Trustees Approve Tax Levy Resolution

Villanti cautions parents on Common Core tests

By Michael Turton

Taxes and test scores

At a Haldane School Board meeting Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 13, School Board trustees approved a resolution confirming tax rolls and authorizing the tax levy for the 2013-14 school year with $37,369,969 to be raised through taxes in Philipstown. Putnam Valley tax payers will contribute $455,148 and Fishkill residents will be taxed $257,325. Total spending of $22,945,120 was approved by voters in a May referendum. The budget will result in a 3.55 percent increase in the tax levy in Philipstown with the final budget falling within the spending cap imposed by New York state.

Superintendent of Schools Mark Villanti advised parents to take test scores coming out of the new Common Core curriculum, “...with a grain of salt.” He said that some parents may be surprised by scores that appear to be low. Forty-one to 72.9 percent of Haldane students in grades three through eight achieved scores at the “proficiency” level in the new assessment system. “The average was 30-31 percent statewide for proficiency,” Villanti said in an email to The Paper. “If you compare Haldane’s scores to other NY state scores we are at 90 percent compared to other districts.” At Wednesday’s meeting, Teacher Evan Schwartz dismissed the first set of test results. “I’ll look at the test results then throw them in the garbage,” he said. “For the Common Core...but this is their attempt to hit rock bottom.” Schwartz said that as test scores improve over time, “Everyone looks like geniuses.” He was critical of the length of the tests saying, “A lot of kids didn’t finish the exam.” Villanti said that the board law exam taken by his kids didn’t finish the exam. “Villanti said one looks like geniuses.” He was critical of the Common Core system. “The average one to 72.9 percent of Haldane students in Philipstown with the final budget falling within the spending cap imposed by New York state.

DA Sues Sheriff for $5 million

Levy lawsuit claims Smith’s “out of control”

By Kevin E. Foley

In an unsettling turn of events for law enforcement, Putnam County District Attorney Adam Levy has pushed the feud between himself and Putnam County Sheriff Donald B. Smith into State Supreme Court and in so doing has heated the cauldron of eastern Putnam Republican politics to the boiling point.

An angry and agitated Levy told a press conference Wednesday afternoon (Aug. 14) that Smith, the head of the county’s police force, is “out of control” and has told lies, and distorted or omitted facts, all in an attempt to damage Levy’s reputation. Consequently Levy said he had filed a $5 million lawsuit against Smith. The suit seeks $3 million in compensatory damages and $2 million in punitive damages.

Although both individuals are elected public officials, Levy said his suit was brought as a private citizen and that the matter should not involve county funds on either end.

According to the media statement released by Levy in March of this year related to the sheriff’s investigation into the alleged rape of a 13-year old girl in 2010. The accused, Alexander Hosoo, was a personal friend of Levy who on many occasions stayed overnight at his home. Levy first met Hosoo at a local gym and later invited him to his home. Levy later received a legal document from the sheriff’s investigation. Levy was critical of the sheriff’s actions and “outraged” as the sheriff was a friend of Levy. Levy said his lawsuit was the “first step” in his investigation into the sheriff’s actions.

Putnam Cycling Classic May Not Return to Cold Spring

Opinions vary on economic benefit of special events

By Michael Turton

A few weeks from now, organizers will begin planning the 2014 Putnam Cycling Classic, with Putnam County again being the only North American stop on the UCI World Cycling Tour. Last year marked the second time that the race, organized and promoted by Putnam County Tourism, started and finished in Cold Spring. It was also the first time that the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce piggybacked with the race, hosting “Petal into Spring,” a two-day weekend festival.

Libby Pataki, Putnam County Tourism Director, said that the Putnam Classic and UCI event are “absolutely” on for 2014; however, it remains to be seen if next year’s race will again start and finish in Cold Spring.

“I’m looking at a lot of options within the county,” she said, adding there is “no guarantee” the race will again be centered in Cold Spring. Pataki said that serious planning would not start until about six months prior to the event. “I’m not wedded to (centering the race in) the west end of the county or the east end.” She did say she is committed to having the race again pass through each town in Putnam County, and that Cold Spring would be part of the route.

An example of cross-promotional opportunities presented was the celebration of Grand Central Station’s 100th anniversary and Brewer’s Founder’s Day which is held in September. Brewer, located on Metro-North’s Harlem Line, is already partnering with the Metro-North Commuter Council to promote the Putnam Cycling Classic.

State DOT Rejects Paving Job at Route 9-Glassbury Court Intersection

Recently finished work described as ‘poor quality’

By Liz Schevchenk Armstrong

The New York State Department of Transportation has reportedly rejected the paving job on the reconfigured intersection of Route 9, a state highway, at Glassbury Court and wants the new surface torn up and replaced.

Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea revealed the unexpected turn of events to Philipstown.info on Monday (Aug. 12), following a brief phone conversation a few days earlier with a regional DOT engineering official.

Shea said the regional DOT office alerted him that the new pavement needed to be removed and replaced with a better surface.

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Homemade barbecue sauce and put in a 250° F oven overnight, and then the next day, then rub it with spices, leave it up into two kinds of people and put the resultant gloop on a bun, you are really altering your food quite thoroughly.

Ditto when you make bread.

Much of camp cooking is like this. It’s about turning a whole bunch of different ingredients into a casseroles, stew, fried rice medley, or stuffing for a stuffed pepper.

