Cold Spring Candidates Take Last Chance to Make Their Case

Forum format brings out some nuance in positions

By Kevin E. Foley

The three candidates for Cold Spring trustee took one last opportunity Wednesday night (March 14) to make the case for themselves in advance of the village election on Tuesday, March 19. In a forum hosted by Philipstown.info/The Paper and moderated by Publisher Gordon Stewart in the music room at Haldane School, incumbent Bruce Campbell and challengers Michael Bowman and Stephanie Hawkins engaged in largely informal discussion of the issues confronting the village they all profess to love dearly. Two seats on the Board of Trustees are open.

From their opening statements onward, the candidates worked to put their best foot forward without attempting to compare themselves directly or argue much with either of their opponents. Bowman and Campbell underlined their born-and-raised-in-the-village pedigrees as well as their long records of service in various capacities. Hawkins referred to her broad and deep volunteerism as well a relative newcomer's enthusiasm for having landed in the right place to live.

“I have always worked in organizations that served the village,” said Camp- bell, who took pains to list a variety of steadfast involvements, including two separate terms as a trustee and a Haldane School Board stint. “I believe I have skills and personal attributes that can benefit the village,” said Hawkins. She emphasized her 20-year book industry experience negotiating agreements as excellent preparation for a collaborative approach to reach consensus on the board.

Bowman, after expressing affection for working with local people, recalled his father’s business ownership on Main Street as a foundation on which he built his years of service to the village. Highlighting his presidency of and service in the Cold Spring Fire Co. 1, Bowman said, “Being manager of the fire company with the motley group of men — and women [he hastened to add] — I have acquired a special skill set.”

Coaxed along by Stewart’s friendly In- quiries, the candidates mostly agreed on the broad strokes of policy considerations and approaches to governing with varying degrees of emphasis and viewpoint. Bowman for example stressed the need for reform of board procedures to have more transparency and open government. “He has been a vociferous critic on this point. Campbell agreed but defended the board’s actions during his last two terms as deputy mayor to outgoing Mayor Seth Gallagher. The Village Board has worked hard to be transparent,” he said.

On the related issue of meeting con- duct, Hawkins said she wanted to see citizens who showed up for meetings treated with greater respect and con- sideration. “If people bother to show up, they should be welcomed. They shouldn’t feel as if it’s not their Village Board meet- ing,” she said.

Butterfield solutions

All three candidates were anxious to demonstrate a willingness to get the But- terfield property back on track, but they did not sug. (Continued on page 4)

Building on its newfound momentum from growing membership, a renewed commitment to unity among the business community and other organi- zations, and even a new website, the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce next week on March 21 at the Dutchess Manor on Route 9D.

The highlight of the dinner will be the presentation of awards in several categories to individuals and business organizations, including the 2013 Business Person of the Year, Gordon Stewart, publisher of Philipstown.info/The Paper. “I couldn’t think of a more pleasant sur- prise since we moved to this wonderful community, and that’s saying a lot. I am honored by the chamber’s rec- ognition of our organization and heartened to see the group’s newfound emphasis on unity amongst the entire business and nonprofit community, which can only serve to benefit out town and villages,” said Stewart.

In its announcement released Monday, March 11, the chamber said it has added new categories to their awards program in order to best represent what the community has to offer.

Criteria for the awards are outlined on the Cold Spring Area Chamber’s website, coldspringarea.chamber.org. Contributing to the well-being of the community and hav- ing a positive social or economic (Continued on page 3)

The Butterfield saga continued at the Cold Spring Village Board meeting on Tuesday, March 12 — Mayor Seth Gallagher’s last regular meeting of the Board of Trustees — when Village Attorney Stephen Gaba presented his draft timeline of the approval process for the development of the Butterfield Hospital property, which both developer Paul Guillaro and the Board of Trustees requested at the last Village Board work- shop on Feb. 26. Gaba informed the board that he esti- mates the approval process for the proj- ect, in the form it has been discussed for the past few months, to be about 10 months, if no significant issues come up. This includes two parts: first, the adop- tion of the local law (changing the zoning to allow uses such as intergovernmental offices and a retail square) and the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) of that law, which Gaba said could take five to eight months; and second, the site- plan review by the Planning Board and Historic District Review Board (HDBR) and the SEQR of that plan, which could take another five to nine months.

SEQR segmentation

Gaba pointed out that doing one SEQR instead of segmenting it into two separate reviews could save about two months’ time in the process, but he said doing the single review at the beginning would require the applicant to spend “considerable time and expense in pre- paring studies, markups, plans that need to be reviewed to complete the SEQR be- fore they even know if the local law that would permit the project to go forward is enacted.”

As Gaba and Trustee Matt Francisco noted in the meeting, putting a lot of money and work into a specific site plan at the outset, with no guarantee that ei- ther the zoning (Continued on page 3)
It would not be unusual for yesterday’s feed hungry people who work the fields. It’s also the time of year. This is, again, working-class food — sounds splendid (and totally decadent) but seems like overkill, especially bare in the Hudson Valley and my fat-conscious kitchen.

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I’m staying away from potatoes for personal reasons, but you could certainly split the difference with the called-for turnips if you lean that way. While celery is called for in most recipes, I noticed a deal on fennel at Foodtown and substituted it as the licorice flavor, especially when roasted, adds a nice touch. As for cabbage, I lean toward Savoy (curly) cabbage as it is slightly milder in taste, but the more commonplace green or red cabbage is fine.

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Mouths to Feed

Building a Better Garbure

By Joe Dizney

Enough already! The calendar says spring arrives next week, but last week’s snow and the slim pickings in the produce department at the supermarket say otherwise. We’re down on onions, carrots, turnips, potatoes, cabbage and the like — hardy roots and vegetable standbys and late-growers that can be stored for a while.

This is the time of year to clean out the freezer in anticipation of restocking once the bountiful season is firmly entrenched. Today’s icy treasure: a meaty, locally sourced ham hock gifted to me by a friend late last fall. It speaks loudly of simplicity and efficiency.

Similar to the French potée or soup aux choux, the dominant ingredient is always — don’t run away, now — cabbage. This is not cabbage soup, a watery British concoction that food writer Jane Grigson refers to as “a Protestant form of torture.” Being from the home of all things pig, duck and goose, documented Gascon versions can include salt pork, sausages or other pickled and preserved pork products, or for special occasions confit d’oie, canard or … porc.

André Daguin, author of Foie Gras, Maigret and Other Good Food From Gascony, offers his version of the stew from the Hôtel de France. In this très sophisticated version, the cabbage is “fried” in duck fat to “give it a caramelized flavor,” which — like the aforementioned confit — sounds splendid (and totally decadent) but seems like overkill, especially bare in the Hudson Valley and my fat-conscious kitchen.

