsletter included a questionnaire about how to improve local utility companies based on their response to the storm. About 350 people responded.

The majority of responses called for:

- Improving pre-storm maintenance such as tree trimming, checking of poles and transformers, and stockpiling materials
- Requiring the utilities to bury lines for new developments especially in vulnerable areas or along highways
- Improving communication between the utility companies and clients during and after storms
- Requiring gas stations to have generators

Constituents indicated a growing concern regarding how the needed improvements would be paid for. Some suggested creating alternative options like putting consumers on the Public Service Commission (PSC) board as well as helping people become less reliant on the utilities.

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# Hudson Highlands Land Trust Mission Grows in the Town

## HHLT adds new land stewardship staff member

By Mary Ann Ebner

Conservation easements contain much more than easy overtures. Even Andy Chmar, Hudson Highlands Land Trust executive director, didn't fully understand conservation easements until he signed on himself to help preserve undeveloped land in the North Highlands. Those days were before Chmar started scouting the Hudson Highlands to carry out the HHLT mission to preserve clean air and water, natural habitats, local food resources and scenic beauty.

According to the Land Trust Alliance, of which HHLT is an accredited member, the fiscal cliff deal recently passed by Congress renewed conservation easement income tax deductions for 2013 and retroactively to 2012. The Land Trust Alliance noted that by removing a property's development potential, a conservation easement could impact the value of the property, typically lowering it. The incentive may not only help landowners with taxes, estate planning and charitable giving, but may also help land preservation endeavors.

"With conservation easements, in many cases, the owner has taken a federal tax deduction, and the public at large is paying for that deduction," Chmar said. "We (HHLT) now need to make sure there are no violations to this agreement."

Legal agreements between landowners and HHLT permanently designate the land for conservation and limit use to preserve values. HHLT not only identifies and approves conservation easements but monitors agreements for abuse and violations. In exchange for tax breaks, landowners must meet a series of mark-

ers based on a ranking list outlined in the land trust's Legacy Landscapes Project and then abide by restrictions outlined in conservation easements.

With the advent of HHLT's Legacy Landscapes Project, the land trust designed a more strategic approach to prioritizing land that meets markers for full

said. "In many respects, Katrina (Shindledecker) has been doing the job of two people. We prepare a baseline document report for each property, and that document is updated each time we visit the property."

Property visits, which are mandated annually, can reveal topographical

that the newly created stewardship coordinator position will be underwritten in part by a grant from the Land Trust Alliance, but Chmar said that the decision to move forward with the staffing addition was wholly supported with or without the grant.

Martin said that in addition to the 200-plus properties that the land trust is currently focused on assessing through its Legacy Landscapes Project, the organization is furthering outreach and community collaboration in the Hudson Highlands.

"One of the cornerstones of our community outreach is our 'Take-A-Hike!' program," Martin said. "This year's hikes will take place on both sides of the river and will range from family friendly to expert adventure level. We've got such a wealth of outdoor experts and volunteer historians to lead the hikes, and we wind up attracting hundreds of hikers throughout the season."

Though hikes are open to the public, events often fill to capacity. And some hikes are for members only, publicized in membership announcements. Though membership may sound select, it's anything but exclusive. Anyone can sign up, and as long as they provide an email or mailing address, HHLT will keep them on the membership roll (currently at 1,002 but changing continuously). Chmar noted that the organization welcomes new members with appreciation, and there is no charge to join.

"We decided we don't want to place any hurdles in front of anyone," Chmar said. "We set the bar so low it's on the ground. We've even got people far away, even one in Arizona, who made a contribution because he loves it up here."



Hudson Highlands Land Trust carries out its mission from 20 Nazareth Way in Garrison.

Photo by M.A. Ebner

preservation consideration. Solidifying a conservation easement marks the beginning of a permanent legal agreement, and with that comes a labor-intensive commitment. In addition to researching prospective properties, the HHLT staff continues to maintain responsibility for its existing 72 conservation easements. HHLT's Director of Land Preservation Katrina Shindledecker oversees conservation easement stewardship.

"The IRS expects us to monitor the conservation easements annually," Chmar

changes, forestation, invasive species, or any number of encroachment issues that deviate from agreements in a property's conservation easement.

"With most cases, these issues are resolved with a phone call or a letter," Chmar said. "We partner with the owner to get the issue remediated. In most cases, it's not been the property owner, but an adjoining owner who has done something that encroaches on the property."

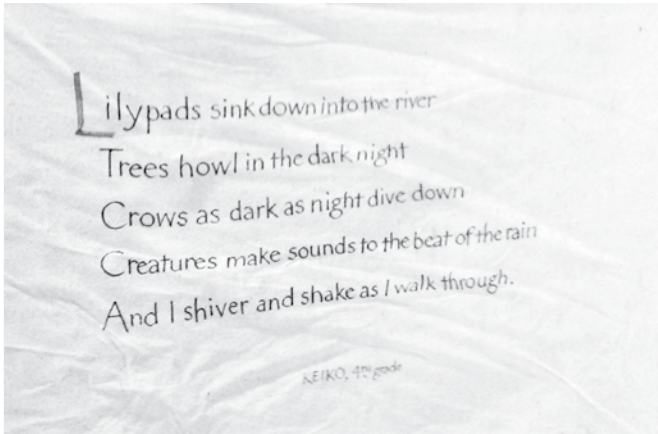
MJ Martin, HHLT director of Outreach and Development, said that the organization takes a proactive approach to upholding their end of agreements.