But sometimes wisdom, time, or the perfect loneliness of your ingredients dictates a lighter touch. A perfect peach or tomato cannot be improved by hours of marinating followed by a long roast, for example. And a really good steak needs nothing more than salt, pepper, olive oil, and a quick turn on the grill.

But when you’re a cook, restraint can be hard. You feel compelled to do something to food. Otherwise why were you put here on this planet? You feel superfluous. For such times, there are sauces.

Sauces are nothing new, of course. Béchamel, velouté, hollandaise, and brown sauces are the heart and foundation of traditional French cooking. Hardly anyone makes them anymore. Perhaps because here in America we have condiments. Condiments are like sauces except they come in bottles and jars, and generally contain loads of salt, sugar, preservatives, and unnatural additives. They do a fine job making plain foods taste more tasty.

A good homemade sauce can do this, too, of course, but it can also do something a little subtler and more interesting: it can bring out the flavor of an underlying food through contrast and balance. And when that underlying food is inherently wonderful, then the interplay of flavors benefits them both.

The other day, for Banquet — the big, final dinner at summer camp — the cooks and I made roasted sweet potato wedges with lemongrass crème fraiche sauce for one of the appetizer courses (there were four). The cool, fresh, tang of the sauce interacted with the deep earthy sweetness of the yams in a compellingly delicious way. For dinner, we made flank steak (pan seared, quick and hot, then finished in the oven) with two sauces (a cilantro-coconut-lime one and a smoked-paprika aioli).

It sounds kind of fancy, but in fact it was all quite easy. Not only were the sauces all done in advance, but we knew well before the meal that they’d turned out just right, so a lot of the pressure was off. Cooking the banquet was fun. Eating it was a grand celebration. And to finish it off, we served up little merengues with mint chocolate chip ice cream and homemade warm chocolate sauce. Warm chocolate sauce is the perfect example of what I’m talking about. It’s easy to get right, and through its contrast of temperature and flavor, it makes plain ice cream more exciting. And since it’s August, the Ice Cream Month, it’s a useful thing to know how to make.

The campers all went home on Sunday. Last night, after spending a day cleaning the camp, the staff went out to Ramunto’s, a pizza-and-beer joint in an old wool mill in Bridgewater, Vt. It was trivia night, and my team won! We named ourselves Special Sauce, and I’d like to dedicate this column to our little victory.
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Galf Pushes for Drowsy Driving Legislation
August 12, 2013
To the Editor:
With the approach of Labor Day and the beginning of the new school year, I would like to bring up the subject of drowsy driving. Drowsy driving is dangerous and unfortunately there are currently no laws in New York State against it. I am pushing for legislation in the Assembly that will make aggravated driving while fatigued a misdemeanor in an attempt to prevent drowsy driving.

Until this proposal becomes law I thought it important to convey some tips to help prevent drowsy driving in the future. A person should not drive if they have been awake for twenty or more hours, or are on six hours or less. If a driver is feeling fatigued, the driver should step off the road as soon as possible, and either fall asleep or drink a coffee/caffeinated beverage. Please note that caffeine will take anywhere between 15-20 minutes to kick in, and is a short-term fix, and is not supposed to replace sleep. Remember that certain medications may cause drowsiness.

Future of Post Office Remains Uncertain
By Elizabeth Bengel
It has yet to be determined where operations will be based once the Village Post Office on Chestnut Street reaches the end of its two-year building lease Aug. 31. Adjacent to Woodtown, the post office currently rents its space from Dan Katz, owner of the supermarket under a sublease. However, plans to expand the grocery store, and the present post office location has left the Cold Spring Village Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals to decide where the business will relocate at the end of the month.

George Flood, a U.S. Postal Service spokesperson for Westchester and the surrounding area, told The Paper the post office is exploring the possibility of a temporary customer service trailer in Cold Spring where locals will be able to purchase stamps and send mail. Additional information for the trailer has not been announced.

As far as establishing a permanent residence, Flood, I believe, identified a potential merger between the Garrison and Cold Spring post offices. “We’d have to modify the Garrison post office in order for this to work,” he said. “Cold Spring carriers would work out of the Garrison office ...

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Constitution Island Education Center Proposed for Main Street

Concern over loss of tax revenue

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Village Board conducted a very brief workshop on Thursday, Aug. 14, before moving into executive session to continue interviews as part of a process to select a firm to handle village planning and engineering needs.

A resolution was passed to adopt a law changing the minimum time required for public notice of public hearings held by the Zoning Board of Appeals from 10 days to five days. Mayor Ralph Falloon said he supports the change, “If (the intent) is to move the process forward fast- er.” A public hearing on the proposed law will be held on Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

The board reviewed a memo submit-
ted by Cold Spring Building Inspector Bill Bujalski regarding the Constitution Island education center proposed for 107-109 Main St. A public hearing on the project is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 19, at 10 a.m. in Carmel. In addition to pointing out that the proposal will have to be reviewed by a number of village boards, Bujalski raised a number of con- cerns, potential parking and traffic prob- lems among them. He also pointed to the loss of a Main Street commercial opera- tion and with it the loss of tax revenue to the village due to the not-for-profit status of the Constitution Island Association, the organization that would run the education center. Bujalski also stated that the center would be “tourist based” and would “have only a seasonal impact or benefit to the village.”