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1/4 cup olive oil, plus more for vegetables
2 large onions, roughly chopped
6 cloves of garlic (peeled and chopped)
1/2 pound dried white beans (soaked overnight and drained; save soaking water)
1 pound hock(s)
4-5 shallots, peeled, halved and sliced 1/4 inch thick

1. Heat oven to 425 F. Drain beans. (Remember to save the soaking water: you will be cooking the beans in it.) In a large roasting pan, heat olive oil over medium heat and sauté half the onion until barely translucent. Add 2/3 of the chopped garlic and cook, stirring for another minute. Add thyme, bay leaves and ham hock(s) and heat, stirring for another 2-3 minutes.

2. Add reserved bean-soaking liquid to pot. Once pot returns to a boil, add beans. Top off liquid to cover all, plus about 2 inches. Return to a low boil and immediately lower heat to maintain a simmer.

3. While beans are cooking, toast shallots, leeks, carrots, fennel and turnips in enough olive oil to coat. Spread vegetables on a parchment-paper-lined flat baking sheet in a single layer. (Use two pans if necessary or cook in batches — don’t crowd the vegetables.) Salt and pepper liberally.

4. Roast vegetables on the upper middle shelf of the oven. Check after 15 minutes. Flip the vegetables with a spatula and roast for another 10. (There should be a slight char; if not, toss again and roast, checking again every 5 minutes or so until done.)

5. Add vegetables to bean pot. (Beans should have cooked 45 minutes to 1 hour by now.) Adjust salt and pepper. Remove ham hock from pot and allow to cool. Remove meat from hock and return to pot.

6. In a Dutch oven, warm 1/4 cup olive oil over medium-high heat until fragrant. Add remaining onion and sauté stirring for 3-4 minutes. Add remaining garlic. Stir for about a minute and sprinkle with a scant teaspoon of raw sugar to aid caramelization. Cook for another 5 minutes or so and start adding cabbage, in batches, stirring constantly. As the first batch wilts, add more until all is included. Cook for another 10-15 minutes over moderate-high heat, allowing vegetables to brown slightly.

7. Add caramelized cabbage to soup pot. Deglaze the Dutch oven with a glass of white wine if you want to be fancy, or with some of the liquid from the bean pot (if you want it to be practical) and add this liquid to the bean pot. Simmer all for another 1/2 hour and serve hot, garnished with fresh chopped parsley.

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Cold Spring Ponders Butterfield Timeline (from page 1)

change or plan would even be approved, would probably not appeal to Guillaro, which highlights why the timeline shows two environmental reviews instead of one at the start. “It gives the applicant more certainty in terms of going forward with the SEQR review but it’s kind of the long way around,” said Gaba.

Francisco was concerned about the legality of segmenting the SEQR. “Segmentation is not favored by either the courts or SEQR regulations,” said Gaba, but he stated there are legal grounds for segmentation in this case, “because we can’t really focus on the site-specific details, because the plan’s not in place; the reason the plan’s not in place is because there isn’t a law allowing the plan to be in place.”

To PUD or not to PUD?

Francisco asked whether it would take less time to approve a planned-unit development (PUD), which was Guillaro’s initial proposal for the property in the spring of 2012 before he withdrew it, citing frustrations over the process with the Planning Board. Gaba explained that with a PUD, the local law is drafted at the same time that the Planning Board reviews the project.

Gallagher responded that a PUD proposal would not take much less time and would be too far down the path of the single SEQR, requiring that the applicant present a lot of the planning at the beginning of the process.

Another option

Asked by Gallagher about other options to speed the process, Gaba said a single SEQR could be done at the beginning, if the applicant were willing, and the Village Board could issue a generic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). An EIS is required when the SEQR finds that the plan has potentially significant adverse environmental impacts.

Gaba noted that with a generic EIS, the board could establish thresholds for mitigating the environmental impacts, and further review would not be required unless the site plan was found to exceed those thresholds, in which case they would issue a supplemental EIS for that specific improvement. “That would cut your time down considerably, in terms of the review,” said Gaba.

Cutting down on time

Francisco stated he was concerned because Guillaro had said he did not want to spend any more money “without some sense that there’s a way forward.” Gallagher disagreed, saying, “I think you’re taking an overly negative view that’s almost creating that sense of certain outcome.”

“He’s been frustrated with the lack of support from the board, you includ- ed,” Gallagher said to Francisco. “If you wanted to help him, you could’ve told him it would probably be the equivalent of cutting three months off of this timeline.” Gaba cautioned the board, however, not to make promises to shorten the time necessary for approval. “If [Guilla- rro] comes back and he says, ‘Well, it says here that within the first 30 days you’re going to go to the local law and the con- cept plan and accept Part 1 of the EAF ... I think that should say seven days.’ You can’t commit to do something within a particular amount of time, to cut it down that way,” Gaba said. He had stated earlier in the meeting that there are “some things that you just have to go through if you’re going to approve a proj- ect of this magnitude.”

Gaba said he would discuss the timeline with Guillaro’s attorney to see what they think, adding, “And if you’re right, Matt, you’re right.”

Village improvements

Earlier in the meeting, the Special Board presented a revised report on ban- ning formula businesses and drive-thrus in the village, which will be posted on the village website, coldspringny.gov.

A bid for an emergency generator at the West Street pump station was awarded; the pump station was flooded by Hurri- cane Sandy in late October. Water and Wastewater Superintendent Greg Phil- lips also requested that the board consid- er moving that station to village property on New Street, which is estimated to cost $100,000, instead of spending around $70,000 to raise all the equipment and elevate the station. He added that the water-main relining project is planned to resume when Mainlining Services Inc. returns around the end of March.

Main Street corridor improvements were also discussed at the meeting, with a presentation of a draft design report by Joe Cinimo and Romnii Danciu of the engineering consulting firm CHA. The project, which would upgrade sidewalks and curbs and address handicapped ac- cessibility as well as improve drainage and lighting, began with discussions in the summer of 2011 and is a federal transportation project with a construc- tion cap of $755,000.

Senior Citizens Schedule Own Meeting With Guillaro About Butterfield

Days before election, event bans ‘politicians’ and members of boards

By Liz Schecter-H Armstrong

O bviously frustrated with the stalled status of the proposed Butterfield Hospital redevelopment project, which could include space for a long-awaited senior citizen/community center, members of Philipstown’s 55-and-over set have scheduled their own meeting with Butterfield owner-developer Paul Guillaro for this Saturday, March 16, in Cold Spring.