"One of the benefits that we have of being a local land trust," Martin said, "is that our staff is out in the community. We hear about things and we can address them."

Founded in 1989 and growing in acreage and community participation, HHLT recently conducted an extensive search to hire a full-time stewardship coordinator to help address concerns and assess conservation prospects. Every project that the land trust engages in is expensive to assess and impacts the land trust, the local municipality and the public. HHLT has named Matt Decker as the organization's new stewardship coordinator, bringing the organization's full-time staff to five employees. Decker will be based at the nonprofit's offices at Winter Hill in Garrison, reporting directly to Shindledecker.

"Our new employee (Decker) is a recent graduate of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies," Chmar said. "He'll provide stewardship for 1,700-plus acres that preserve land for conservation easements."

Chmar said that Decker's expertise in natural resources management, geographic information systems and field work would increase the organization's ability to protect the region's natural resources and manage the stewardship of the land trust's conservation easements. The HHLT Board of Directors anticipates







Fourth-grade poetry was hand lettered by Irene O'Garden on unbleached muslin and stretched on driftwood for the Poetry Trail at Constitution Marsh.

Photo by M.A. Ebner

Though membership is free, contributions are welcome and essential. Land conservation serves as the heart of the organizational mission, but outreach, public policy efforts and education round out mission objectives. To fuel those efforts, the organization relies on contributions. It's not unheard of to see the hat passed around at HHLT hikes and other events where participants may donate a few bills. But collections from hat passing are largely supplemented by significant contributions and grants, and during the 2011 fiscal year, HHLT received 27 percent of total contributions from two contributors. In 2012, one contributor donated 19 percent of the land trust's total contributions.

Like many nonprofits, much of the HHLT operating budget is designated to support program services. In fiscal years 2012 and 2011, expenses for program services totaled \$584,576 and \$581,490, respectively, with an increase in 2011 of \$135,121 over fiscal year 2010. In addition to the "Take-A-Hike!" program, 2013 program services allocations will fund environmental educational programs including "River of Words," which promotes literacy and (Continued on next page)

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(from previous page) environmental land stewardship to school children in the five school districts of Haldane, Garrison, Putnam Valley, Cornwall and Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery.

“Spring is a fantastic time for environmental education,” Martin said. “Our environmental educators are working right now indoors, but we are usually incredibly booked when the crocuses are waking up. Irene O’Garden (environmental educator) is doing a three-day poetry intensive language arts component for fourth and fifth graders, and any teacher in all five of our school districts can request our programs.”

HHLT will also orchestrate a teacher-training seminar this spring. The seminar will be held May 17 at their office and outdoor space at the 30-acre Winter Hill, where HHLT relocated as a tenant in 2012 along with the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival and the Garden Conservancy.

“We’re doing a full-day teacher training for elementary and middle school teachers,” Martin said. “This is the first time we’ve done something this comprehensive, and it will be a day of training to work outdoors with children to learn to use nature as a learning environment.”

The 2013 calendar will also include

a sustainability community forum on invasive species, to be held in April at Highlands Country Club.

Family Festival, the annual sleepover under the stars, also returns in 2013. Working in conjunction with the Haldane School Foundation, the Garrison Children’s Education Fund and Philipstown Recreation Center, the event welcomes experienced and first-time campers and will be held June 8 at the Claudio Marzollo Community Center.

HHLT will continue to focus on clean-ups throughout the year and help champion the environmental cause on both sides of the Hudson. Membership and Public Policy Coordinator Kathy Hamel regularly attends community meetings in the Town of Highlands, and HHLT endeavors to be available as a resource.

“It’s a step-by-step process,” Hamel said. “They struggle with some of the same issues as Philipstown, and we’re always here to help them beautify and green the community.”

The local land trust continues to advocate public policy for the preservation of open space and natural resources. Short-term opportunities to voice opinions with HHLT take place March 6 with Environmental Protection Fund Lobby Day and March 13 with American Farmland



Matt Decker joins Hudson Highlands Land Trust as stewardship coordinator.

Photo courtesy HHLT


### Hudson Highlands Land Trust

- **Office location:** Winter Hill, 20 Nazareth Way, Garrison
- **Postal Address:** P.O. Box 226, Garrison, NY 10524
- **Website:** www.hhlt.org
- **Phone:** 845-424-3358
- **E-mail:** info@hhlt.org
- **Executive Director:** Andrew T. Chmar
- **Chairman:** Christopher Davis
- **Number of employees:** Five full-time employees, small staff of part-time educators, countless volunteers with room for more to help with a variety of indoor and outdoor events and programs
- **Fiscal Year ending Sept. 30, 2012**  
Operating Revenues: \$837,919, Operating Expenses: \$722,452
- **Fiscal Year ending Sept. 30, 2011**  
Operating Revenues: \$678, 220, Operating Expenses: \$673,065
- **Number of conservation easements:** 72
- **Land currently preserved:** 1,700+ acres




Hudson Highlands Land Trust staff members Katrina Shindledecker, MJ Martin, Kathy Hamel and Andy Chmar are eager to welcome new staff member Matt Decker to their conservation team.

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A cold winter night in Cold Spring

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Snow Dancer

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Garrison Snow Donuts

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Garden Street

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Cold Spring morning

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