A grant of up to $749,706 from Empire State Development will be used to pur- chase the building, complete repairs and design the education center. The ground floor of the building, located be- tween The Living Room andMomminia Jewelry, is currently occupied by Chicka- dee Gallery. Falloon expressed mixed feelings about the project. “I’m concerned that the hearing is in Carmel,” he said, add- ing that he planned to attend. He also questioned whether the location of the hearing could be challenged legally. “I think it’s a great project, I truly do — I believe in what they are doing.” But he also underlined what he sees as a down- side to the project. “It’s another hard pill to swallow for our village,” he said, referring to the loss of tax revenue. Fal- loon also said that while Putnam County supports the project, “They’re the ones not sharing (sales) tax revenue with us.”

He said he would discuss the project with the superintendent of the U.S. Mili- tary Academy at West Point which owns Constitution Island. The Constitution Is- land Association operates as a separate entity and there have been tensions between the organization and USMA.

Trustees Matt Francesco and Charles Hustedt were absent from the meeting. Francisco is on vacation and Hustedt had to respond to an emergency at work.

“They (special events) should not be just one weekend.” Zoning plans think street ven- dors should be a regular feature in Cold Spring and that special events should be offered on a consistent, scheduled basis. “That way, people will know to expect here on weekends.”

Tim Chetcutiak could not disagree more. He said that Archipelago saw no increase in weekend sales and that traf- fic was less than normal on the day of the bike race. Yet, he had praise for organiz- ers. “It was the best street fair I’ve seen here in 15 years … very well thought out, organization and setup were great.” But he remains a non-believer when it comes to special events. “There’s too much going on — people get distracted from shopping. Street vendors and little village (as a whole) do well — but I don’t,” he said.

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Bill Bujalski, executive director of the Putnam County Tourism; $3,000 from Philipstown.info / The Paper; $2,000 from an anonymous donor, $700 from Cathryn’s Tuscan Grill, and $400 from Mid-Hudson Concrete. The Chamber also raised $2,065 from advertising space donated by Philipstown.info on its visitor’s map and from balloon sales. The Paper also recruited 16 new members as a result of the event.

Polar-opposite opinions

Opinions could not differ more re- garding the economic benefit of the two events than those held by the owners of two Main Street businesses — Frozen- berry’s Benny Zaken and Archipelago at Home’s Tim Chetcutiak.

“We were busy … about 10 to 15 per- cent busier than normal,” Zaken said.
Benedict Arnold: From Patriot to Pariah
By Ron Soodalter

Residents of Philipstown are fortunate to live in an area where so much of our nation's history took place. One of the most dramatic stories to come out of the Revolutionary War occurred, at least in part, in and around Garrison, and within just a few miles of Cold Spring. It was here that Benedict Arnold — George Washington’s “right- ingest” general — attempted to sell West Point to the British. And when the plot failed by the slimmest of chances, it was from here that he made his escape.

Arguably, there is no other figure in the pantheon of America's homegrown villains who has captured the degree of infamy of Benedict Arnold. His very name has become synonymous with the meanest forms of betrayal. And yet, there was a time when he held not only the respect and admiration of a nascent country struggling for its independence, but the love and trust of its army's command-in-chief. The road from patriotism to treason was a long and twisted one, fraught with heroism and injustice, bitterness and disappointment, and serving of more understanding — and perhaps sympathy — than Arnold has been accorded.

Benedict Arnold was a Connecticut Yankee, born into privilege in Norwich in January, 1741. He learned the value of money, when his father’s bad business ventures compromised the family fortune, and necessitated Benedict's removal from school. After serving an apprenticeship, he ultimately opened his own apothecary, while maintaining a bustling side business in smuggling. Stocky, powerful, and quick to anger, he established a bustling side business in smuggling.

His intractable ambition – the legendary frontiersman, land speculator, and brawler in Maine snowstorms, on a grueling wilderness trek that has come down as one of the most extra-ordinary feats in U.S. military history. With the march, Washington dubbed Arnold “America’s Hannibal.” On December 31, Arnold and General Richard Montgomery, who had just captured Montreal, launched their attack. The weather was still against them, however, and driving rain and ranks thinned by death and desertion combined to doom their chance of victory. Montgomery was killed, and Arnold came away with a badly wounded leg and no Invasion hopes. After maintaining a long, fruitless siege at Quebec, Arnold was placed in command of Montreal, but the reinforced British were eventually rallied and drove the Americans out of Canada. Although disappointed, Washington — in recognition of Arnold’s valiant efforts — had him commissioned a brigadier general.

Meanwhile, Washington knew that the British army in Canada was certain to invade New York by sailing down Lake Champlain and the Hudson River. He ordered Arnold to stop them. During the summer of 1776, Arnold built a tiny armada of 96 vessels, some of which were little more than armed rowboats, and in October, sailed to Champlain to meet the British fleet. Hopelessly outnumbered and outgunned, Arnold lost the two desperate battles that followed, but his bold action delayed the British invasion until the following year. It also gave Washington the upper hand, as he crossed the Delaware in the dead of winter, and stage his new-famous attack against Trenton.

Instead of praise, however, Arnold found his name and reputation were in poor standing among many of the politicians in Congress. Nowadays, we tend to lionize the original members of Congress as noble men, unified in their purpose — to forge a new nation. However, they were often self-serving, politically driven treacheries, focused on their own agendas. The year 1776 has magic connotations for Americans; it was also the year when a political faction hostile to the Washington himself, declaring all charges “cruel and groundless,” this time he tendered his resignation — “not out of a spirit of resentment (though my feelings are deeply wounded), but ... as an implied impeachment of my character.”