The event, slated for 1 p.m. at the Chestnut Ridge Senior apartments, comes three days before the Cold Spring Village Board will hold a public hearing on the event, its organizers pointedly state that “no politicians or standing board members of any kind are welcomed” and that “this is an age-55-plus event for seniors only.” The notice, appealing to “the Se- nior Majority,” emphasizes that “seniors need to be heard!” The session is billed as an “informational meeting on [the] Butterfield project with developer Paul Guillaro.”

One outspoken senior, Donna Ander- son, who organized this meeting, is list- ed as a Bowman supporter on one of his advertisements.

Guillaro plans for the old hospital’s redevelopment included an intergovern- mental “municipal” building, room for a senior citizen center/community assembly hall, and place for a new post office, as well as three single family residences, condominiums for retiree-age residents, and a small measure of commercial or office space. However, Guillaro recently put his multi-use project on hold and threatened to instead create a subdivi- sion of single-family homes, which unlike the multi-use development, requires no zoning change. At a public hearing in January, strong opposition arose to the zoning change envisioned to allow con- struction of the multi-use complex, with its senior center space and other compo- nents of retail use. A similar public hearing in November residents and oth- er stakeholders expressed overwhelm- ing support for the zoning change so the project might move forward.

Currently, the Butterfield tract is zoned B4, which can contain health facilities, single-family residences, churches, schools, libraries, village government offices, parks, home- based occupations (such as teaching music out of one’s home), and, by special permit, senior citizen housing. The present law does not permit construction of a multi-govern- ment building (intended for Town of Philip- stown and Putnam County agencies as well as village government offices) or a post office, or the commercial-retail units Guillaro pro- posed. Nor does it allow “mixed-use” struc- tures with a combination of those entities.

Chamber Dinner to Honor Award Winners

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impact upon the area are some of their re- quirements.

The 2013 honorees are as follows:

Senior Citizen of the Year: Sylvia Wallin

Business Person of the Year: John M. Greener, CPA

Retailer of the Year: Reigning Dogs

Sustainable Business of the Year: Glynwood Farm

Recorded Musician of the Year: Bobby Pulido

Recording Artist of the Year: Ricardo Arjona

Arts Award: Nathaniel Rice

The awards dinner, open to all, will begin with a cocktail reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. A brief business meeting will follow the ceremony, after which the awards will be presented. The dinner will be held at the Chestnut Ridge Senior Apartments. Table reservations can be made by calling Sylvia Wallin at 914-758-4513.

Sylvia Wallin
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7:30 will take place in the Fox Hollow Restaurant in Liftlock, NY, May 4-5, and the upcoming summer festival, both new initiatives of the Chamber.

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Michael Bowman for trustee

Dear Editor:

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Do not make your vote based on that issue. And the reason I say this is that we have three thoughtful residents stepping up to the plate, and once the dust of elections settles, they will deal with the issue in much the same way. They will ask, “How is it being paid for?” and “Can we do it?” The candidates all know that it’s ultimately the county who will decide if a Senior Center happens, because our small budget needs to address far more pressing infrastructure issues.

It’s not that anyone is saying the seniors are not important. They are just saying, “Show us the money, and we will make it happen.” Do vote, but not on this issue.

Judith Rose
Police Work an Integral Part of Environmental Conservation

By Michael Turton

I n 1880, Gov. Alonzo Cornell appointed New York's first eight “Game Protectors.” Nine years later, then Gov. Theodore Roosevelt described the qualities he wanted Game Protectors to possess, stating, “I want men of courage, who can handle the rifle, as and paddle; who can camp out in summer or winter; who can go on snowshoes, if necessary; who can go through the woods by day or by night without regard to trail.”

Although many of the traits Roosevelt described would still come in handy today, a great deal has changed since then—including the job title. Yesterday’s Game Protectors are today’s Environmental Conservation Officers (ECOs). They still work to protect wildlife, but their numbers and role have expanded dramatically. And it’s no longer a “men only” profession. Today, New York’s Department of Environmental Conservation Officers (DEC) and its Division of Law Enforcement (DLE) employ more than 300 ECOs, including more than 20 female officers.

ECOs hold what is considered the oldest statewide law enforcement position in New York. They’ve had enforcement responsibilities since their earliest days but in 1971 were fully empowered as police officers. Today all ECOs are armed. Enforcement of fish and game laws still makes up about half of their job, but today they also deal with numerous other environmental issues as well.

In 2010, the most recent year for which statistics are available, the DEC handled 20,996 enforcement actions statewide, including 44 arrests. They also issued 15,777 Environmental Conservation Law tickets covering everything from fish and game violations and oil spills to offenses related to hazardous and toxic wastes and air and water pollution. In addition, 521 navigation law tickets and 778 all-terrain vehicles and snowmobile tickets were issued. More than 11,000 reports of hazardous materials spills were handled along with 730 poacher and polluter complaints received through DEC hotlines.

ECOs also make up part of DLE’s Bureau of Environmental Crimes Investigation. Plainclothes officers in that unit focus on felony-level criminal activities such as large-scale hazardous waste dumping; endangered species trafficking; fishing and game poaching and commercialization; false filing and forgeries; and serious personal injury involving fatal, hunting-related shootings. They also work with other local, state, federal and international law enforcement agencies including the state attorney general’s office, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and Environment Canada.

The DEC has no formal mutual aid agreement with other law enforcement agencies; however ECOs do assist other police officers in the area, including dealing with violent crime and counterterrorism. “(Our officers) have helped with everything from lost children to searches for cop killers,” said DEC’s Wendy Rosenbach.

“Physical arrests are more the exception than the rule,” according to Rosenbach. “Most of our work is done with appearance tickets in local criminal court.” DEC’s antiterrorism role has included participation in numerous large-scale security operations such as G8 and G20 Summits held in New York City and New Year’s Eve celebrations there.

Four ECOs and a lieutenant are assigned to Westchester and Putnam counties, administered out of a regional office in New Paltz. Unlike most law enforcement officers, ECOs work out of their homes and are required to live in the area they serve. That policy is intended to ensure that ECOs are familiar with their communities, enabling them to better anticipate enforcement problems.

Asked what part of their job ECOs dread most, Rosenbach said, “Officers investigate all hunting-related shootings including the fatal ones. There are not many, but they are difficult.”

Just how aware are most residents regarding the role ECOs play locally? “Putnam County residents are likely more familiar with DEC duties than most,” Rosenbach said. “People who have never encountered (our law enforcement officers) probably don’t realize that fish and game work is only about half of what our officers do.”

Rosenbach doesn’t believe that the poor economy of recent years has brought with it an increase in wildlife poaching, illegal sales or related crimes. “To our knowledge, a direct link between the economy and poaching has never been scientifically established.” She said that whitetail deer is the animal species most likely to be sold illegally in Putnam County and, in terms of pollution, “The most common offense DEC law enforcement currently deals with is excessive smoke from heavy-duty diesel trucks.” She said that illegal dumping of solid waste is always a problem statewide as well.

ECOs take most of their training at the DEC Training Academy in Pulaski, N.Y., northeast of Syracuse. Candidates must have a bachelor’s or an associate’s degree plus work experience. Coursework and experience must be in the natural sciences or criminal justice. ECOs are unionized, and recruits start at an annual salary of $30,827. The current DEC budget includes $31,485,000 in salaries with an additional $3 million budgeted for support costs.
Sunshine Week Celebrated With Passage of Galef Legislation

Bill prevents government from using copyright to prohibit public access

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef announced today that her legislation prohibiting government agencies in New York from claiming copyright protection has passed the Assembly as part of their annual “Sunshine Week” package of bills.

Galef’s bill, A.700, will help guarantee that copyright claims will not hinder the ability of the people to access and use public records. Sunshine Week is a national movement, celebrated annually during this week in March, to create a more open government by providing its citizens with greater access to government materials. Galef’s legislation will allow more of the government’s records to be available to and utilized by people without the concern of copyright protections and infringements. This bill overwhelming passed the Assembly.

“We must take steps to ensure that the public has access to as much material as possible which is created by the government on the public’s behalf,” said Galef. “This legislation is a first step in prohibiting government agencies from shielding certain information from public view. These copyrights should not be claimed in circumstances in which people should be able to view and use public records which they have essentially paid for already as taxpayers. Unfortunately there have been instances where state and local governments have failed to allow the public access to this information.”

Copyrights and similar protections, such as patents, will still be justifiable to support and protect innovations on the public’s behalf, but they can use this information to make informed decisions. I look forward to advocating for additional legislation to make New York state government more transparent,” concluded Galef.
Change of the Century Brings Contemporary Jazz to Beacon

"Jazz isn't dead, it just smells funny" — Frank Zappa

By Alison Rooney

Outside of various precincts of New York City and a few other places, says James Keepnews, presenter of the new series Change of the Century — New Jazz for the 21st Change of the Century — the new series expanding the range of music heard bring contemporary jazz musicians to Beacon’s Howland Cultural Center. "They are getting harder and harder to hear nontraditional "free jazz." Free jazz is defined by Merriam Webster as "marked especially by an abandonment of preset chord progressions and a lack of melodic pattern."

Keepnews lamented: "This music used to have a cultural cachet, I mean Ornette Coleman was a guest on Saturday Night Live once. It's less so now; it's been marginalized by an American Idol culture. The music has much less credence to the world at large; now you have to seek it out, and it's becoming lost to this generation. Nothing would make me more miserable than if people stopped listening to it. It's becoming lost to this generation."

Keepnews intends to remedy this locally with a once-a-month series presenting contemporary jazz musicians at Beacon's Howland Cultural Center. "They are going to be a living rebuke to the notion that jazz is a dying art form. They demonstrate the vitality of the music." The series gets its title from a 1999 album by Coleman.

Four concerts, the first taking place on March 22 and continuing on through July at a minimum, will showcase a wide range of styles composed and improvisational, with a goal, said Keepnews, of "debunking any notion of jazz being an 'old' much less 'dead' music. Part of what I'm trying to convey is that this is worthy of your attention, but that's it's fun; bring young children — they 'get it.' At a minimum, any audience can recognize the standards and practices at work."

Keepnews has been presenting this music "for the better part of 30 years." A musician, writer and multimedia developer, he is on the board at Cold Spring’s Chapel Restoration, where, for the past few years he has endeavored, along with jazz violinist Owen Laster, to bring contemporary jazz musicians (amongst other genres) to that venue, expanding the range of music heard critically acclaimed C.T. String Quartet and the Dominic Duval String Ensemble. "Jay Rosen has recorded with Mark Whitecage; Paul Smoker; Herb Robertson; James Carter; Anthony Braxton; Jaco Pastorius and many more. 'Rosen is one of the most accomplished drummers around and his musical acumen is second to none,' — All About Jazz (1/06)"

"Rosi Hertlein's musical background is divided equally between the worlds of improvisation and contemporary classical. Her work in recent years includes ensemble works with Daniel Carter and performing as one-fifth of composer Pauline Oliveros' New Circle Five. She premiered Cecil Taylor's With Blazing Eyes and Open't Mouth with the Sound Vision Orchestra and Taylor on piano. She performs with Reggie Workman's African-American Legacy Project. She's a remarkable improver, in vocals as well as being virtuosic on

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PLAYING AT THE PARAMOUNT

Promotional material created by Red House for the Paramount Center for the Arts Image courtesy of Red House

Garrison-Based Red House Entertainment Set to Run Revived Paramount Center

Peekskill Council makes it official; historic theater scheduled to reopen in summer with expanded programming

By Alison Rooney

After a recommendation last month by the Peekskill Paramount Committee, naming Red House Entertainment the preferred operator of the City of Peekskill-owned Paramount Center for the Arts (PCA), the Peekskill Common Council, a legislative body comprised of councilpersons and the mayor, made it official, in a decisive 6-1 to 0 vote last Monday night (March 11) by authorizing city management to begin exclusive lease negotiations with Red House, three of whose four members are Garrison residents. The City of Peekskill acquired the building in 1977 by virtue of a tax default.

Red House had earlier been one of three contenders in seeking to revive the much-loved but fiscally ailing PCA, which has been shuttered since October 2012. The PCA had formerly been run as a nonprofit corporation, which was dissolved in order to "clear the way for a new entity to manage and operate the historic theater... and to responsibly address the organization's liabilities and ultimately allow for the City to move forward on finding a new operator," according to PCA's website, which categorized the cessation of operations as "caused by an overall decline in the economy, a precipitous drop in private, government and grant donations and increased expenses, according to the filing."

Red House will operate instead as a private/nonprofit (Continued on page 14)
The Calendar

Looking for things to do and around Philipstown? Grab The Calendar and go. For more details and ongoing events, visit philipstown.info. Send event listings to calendar@philipstown.info. See you around town!