Again, Washington surmised. He had received word that a force of 10,000 British troops under General John Burgoyne had, in fact, invaded the Champlain-Hudson River corridor and was moving on Albany. Washington requested the approval of Congress to send Arnold north to meet the threat, characterizing him as “active, judicious, and brave.” Congress responded by elevating Arnold’s letter of resignation — but still refusing to restore his seniority. Once again, Arnold was sent into harm’s way, this time to play a major role in the battle that would change the course of the war. And once again, Congress would respond to his victory with insult rather than laurels.

Part II and III will point out the dramatic events that unfolded just outside our doors and down the road, and will explore the final attacks on Arnold’s character, his marriage to the beautiful young Tory, Peggy Shippen, and his rapid decline from patriot soldier to notorious traitor.
The Calendar

Highland Studio: Digital Printmaking Studio with Roots in Fine Arts

Joe and Lisa Diebboll capturing every detail

By Alison Rooney

Lisa and Joe Diebboll came early to their calling. As students at Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), both initially studying painting, they turned to printmaking after feeling disappointed with the painting department there. It wasn’t a new form to Joe, who had studied printmaking in high school and whose art teacher had, in fact, predicted he would become a printmaker. Printmakers they have both become, running Cold Spring’s Highland Studio, HS, located in a spacious two-story studio building they custom-built on their property down a dirt road right off of Route 9. Highland Studio, which began life in Nelsonville and then journeyed to Beacon before moving to its present location, is, as its website describes it, “a fine art atelier dedicated to capturing every detail of the artist’s intent. These are not posters made in a high volume printing factory setting, but fine quality art prints worthy of special care and handling. These prints will last for generations because every care is taken with regard to ink, paper, process and handling.” The prints can be meticulous reproductions of already existing paintings or other artworks, or originals, new works made in collaboration.

Steppin’ Out With Almost Too Much To Do

A busy hive of activities in Philipstown, Beacon and nearby this weekend

By Alison Rooney

Manhattan has nothing on us! This weekend is one of those overload types, bursting-at-the-seams extravaganzas that Philipstown, Beacon and their surrounds seem to spontaneously combust into a few times a year. The assortment of activities, some taking place just once a year, others part of this area’s constant panorama, reflect why so many people come to visit and why others choose to make it their home. From canoeing to crafts fairs, rock ‘n’ roll to Rachmaninoff, outdoor movies, wine tastings, free museums and landscape tour Saturday and Sunday. Here is a rundown of a number of this Friday to Sunday’s highlights. More details for some can be found in our calendar listings both here and online at www.philipstown.info. Some events require admission to Boscobel’s lovely grounds and their surrounds seem to spontane-ously combust into a few times a year. The assortment of activities, some stuffed, bursting-at-the-seams weekend is one of those overload types, bursting-at-the-seams extravaganzas that Philipstown, Beacon and their surrounds seem to spontaneously combust into a few times a year. The assortment of activities, some taking place just once a year, others part of this area’s constant panorama, reflect why so many people come to visit and why others choose to make it their home. From canoeing to crafts fairs, rock ‘n’ roll to Rachmaninoff, outdoor movies, wine tastings, free museum and site admissions, it’s a pretty difficult week ahead.

One might prepare for the challenges of sitting through multiple tables of books and other media by a bit of wine tasting at Artisan Wine at 4 p.m. Friday, (also 3 p.m. Saturday), or closer to the library, at Garrison’s Landing where Antipodean Books hosts an evening wine and cheese from 5 to 8 p.m. and an unveiling ceremony of the new Hudson Highlands Map Saturday, which runs from 5 to 7 p.m.

Just a few doors down from Antipodean, the Garrison Art Center’s Annual Fine Crafts Fair spills over Garrison’s Landing onto the green banks of the river with handmade traditional and alternative crafts vendors, food and music on Saturday and Sunday. Hear the Educated Fleas on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tiki Daddy on Sunday, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The fair itself is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. It’s high season for local sites and museums. Manitoga offers its house and landscape tour Saturday and Sunday at both 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., while Storm King’s tour at 2 p.m. features the highlights of its outdoor sculpture collection. Or, there is free admission to Boscobel’s lovely grounds (there is a fee for the tour of the mansion, however) and the Mid-Hudson Children’s Museum, 75 North Water St., Poughkeepsie, is offering free admission for kids on Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. It’s Garden Conservancy Open Day at Stonecrop Gardens on Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with Tea In The Garden served between noon and 4 p.m., with free admission to visitors with a Garden Conservancy Open Days pass. If you fancy getting out on the water, there is a public sail on the Woody Guthrie at 6 p.m. on Friday night, departing from the Beacon Sloop Club at 2 Red Flynn Drive. Boat tours to Bannerman Island depart Beacon dock at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Constitution Marsh is hosting an interpretive public canoe program from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, focusing on the nearby environments of the tidal Hudson River, especially the natural history of Constitution Marsh and the surrounding Hudson Highlands. Andahun naturalists lead paddlers through winding channels lined with tall, elegant marsh grasses, searching for hidden wildlife.

Back on land, hikers might be interested in a two-hour Storm King hike, leaving at
The Paper

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

Kids & Community

Story/Craft Time (ages 3-6)
10-11:45 A.M. MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Baseball Card Show
11 A.M. - 7 P.M. WESTCHESTER COUNTY CENTER
196 Central Avenue, White Plains
914-995-4050 | countycenterbiz

Wine Tasting
4 - 7 P.M. ARTISAN WINE SHOP
180 Main St., Beacon
845-440-6923 | artisannvinewineshop.com

Wine & Cheese
5 - 8 P.M. ANTIPODEAN BOOKS
29 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-424-3867 | antipodeanbooks.com

Public Sail on the Woody Guthrie
6 P.M. BEACON SLOOP CLUB
2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon
Call 845-297-7697 for reservations.

Friends of Descend-Fish-Library Book Sale (Member Preview)
8 - 10:30 P.M. 472 ROUTE 403, GARRISON
845-424-3020 | descendfishlibrary.org

Health & Fitness

Advanced Stage Cancer Support Group
12:30 P.M. YORKTON JEWISH CENTER
2960 Donald Road, Yorktown Heights
914-962-6402 | supportconnection.org

Art & Design

House, Studio and Landscape Tour
11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. MONTIC冤LA
584 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3862 | russellatztourist.com

Theater & Film

The Three Musketeers
8 P.M. BOSCOBEL GARDENS
1605 Route 9D, Garrison
845-265-9575 | highlandbaskets.com

The Dork Knight
8 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT THEATER
10 Garrison’s Landing Residence
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheater.org

Music

Jeff Alton Quartet
7:30 P.M. BEACON RUNNER CAFE
201 S. Davis, Peekskill
914-737-1701 | beamannernyc.com

Live Music

8 P.M. COLD SPRING DEPOT
1 Depot Square, Cold Spring
845-265-5500 | coldspringdepot.com

Rock Rosenthal CD Release Party
8 P.M. CHILL WINE BAR
173 Main St., Beacon
845-765-0885

The Goat Roads Sessions With Yo-Yo Ma
8 P.M. BETHEL WOODS
200 Hunt Road, Bethel
866-761-2922 | bethelwoodscenter.org

T. Jay
8 P.M. WHISTLING WILLIE’S
184 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-2012 | whistlingwillies.com

R&B Sessions
9 P.M. VEGAS’ SIP N SOUL CAFE
469 Fishkill Ave., Beacon
845-633-1543 | vegasinsoul.com

Talking Machine
9:30 P.M. MAN’S ON MAIN
246 Main St, Beacon
845-836-6297 | maxsominmain.com

Meetings & Lectures

Free Computer Help
2 P.M. DESCEND-FISH-LIBRARY
472 ROUTE 403, GARRISON
845-424-3020 | descendfishlibrary.org

Focusing Institute Summer Schools (Open)
3 P.M. GARRISON INSTITUTE
845-424-4800 | garrisoninstitute.org

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Kids & Community

Cold Spring Farmers’ Market
8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. BOSCOBEL
1605 Route 9D, Garrison | csfarmmarket.org

Meet the Animals
10 A.M. & 1:30 P.M. MANITOBA
3 Beekman St., Beacon
845-440-0068 | hudsonbeachglass.com

Food Pantry
9 - 10 A.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10 Academy St., Cold Spring
845-265-3200 | graceharvestcoldspring.org

Outdoor Discovery Center Events
9 A.M. - 4 P.M. NATURE PLAY AREA (AGES 2-10)
10 A.M. FASCINATING FOSSILS
100 Mission Drive, Cornwall
845-534-5900 | hudsonhighlandszoo.org

Health & Fitness

Free Admission to Boscobel Grounds
9 A.M. - 5 P.M. BOSCOBEL
1605 Route 9D, Garrison | csfarmmarket.org

Free Admission to Children’s Museum
9 A.M. - 5 P.M. WATSON ST., POUGHKEEPSIE
845-471-0598 | moco.org

Health & Fitness

Adult Pick-up Soccer
9 A.M. BEACON MEMORIAL PARK
Meetup.com/hudsonvalleypicksoccer

T’ai Chi Chuan Group
9:30 A.M. ARTS ON THE LAKE
640 Route 52, Kent Lakes
845-226-8285 | artsontothelake.com

Art & Design

Free Admission to Boscobel Grounds
9:30 A.M. - 5 P.M. 1601 ROUTE 9D, GARRISON
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Code Springs (ages 5-14)
4 P.M. DESCEND-FISH-LIBRARY
472 ROUTE 403, GARRISON | antipodeanbooks.com

Hudson Highlands Map Unveiling
5 - 7 P.M. ANTIPODEAN BOOKS
29 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-534-5771 | hudsonhighlandszoo.org

Free Admission to Children’s Museum
5 - 9:30 P.M. 180 NORTH WATER ST., POUGHKEEPSIE
845-471-0598 | moco.org

Health & Fitness

Free Admission to Boscobel Grounds
9:30 A.M. - 5 P.M. 1601 ROUTE 9D, GARRISON
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Glass Bead Making Workshop (Day 1 of 2)
3 - 6 P.M. ARTISAN WINE SHOP
180 Main St., Beacon
845-440-6923 | artisannvinewineshop.com

Health & Fitness

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9:30 A.M. - 5 P.M. 1601 ROUTE 9D, GARRISON
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Enjoy a little color into your summer festivities!