ONGOING

Aspects
NOON - 6 P.M. THURSDAY TO SATURDAY MARINA GALLERY 153 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-2204 | themarinagallery.com Through March 18

Ely's Group Exhibition
11 A.M. - 6 P.M. FRIDAY TO SUNDAY THEO GANZ STUDIO 149 Main St., Beacon 917-318-2339 | theoganzstudio.com Through April 7

Evening Light: Oil Paintings by Linda Pulver
NOON - 6 P.M. WEDNESDAY TO MONDAY RIVERBENDS GALLERY 172 Main St., Beacon 845-838-2880 | riverbendsgallery.com Through April 8

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

Figuratively Speaking
NOON - 6 P.M. THURSDAY TO SUNDAY GALLERY 66 NY 66 Main St., Cold Spring 845-809-5538 | gallery66ny.com Through March 31

Laura Gurton: Recent Paintings
10 A.M. - 6 P.M. MONDAY TO SATURDAY HUDSON BEACH GALLERY | 162 Main St., Beacon 845-440-0006 | hudsonbeachglass.com Through April 7

Marvin Hilsbury and Simon Draper: Collage, Collaboration and Cohabitation
Jessica K. Nofe: Transformations
3 - 8 P.M. FRIDAY NOON - 7 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY BEACON ARTIST UNION 506 Main St., Beacon 845-440-7564 | baugallery.com Through April 7

Peekskill Project: The New Hudson River School | Through July 28
The Power of Place | Through April 28
11 A.M. - 5 P.M. FRIDAY NOON - SUNDAY HUDSON VALLEY CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART 1701 Main St., Peekskill 914-788-0100 | hvccart.org Through April 7

The P Word With Rick Rogers & Catello Somma
9 A.M. - 5 P.M. THURSDAY TO SUNDAY X on Main | 159 Main St., Beacon 845-239-5535 | xonmain.com Through April 1

Robin Danz: Watershed
9 A.M. - 5 P.M. MONDAY TO THURSDAY 11 A.M. - 5 P.M. SATURDAY NOON - 5 P.M. SUNDAY BEACON INSTITUTE 159 Main St., Beacon 845-838-1600 | bvcc.org/events Through Oct. 6

Say Peckskill by Ben Altman
9 A.M. - 9 A.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 - 5 P.M. SUNDAY FIELD LIBRARY GALLERY | 4 Nelson Lane, Peekskill 914-788-0100 | hvcc.org Through March 28 SITE: Monitor Exhibition
10 A.M. - 5 P.M. TUESDAY TO SUNDAY GARRISON ART CENTER 23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison 845-424-3860 | garrisonartcenter.org Through March 17

Studio Mail by François Deschamps
NOON - 6 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FINEVA EXHIBITIONS 143 Main St., Beacon 917-9390-0034 | foxwheathibitions.org Through April 7

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Fridays, March 15

Kids & Community

ANTS Parent-Child Program (ages 2-4)
9:30 A.M. WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER 25 Boulevard, Cornwall-on-Hudson 845-533-7781 | hudsonwild.com

Preschool on the Farm (ages 2-4) Sheep
10 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. COMMON GROUND FARM 79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls 845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.org

Food Pantry
8 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 10 Academy St., Cold Spring 845-265-5220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

Religious Services

Stations of the Cross
6 P.M. ST. MARY’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 1 Cutchin Street, Cold Spring 845-265-2539 | stmaryscoldspring.org

Stations of the Cross
7:30 P.M. OUR LADY OF LORRETTO 24 Fair St, Cold Spring 845-265-5718 | ourladyoflorettos.org

Beacon Hebron Alliance
7:30 to 9:30, 1 WILDPANS AVE., BEACON 845-831-2012 | beaconbeoworkinalliance.org

Reform Temple of Putnam Valley
8 P.M. 362 CHURCH, PUTNAM VALLEY 845-526-4774 | myOjeda.net

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Kids & Community

Cold Spring Farmers’ Market
8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER 107 Glenhyrst Dr, Garrison, coldspringfarmersmarket.org

Pancake Brunch
8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. TURTLE LAKE RESORT 1604 Spring Valley Road, Dohican 914-762-2912, ext. 110 | turtleon.com

White Elephant Sale
8:30 A.M. Early Birds $5
9 A.M. - 1 P.M. FREE ADMISSION
51 Phillips’ Nursery School
1101 Route 90, Garrison 845-424-3971 | stphilipshighlands.org

Food Pantry
9 A.M. - 10 A.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN 10 Academy St., Cold Spring 845-265-5220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

Maple Sugar Tours
10:30 A.M. - 3 P.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER 100 Muser Drive, Cornwall 845-938-5506 | hudsonbushicalc.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Kids & Community

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Long-time readers of my work will recall that I have an issue with squirrels, mentioned or unmentioned. I have described how, when I was younger and friskier, I would chase them but they would quite suddenly, calmly, sit down and, sitting on a branch, chatter and laugh at me. Now I would never lend on the wild shores of Pennsylvania for I ask my devoted readers to consider this scenario. A gang of fearless squirrels gathers in the woods. Their guerilla leader says they’re going to slip into the garage and take the boss’s candy. A youngster chirps, “Yeah, and the Lab will be blamed. Perfect.” Hard to believe? You don’t know squirrels like I know squirrels.

First mentioned their depravity long ago when a column was published in the PCB. I’m glad to see that the editors of that august organ still read my scribblings. On at least two occasions they have printed articles I’ve already made public, one about wild cats in Philipstown and one about the closure of the Garrison garage on 9D, although unfortunately the PCB promised it would reappear last month. It did not.

At the County Goose meanwhile the boss has brought in a new line of chocolates made in Rheneshoe – Oliver Kip’s Hudson Valley Naturals. The boss’s premise is that fine chocolate, like fine perfume, is an experience of deep pleasure.
Meet the Animals
1 & 2:30 P.M. WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER
25 Boulevard, Cornwall
845-534-7784 | hthrutenmuseum.org

Little League Tryouts (Softball)
1 P.M. PHILPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
philpstownlittleleague.com

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

Free Admission to Children’s Museum
5 - 8 P.M. MID-HUDSON CHILDREN’S MUSEUM
75 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie
845-419-6839 | stmaryscoldspring.org

3 Beekman St., Beacon
1 P.M. dia:beacon tour
noon & 2 P.M. ian Wilson : the Pure
Dia:Beacon Programs
Art & Design
845-809-5077 | ourladyoflorettocs.com

24 Fair St., Cold Spring
6:30 - 8 P.M. our lady oF loretto
St. Patrick’s Day Dinner
914-419-6839 | stmaryscoldspring.org

1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
5 - 8 P.M. MID-HUDSON CHILDREN’S MUSEUM
75 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie
845-419-6839 | stmaryscoldspring.org

3 Beekman St., Beacon
7 P.M. THE BEACH TOWER
445 Main St., Beacon
845-220-8009 | thebeachtouroff.org

Silent Film Series: The Hangman’s House
7 P.M. BUTTERFLY LIBRARY
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

World’s End Theater: Pinter’s Betrayal (Reading)
7:30 P.M. PHILPSTOWN LIBRARY
69 Main St., Cold Spring
845-809-5584 | worldsendtheater.org

Prisoners
8 P.M. PHILPSTOWN DEPOT THEATRE
See details under Friday.