Hudson Beach Glass

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Sturm King Art Center Events
NOON & 1 P.M. BECKEYER TOUR OF UNITLED (BEES MAKING HONEY)
3 P.M. WANDERINGS AND WONDERS WITH MATT JENSEN
1 Museum Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Theater & Film
CSFP Summer Film Series
7:45 P.M. FAMILY SHORTS
8 P.M. THE FRENCH CONNECTION
DOCKSIDE PARK, COLD SPRING
coldspringfilm.org

Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy Working with Time (Documentary)
9 A.M. STORM KING ART CENTER
1 Museum Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org

King Lear
8 P.M. BOSCOBEL
See details under Friday.

Music
Music at Fine Arts Fair
11 A.M. - 1 P.M. THE EDUCATED FLEAS
1:30 - 3:30 P.M. DELTA DREAMBOX
GARRISON ART CENTER
25 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-642-3900 | garrisonartcenter.org

Summer’s End Fest
4 - 10 P.M. ARTS ON THE LAKE
640 Route 92, Kent Lakes
845-229-2685 | artsontelake.org

Zac Brown Band
7 P.M. BETHEL WOODS
200 Hunt Road, Bethel
860-763-2122 | bethelwoodscenter.org

Conigliaro Trio
7:30 P.M. BEAN RUNNER CAFÉ
See details under Friday.

Come to the Cabaret!
8 & 10 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT THEATRE
10 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

‘C’mon Beacon, Let’s Dance!
8 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER
477 Main St., Beacon
845-631-4085 | howlandculturalcenter.org

The Compact
8 P.M. WHISTLING WILLIE’S | Details under Friday

Backbeat with Rudy
9:30 P.M. MAX’S ON MAIN | Details under Friday

Stax of Soul (Motown)
9:30 P.M. 12 GRAFFY
12 N. Division St., Peekskill
914-737-6624 | 12graffy.com

Meetings & Lectures
Overeaters Anonymous
8:30 A.M. GRAYMOOR
1350 Route 9, Garrison | 917-716-2488 | oa.org

Shabbat Services
9:30 A.M. ST. MARY’S CHURCH
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
845-265-4031 | phillipstownreformsynagogue.org

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
Kids & Community
Beacon Flea Market
8 A.M. - 3 P.M. HENRY STREET PARKING LOT
Behind Main Street Post Office, Beacon
845-265-0094 | beaconflea.blogspot.com

Public Canoe Trip
9 A.M. AUDUBON CENTER
127 Warren Landing Road, Garrison
845-265-2001 x15 | constitutionmarsh.org

Make Cheesey!
9 A.M. - 4 P.M. ARTISAN WINE SHOP
180 Main St., Beacon
845-231-4442 | commongroudfarm.org

Nature Play Area (ages 2-10)
9 A.M. - 4 P.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER
See details under Saturday.

Baseball Card Show
10 A.M. - 4 P.M. WESTCHESTER COUNTY CENTER
See details under Friday.

Fine Crafts Fair
10 A.M. - 5 P.M. GARRISON ART CENTER
See details under Saturday.

Garden Conservancy Open Day
10 A.M. - 5 P.M. OPEN HOURS
NOON - 4 P.M. TEA IN THE GARDEN
STONECROP GARDENS
81 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring
845-265-2000 | stonecrop.org

Nimham Pow Wow
10 A.M. - 6 P.M. VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
See details under Saturday.

Beacon Farmers’ Market
11 A.M. - 3 P.M. SCENIC HUDSON RIVER CENTER
Long Dock Drive, Beacon
845-234-9325 | thebeaconfarmersmarket.com

Wildlife Education Center Events
NOON - 4 P.M. STORY WALK
2:30 P.M. MEET THE ANIMALS
See details under Saturday.

Children and Families: Tour with Wally McGuire
1 P.M. STORM KING ART CENTER
1 Museum Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Desmond-Fish Book Sale
1 - 5 P.M. 472 ROUTE 403, GARRISON
845-424-3000 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Bannerman Island Tour
2:30 P.M. BEACON DOCK
800-979-3370 | bannermancastle.org

Health & Fitness
Adult Pick-up Soccer
9:45 A.M. BEACON MEMORIAL PARK
meetup.com/hudsonvalleysoccer

Sports
Army vs. Stony Brook (Women’s Soccer)
3 P.M. CLINTON FIELD, WEST POINT
917-716-2488 | goarmysports.com

Art & Design
Drop-in Art Sessions
9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. DRAWING AND PAINTING FROM LIFE (LONG POSE)
10 A.M. - 1 P.M. BASIC ETCHING
1:30 - 3:30 P.M. PENNYMAKING CLUB
GARRISON ART CENTER
23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

House, Studio and Landscape Tour
11 A.M. & 1:30 P.M. MANITOGA
See details under Friday.

Free Admission for Beacon Residents
11 A.M. - 6 P.M. DIA/BECON
See details under Saturday.

Theater & Film
The History of Future Folk with Q&A
1:30 P.M. DOUGHLIN FINE ART CENTER
Front St., Newburgh
845-561-3686 | DowningFilmCenter.com

Al’s Wolf That Ends Wolf
7 P.M. BOSCOBEL | See details under Friday

Cracking Up (Comedy)
7 P.M. BEAN RUNNER CAFÉ
201 S. Division, Peekskill
914-737-1701 | beanrunnercafe.com

Music
Music at Fine Arts Fair
11 A.M. - 1 P.M. HARRY BOLICK AND BRIAN SLATTERY
2:30 P.M. TIKI DADDY
GARRISON ART CENTER | Details under Saturday

Divide and Conquer Band
1 P.M. COLD SPRING DEPOT
See details under Friday.

Julia Bruskin and Aaron Wunsch
4 P.M. BOSCOBEL
See details under Friday.

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1350 Route 9, Garrison
914-938-2266 | goarmysports.com

Sunday 1:30 – 3:30
Delta Dreambox
1:30 P.M. BEACON DOCK
800-979-3370 | bannermancastle.org

Picnic lunch by:
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Garrison Cafe
Lemon Love
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845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

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Non-slip Handmade jewelry
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Thank you!
Monday, August 19

Kids & Community

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

Yoga for Toddlers
10 A.M. BEACON YOGA CENTER
464 Main St., Beacon
845-439-8406 | beaconyogacenters.com

Desmond-Fish Book Sale
2 - 5 P.M. Route 403, GARRISON
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Herb Gardening and Wild Medicine Making (Opening)
5 P.M. EDEN VILLAGE CAMP
392 Dennytown Road, Putnam Valley
877-907-3306 | edenvillagecamping.org

Public Sail on the Woody Guthrie
6 P.M. BEACON SLOOP CLUB
See details under Friday.

Death on the Niv (grade 8)
6:30 P.M. BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Health & Fitness

Red Cross Blood Drive
NOON - 3 P.M. CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
953 Main St., Fishkill
800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org

Grandparenting 101
4 P.M. Hudson Valley Hospital Center
1980 Crompound Road, Cortlandt Manor
914-734-3896 | hvh.org/kevents

Yoga with a View
6 P.M. BOSCOBEL | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Basketball at Rec Center
6:15 P.M. YOUTH SKILLS DRILLS (GRADES 3-8)
7:30 P.M. MEN'S PICK-UP
PHILIPPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER
107 Glenhyrst Dr., Garrison
845-424-4618 | philippstownrecreation.com

Breast Cancer Support Group
7 P.M. HUDSON VALLEY HOSPITAL CENTER
1980 Crompound Road, Cortlandt Manor
914-962-6042 | supportconnection.org

Tuesday, August 20

Kids & Community

Senior Day Center
10 A.M. | 2 P.M. MOTHER LURANA HOUSE
166 Old West Point Road, East Garrison
845-424-3164 | garrisoncenter.org

Dutchess County Fair
10 A.M. | 11 A.M. FAIRGROUNDS
6550 Spring Brook Ave., Rhinebeck
845-870-4000 | dutchessfair.com

Desmond-Fish Book Sale
2 - 8:30 P.M. Route 403, GARRISON
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

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

Public Sail on the Woody Guthrie
6 P.M. BEACON SLOOP CLUB | Details under Friday

Member Moonwalk
9 P.M. WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON
61 Parker Ave., Poughkeepsie
845-454-1190 | walkway.org

Health & Fitness

Free Hepatitis C and HIV Testing
1:30 - 3:30 P.M. 121 MAIN ST., BREWSTER
845-808-1390 x31314 | putnamcountyny.gov

Red Cross Blood Drive
2 - 7 P.M. MAHOPAC FIRE DEPARTMENT
741 Route 6, Mahopac
800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org

Weight Loss Surgery Seminar
4:30 P.M. PUTNAM HOSPITAL CENTER
670 Stanwich Ave., Carmel
845-230-4797 | healthquest.org

Wednesday, August 21

Kids & Community

Colonial Day (grades 5-6)
9 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. STONY POINT BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC SITE | 845-786-2521 | nysparks.com

Come & Play (ages 0-3)
9:45 - 11:30 A.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Chess Club
10 A.M. - 1 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Mah Jongg Open Play
10 A.M. - 1 P.M. VWF HALL
34 Kermele Ave., Cold Spring
845-424-4618 | philippstownrecreation.com

Dutchess County Fair
10 A.M. - 11 A.M. FAIRGROUNDS
See details under Tuesday.

Product Market
NOON | BEACON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
50 Liberty St., Beacon
845-831-5322 | beaconpresbychurch.com

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

Desmond-Fish Book Sale
2 - 5 P.M. ROUTE 403, GARRISON
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Thursday, August 22

Kids & Community

Camp Cooking Day
9 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. STONY POINT BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC SITE
845-786-2521 | nysparks.com

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Highland Studio: Digital Printmaking Studio with Roots in Fine Arts

The Highland Studio is located at 31 Cold Spring Depot - 1860s Cold Spring Depot. Although it's not a traditional studio, it offers a unique experience for artists who want to explore different art forms.

Printing with artists, sometimes created from a combination of images and even from combinations of paintings and other objects to create fine art prints. Along with prints, HS also offers custom framing, sales of reproductions of antique photos and other works, restorations, and services.

The Highland Studio is a great place to start if you're interested in learning more about printmaking and digital art. They offer a range of courses, from basic techniques to more advanced topics.

Artists can also rent space at Highland Studio to work on their own projects. The studio is open to anyone who wants to use the facilities, whether they're a professional artist or just starting out. They can bring their own equipment or use the studio's tools.