Music
Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra
7:30 P.M. MOUNT SAINT MARY COLLEGE
(AQUINAS HALL) | 330 Powell Ave., Newburgh
845-913-7157 | newburghsymphony.org

Cowboy Junkies - The Trinity Session
8 P.M. TARRYTOWN MUSIC HALL
13 Main St., Tarrytown
914-631-3390, ext. 100 | tarrytownmusichall.org

Meet the Animals
11 a.M. - 3 P.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER
See details under Saturday.

Farmer’s Market
8:30 a.M. - 3 P.M. ARMORY MARKET
55 Main St., Tarrytown
845-265-3718 | ourladyoflorettocs.com

Religious Services
Mass at Our Lady of Loretto
5:30 P.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
75 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls
845-231-4424 | wapwv.org

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SUNDAY, MARCH 17

ST. PATRICK’S DAY

Kids & Community
Basic Backyard Chickens Workshop
10 A.M. COMMON GROUND FARM
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls
845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.com

Maple Sugar Tours
10:30 A.M. - 3 P.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER
See details under Saturday.

Farmer’s Market
11 A.M. - 3 P.M. SCENIC HUDSON’S RIVER CENTER
65 Long Dock Drive, Beacon
845-234-9325 | thebeachtouroff.org

Meet the Animals
4 P.M. COMMON GROUND FARM
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls
845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.com

Meet the Animals
10 A.M. - 3 P.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER
See details under Saturday.

Prisoners
2 P.M. PHILPSTOWN DEPOT THEATRE
See details under Friday.

The Tenth Muse: Women of Poetry and Song
4 P.M. MID-HUDSON CULTURAL CENTER
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Celebration
CONTEMPORARY ART | 1701 Main St., Peekskill
914-788-0100 | hvcca.org

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
845-424-3900 | garrisonartcenter.org

Theater & Film
Crazy for You
2 P.M. MALDANE HIGH SCHOOL
See details under Friday.

Prisoners
2 P.M. PHILPSTOWN DEPOT THEATRE
See details under Friday.

The Ten Best Women of Poetry and Song
4 P.M. MID-HUDSON CULTURAL CENTER
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Sparrow’s Fifty Shades Parody
7 P.M. TARRYTOWN MUSIC HALL
13 Main St., Tarrytown
914-631-3390, ext. 100 | tarrytownmusichall.org
Stephanie Hawkins volunteers countless hours every month as a dedicated member of the Cold Spring Special Board, the Philipstown Recreation Commission, the Cold Spring Film Society, the Philipstown Depot Theatre board and the Cold Spring Shady Lane Campaign.

No wonder Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea says, “Stephanie identifies needs and brings her passion and limitless enthusiasm to meet them.”

**Stephanie Hawkins**

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The Calendar (from page 20)

AA Open Meeting
7 P.M. ST. PHILIP’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1105 Route 9D, Garrison
845-265-3290 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

Our Beacon Hydroelectric Plant: Green Energy Coming From Beacon
7:30 P.M. Beacon Yoga
464 Main St., Beacon | fiorondeckwaggroup.com

Women’s AA Meeting
7:30 P.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10 Academy St., Cold Spring
845-265-3290 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

Religious Services

Bible Study
7 P.M. OUR LADY OF LORETTO
845-265-3178 | ourladyoflorettocs.com

Chess Club With Moning Lin
WedneSday, March 20
845-631-3390, ext. 100 | tarrytownmusichall.org

Making of the Century Brings Contemporary Jazz to Beacon (from page 7)
violin; and she has a marvelous spirit. This will be a great launch for the series.”

April 26: Ingrid Laubrock/Tom Rainey — “Wife-and-husband duo of saxophonist and drummer, they perform real-time, fearlessly adventurous and stunningly executed sonic structures. I saw them in the city about a year ago, in a wholly improvised program, and I was blown away. You would think being a duo would give them a limited range, but what they did schooled me 12 ways. I’ve been talking to them ever since about performing in the Hudson Valley.”

May 31: Bad Touch — “An outstanding New York City collective featuring alto saxophonist Loren Stillman, guitarist Nate Ribler, organist Gary Versace and drummer Ted Poor performs original works of remarkable textural variety and daring. They’re really invigorating in performance. Each contributes compositions — long form, which leaves room for a lot of incredible improvisations; the fifth member of the band is their compositions.”

Visit www.philipstown.info for news updates and latest information.
Four Haldane Students Go to State for Reflections National PTA program promotes creativity and talent

The Haldane PTA announced that four Haldane students have been selected to represent the Taconic Region in New York state’s 2013 entries to the national PTA’s Reflections Program.

Ethan Gunther (film production), Emily Meleen (literature), Lucy Austin (literature) and Theodore Bates (photography) each submitted original entries that are among the top in the Taconic Region. These students’ projects will advance for consideration at the state level. They are among 35 advancing entries from the entire Taconic Region.

The Reflections theme for this year was “The Magic of the Moment.” Haldane sixth-grader Theodore Bates interpreted the theme with his photograph Splish, which is one of the entries advancing to the state level.

The program was founded in 1969 by Mary Lou Anderson. For more information, see taconicpta.org.

Garrison School Taps for Maple Sugar With HHLT More sugar maple celebrations this March 23-24

At the end of February, Winter Hill Sawas visited by Garrison School’s Green Team, a determined group of middle schoolers on a quest. Armed with power drills, stainless steel spouts and buckets, the students tapped a number of maple trees.

The Green Team, an elective led by Hudson Highlands Land Trust’s Emily McPhillips, recently partnered with the Little Stony Point Citizens Association. Those interested by emptying the Maple Sugar Tours on weekends through Sunday, March 24. For more information, visit their website, hhnaturemusuem.org, or call 845-534-5506, ext. 204.

The Little Stony Point Citizens Association in Cold Spring will hold its Maple Syrup Tap Day on Sunday, March 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. More information can be found on their website, littlestonypoint.org.

Love in Reverse: World’s End Theater Does Betrayal World’s End Theater continues its play-reading series with English playwright Harold Pinter’s Betrayal on Saturday, March 16, at 69 Main St. in Cold Spring. The fifth play this season in WET’s 20th-Century Classics Reading Series is directed by André Herzegovitch, a cast that includes World’s End actor Joe Dunn and Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival veterans Jason O’Connell and Vaishnavi Sharma.

Known for his sparse, oblique language and themes of emotional violence, Pinter presents the story of a seven-year affair involving book publisher Robert and his wife Emma, and Robert’s best friend Jerry, a literary agent who is also married. Jerry and Emma start an affair in 1968, and later, in 1973 during a summer vacation, Robert learns about it. By 1977 the lovers have parted but without destructive results to everyone involved.

An extramarital affair among the British posh set might seem like familiar melodramatic territory. What makes Betrayal distinct is that Pinter speaks things by innovatively presenting the key events in reverse chronology, putting the audience off balance by what is expected as an “ending.” What we come away with are various suspended moments of betrayal by all three characters, at times claustrophobic, sadistic and sexual as they seduce and wound each other with what they say ... and don’t say.

The performance starts at 7:30 p.m. on March 16 and is free to the public. Due to limited seating, early arrival is encouraged. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about World’s End Theater, visit their website at worldsendtheater.org.

Pegasus Program Supports Children Affected by Drug Abuse Putnam County Youth Bureau holds Thursday meetings

The Putnam County Youth Bureau will begin the Pegasus Program, which has been providing information, support and hope to families struggling to cope with alcohol and substance abuse for over 25 years. A parent of one of the children in Pegasus said: “The Pegasus Group is a place where you feel normal, you don’t feel ashamed or out of place. This is a place where you can express what is on our minds without feeling ashamed or out of place. This is truly a very important and significant program, and it has meant so much to both of us, but more importantly to my child. She has met other children in the same position as her, and they come together to share, play, laugh and learn about life and how to deal with a parent who is shattered by addiction.”

The Pegasus Program provides education and support to children ages 6 to 14 and their parent(s) or guardian(s) who have a loved one suffering from alcohol or other drug dependency. Child, teen and parent/caregiver support groups are staffed by master’s level counselors. These groups provide a safe and confidential environment to learn, express feelings, develop positive coping skills and have fun. Pegasus will begin on Thursday, March 21, and run Thursday evenings from 6 - 7:30 p.m. for eight weeks. Sessions are held at the Putnam County Youth Bureau, 19 Old Route 116, Cold Spring. Car mel. Pegasus is free and confidential.

Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Adriene Iasoni-Auli, LMHC, 845-909-0090, ext. 40126, or adriene.iasoni@putnam-county.ny.gov.

The Sustainable Backyard at Spring Garden School How can you have a sustainable backyard and garden in an environment of changing climates, changing expectations and, for some, lack of time and money? The Master Gardeners of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County have put it all together for the public at the Putnam County Youth Garden School. This year, the event will be held on Saturday, March 23, at Desmond-Fish Library, in Garrison. The program begins with registration at 10 a.m. and continues through the day, ending at 3 p.m.

The Sustainable Backyard theme will feature classes to help participants save energy and reduce their use of nonrenewable energy, use water wisely, protect and enhance local ecosystems, and protect gardening efforts against deer. The classes are taught by Cornell Cooperative Extension educators and Master Gardener volunteers.

Gardening in a Changing Climate: In our changing environment and climate, what are the best gardening practices we can do in our gardens? This class presents the best gardening practices that not only impact our yards but the whole ecosystem.

Rain barrel and Composting: Those wondering how to use free and natural resources in their gardens can attend this session. It is to catch rainwater from a roof and turn kitchen scraps into rich food (compost) for a garden.

Creating a Backyard Habitat: Insect wars going on in a garden can actually help plants thrive. This lesson provides important information that will make backyards welcoming, diverse habitats for beneficial insects.

Oh Deer: Impacts on Our Gardens and Habitat: Some may feel like deer in headlights when they notice that their favorite plants have been devoured by deer. This class presents the negative impacts of deer grazing to native habitats and what can be done.

Stump Session: Join all the Master Gardeners and professional educators for a question and answer wrap-up.

Registration information: The cost for the entire day is $15 per person. Register two people together for a discounted $25. Mail and online registration (preferred) information is at cce.cornell.edu/putnam for more information.

Cat Sanctuary Helps Rescue 45 Abandoned Cats

Mid Hudson Animal Aid (MHA), which runs Beacon’s Essie Dabrinas Cat Sanctuary, recently partnered with the Dutchess County SPCA to bring much-needed veterinary care and nutrition to 45 cats rescued from a home hoarding situation. Many had eye and respiratory infections, some had open wounds, and some suffered the effects of frost. (continued on next page)
Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic for Pets March 23

The Putnam County Department of Health invites pet owners to bring their dogs, cats and ferrets to a free rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, March 23, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at the Triage area of MHAA. The clinic is being held at South Putnam Animal Hospital, 230B Baldwin Place Road in Mahopac, and is open to all Putnam County residents.

Pet owners should bring photo ID as proof of Putnam County residency, as well as written proof of prior rabies vaccination. Tags are not acceptable. Without a written certificate documenting prior rabies vaccination, a pet will receive a one-year rabies vaccine. All pets must be on leashes, and cats and ferrets must be in carriers. An animal information form will be available and can be completed at the clinic site.

The Department of Health’s mission is to improve and protect the health of Putnam County residents through prevention of illness and injury. For more information, visit their website at putnamcountyny.com or their social media sites on Facebook at facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

Garrison Eighth Graders Take on The Tempest

Garrison School eighth graders performed William Shakespeare’s The Tempest in front of students, faculty and staff on Thursday, March 7, and in front of family and friends Tuesday evening, March 12. The Tempest is about Prospero, an aging magician banished to a remote island who conjures up a storm to lure his old enemies to the island. The Garrison School always puts a unique spin on the theme of the annual Shakespeare performance, and this year eighth graders selected a post-apocalyptic, punk aesthetic for the setting and costumes of The Tempest. The production of the Garrison School’s custom theater-in-the-round stage also featured backdrops created by the students and faculty as well as some innovative staging, including a giant windsurfing sail over 5 meters tall designed to simulate a ship caught in a storm. “This production of The Tempest has the most scenery, the largest props and the most elaborate costumes the Garrison School has ever attempted for a Shakespeare production,” The Tempest director and English language arts teacher Ian Berger explained. “We hope the audience will feel as though they have been shipwrecked along with the cast.”

Following a more recent Garrison School tradition, this production of The Tempest featured a female Prospero dominating the island with her magical powers. Prospero was portrayed by eighth grader Chloe Davis. Berger would like to thank the faculty, staff and parent volunteers who helped to make the performance a success. Special thanks go to Heather Campbell for helping design the costumes, running sound and choreographing the wedding scene; to Randi Davis for her help with the costumes and organizing the production; to Guidance Counselor Michael Williams for managing the lights; to art teacher Coulter Young for designing the background for the production; and to Dick Timmons and Brian Brintting for their help with the staging and lighting.

Health Department Urges Home Radon Testing

Test kits available for purchase soon

Radon is a colorless, tasteless and odorless gas that occurs naturally from the radioactive decay of uranium in the soil. Exposure to radon can cause lung cancer in the United States among non-smokers; for smokers it greatly magnifies the cancer risk. To address this serious health issue in the community, the Putnam County Department of Health is launching a new program to help residents test and assist residents in having their homes checked for radon.

Putnam is one of the New York State counties identified as a “high radon risk” area. Typically radon gas enters a home through cracks in foundations, floors and walls, and can accumulate to dangerous levels. It can also enter a home through the use of well water. “The only way to know if radon levels in your home are high is to have your home tested,” said Dr. Allen Beals, Putnam County health commissioner. “Elevated radon levels in your home can be correctable. It is important to find out the necessary steps to take to protect your family from this serious health hazard. With high radon levels in your home, breathing that air could be the same as getting frequent chest x-rays.”

Radon test kits will be available for purchase soon from the Health Department for $10. This short-term test remains in your home for a few days to check the air. The kit is sealed and mailed in for analysis. The lab analysis fee is included in the original $10 charge, and results are usually returned within a few weeks. If elevated levels are found, the problem can be fixed. Costs vary and inexpensive solutions can correct some situations.

For more information about radon and radon testing, visit the New York State Department of Health website at health.ny.gov/environmental/radiological/ra-don/radon.htm or call the Putnam County Health Department at 845-680-1390.

MatchingDonors.com Seeks Living Organ Donors

March is National Kidney Month

In collaboration with Departments of Health officials across the United States, and transplant surgeons in New York, MatchingDonors.com, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and the world’s largest online living donor organization, has launched a public education campaign throughout the U.S. to help people recognize that they can be living organ donors and encourage them to register as living organ donors. The National Living Organ Donor Initiative program has already saved thousands of lives.

Nineteen people die every day waiting for an organ transplant in the U.S.; many are from New York. There are millions of people in the U.S. who need an organ transplant, but only about 100,000 are registered on the government’s current deceased organ donor list, because there are too few deceased donor organs.

MatchingDonors.com has become the world’s largest and most successful non-profit organization promoting, registering and finding living organ donors for people needing organ transplants.

Currently, patients waiting for an organ donation are placed on a national waiting list through the government. A computer system matches patients to donor organs according to objective criteria such as blood and tissue type, immune status, medical urgency and time spent on the waiting list — the average time to receive a deceased organ is seven to nine years on this list. This ranking system determines which patients are offered available organs.

MatchingDonors.com offers a way to enhance the search for a more active approach. Many patients receive their kidney transplant within six months of registering on MatchingDonors.com.

Visit www.philipstown.info for news updates and latest information.

Haldane Transportation Requests

Due by April 1

Haldane Central School District is accepting applications for Private/Parochial School Transportation for the 2013/2014 school year.

Completed applications should be mailed to: Haldane Central School District 15 Craigside Drive Cold Spring, NY 10516 ATTN: Transportation Dept. and received no later than April 1, 2013.

Contact Elisa Travis at the Haldane Transportation Department, 845-265-9254 ext. 171 if you have questions.

Applications can be found on the haldaneschool.org website.
Universal Kitchen Wisdom

Chef Guerrero fluent beyond language of food

By Mary Ann Ebner

Food may be classified as a universal language in itself, but John Guerrero sees the culinary arts as an avenue to multilingual learning. The executive chef at Cold Spring’s Hudson House River Inn commences his daily routine with the age-old wisdom of immersion and communication. As a young teenager, Guerrero established a pattern of immersion in culinary challenges and not only learned his way around the kitchen but advanced his communication and language dexterity.

Though he was born in Ecuador, he moved to the United States as a pre-schooler and assimilated quickly in an English-speaking society. Now fluent in Spanish, he credits his many years working in commercial kitchens as critical to his language abilities.

“There was some Spanish in my home,” Guerrero said, “but not like in the kitchen. You will learn a language working with so many different people from other countries. I learned a lot of Spanish from working with guys in the kitchen.”

Along his culinary journey, Guerrero also became proficient in Portuguese and fluent in Italian. He cherishes his years working it Italy as a foundation to his language learning and culinary training.

“It was my passion to learn the cuisine of Northern Italy,” Guerrero said. “I lived in Genoa and did a lot of classical cooking there. I also learned some French influence in Italy. As time progresses, you learn different ways of cooking.”

Early mentors schooled him in the preparation of Italian cuisine found north of Rome, and Guerrero expanded his repertoire through decades of immersion in different cultures and cuisine.

He has helped carve out a reputation for the Hudson House River Inn as a dining destination, and with 22 years invested in cooking in the Hudson Valley, the local chef has been at the historic property just across the Hudson for more than 10 years. Established in 1872, the Hudson House maintains an unassuming traditional setting with its formal dining room and casual tavern, but Guerrero lets his appreciation for international taste and contemporary dining flavor the menu.

“As I’ve progressed here,” Guerrero said, “I’ve made it more into a bistro, and our reputation has grown in the quality products that we put out. You have to start with a good raw product, and you can’t give your customers quality.”

Among Hudson House signature offerings are quality steaks, dry-aged and delicately grilled to seal the beef flavor and juices.

“We use prime dry-aged handcut steaks,” Guerrero said. “There’s a difference in quality with dry-aged. With dry-aged, as the meat ages, you lose 1 percent per day. We don’t have a dry-age facility as it’s a very expensive process, but we order our steaks with our specific needs. We serve western beef from Colorado, and as people have tried it, they’ve learned this is a place where they can come for a tender and delicious steak.”

Guerrero endeavors to accommodate a range of appetites and dietary preferences, and his menu includes contemporary Asian selections, Northern Italian dishes, and a choice of market-fresh fish.

His sous chef Paul Mercer has worked at Guerrero’s side for the last six years, and when it comes to sauces and soups, Mercer keeps the kitchen prepped and stocked for high-volume service.

“I’m doing an asparagus soup that will be ready for tonight,” Mercer said as he tended a steaming stock pot. “It has to be tended. We’re also working on the stock for the lobster bisque.”

In addition to the lobster bisque, which is a Hudson House River Inn staple, Guerrero offers a sesame pan-seared sashimi tuna prepared to melt away with each taste. His fettuccine Bolognese and chickpea tagliatelle with a choice of market-fresh fish. As it’s a very expensive process, but we order our steaks with our specific needs. We serve western beef from Colorado, and as people have tried it, they’ve learned this is a place where they can come for a tender and delicious steak.”

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Sureboat's shoveling
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