With a range of classes and workshops available, there's something for everyone at the Highland Studio. Whether you're interested in printmaking, digital art, or just want to learn more about the art world, this is the perfect place to start.

For more information, visit thehighlandstudio.com.
Stonecrop Gardens Holds Tea in the Garden Aug. 18
Stonecrop Gardens announces a Gar-
den Conservancy Open Day and Tea in the Garden Sunday, Aug. 18, at Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring. As part of the Garden Conservancy Open Days Pro-
gram, Stonecrop will open for visitation from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tea in the Garden will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Tea and cake will be available for purchase. Admission is $5, and no charge to Stone-
crop members or visitors with a Garden Conservancy Open Days pass. Visitors should sign in at the Stonecrop Gardens potting shed. Visit stoncrop.org for more information on open days and up-
coming events.

Learn to Reduce Food Waste at Cold Spring Farmers’ Market
Before you toss the squash … this time of year, gardeners or CSA (communi-
supported agriculture) members find themselves knee-deep in squash, cucum-
bears, peppers, greens, herbs and toma-
toes. But we are also busy people, who forget these gems are hidden in drawers or pushed to the back of the refrigerator where they sit forgetting fuzzy white mold. This inevitably leads to them being tossed into the trash. Unfortu-
ately, food waste is not a seasonal phenome-
non. It happens round year and it’s more than just a couple of tomatoes we are talking about. Americans are wasting 40 percent of their food. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, more than 80 percent of the wasted food ends up in the landfill, which amounts to 33 million tons of food. When food breaks down anaerobically (without oxygen) in the landfill it releases methane gas; methane is 21 times more potent than CO2 as a greenhouse gas. Food waste not only takes up valuable landfill space, but it’s heavy and costly to transport.
To prevent the fruits of your, or some-
one else’s, hard labor going to waste, try these tips: freeze or can food before it spoils, give it to a neighbor or friend, do-
ate to your local food pantry, or at the very least, compost it. To learn more about how you can re-
duce food waste, come to the Cold Spring Farmers’ Market from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Saturday, Aug. 18, at Crystal Palace. Local farmer Ford will share recipes and tips for tack-
ing food waste in the kitchen.

Revolutionary War Period Concert Set for Fort Montgomery State Historic Site
Fort Montgomery State Historic Site announces a special period music concert, Down With This Earthly King! The concert, featuring vocal and instru-
mental music performed by the rebel-
lious Americans during the Revolution-
ary War, takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Fort Montgomery State Historic Site.

Although much of America’s musi-
culture was directly influenced by British tastes during this period, some uniquely American styles of composi-
tion began to develop in the latter part of the 18th century. This performance by musicians of the Ministers of Apollo will include music from Great Britain as well as selections from American manu-
scripts and publications. Fort Montgom-
ery State Historic Site is located at 690 Route 9W, Fort Montgomery, one quarter mile north of the Bear Mountain Bridge traffic circle. Call 845-446-2134 or visit FortMontgomery.org.

River of Words Poetry Trail Celebrates Nature-Inspired Poetry
Following the success of last year’s inaugural River of Words Poetry Trail, the Hudson Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) is pleased to announce partner-
ships with the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary in Cold Spring and the Hudson Highlands Nature Mu-
seum in Cornwall to bring trails to both sides of the Hudson River. The River of Words Poetry Trail is a series of unique, temporary installations celebrating the nature-inspired poetry of local students winding through natural settings.
Works were selected by award-winning poet and HHLT educator Irene O’Garden to represent the hundreds of poems cre-
ated by students from public schools in the Land Trust’s mission area during HHLT’s free Regional River of Words (ROW) environmental education work-
shops throughout the 2012-13 school year. Each Poetry Trail will feature a dif-
ferent set of eight poems, written by chil-
dren from both sides of the river.
The self-guided tour of the HHLT Poet-
ry Trail at Constitution Marsh is free and open to the public, and will be available to explore from dawn to dusk, Aug. 23, to Sept. 15. Details on the Hudson High-
lands Nature Museum’s Poetry Trail in-
stallation will be available closer to its (Continued on next page)

Birds and Bulls by Sven Mohr
Image courtesy of Gallery 66 NY
**Bat Capture May Help Avoid Treatment**

_A department of health reports recent uptick in treatment needs_

A seasonal uptick in the number of bats found in Putnam County homes has caused increased rabies treatments because the bats were not captured.

“The important thing to remember is capture any bat found in your home, and then call the Health Department to find out about testing,” says Commissioner of Health Allen Beals, M.D. “Less than 2 percent of bats have rabies so with testing, the need for treatment should be markedly reduced. On the other hand, when there is no bat for testing, and exposure may have occurred, treatment is necessary,” he warns. “Remember, rabies remains the most deadly virus. It is 100 percent fatal if untreated. Fortunately, post-exposure treatment is also 100 percent effective in preventing the disease. That’s why all possible exposures, absent of bat for testing, must be treated as a necessary safety precaution,” Dr. Beals concludes. All possible bat exposures should be reported immediately by calling 808-1390. (Follow voice mail instructions for evening and weekend calls.)

An instructional video on “Capturing a Bat,” is available on the Putnam County Department of Health’s website at putnamcounty.ny.gov/health and via their social media sites, Facebook and Twitter, and on the New York State Department of Health’s website.

The Health Department’s mission is to improve and protect the health of the county’s nearly 100,000 residents through prevention of illness and injury. Visit putnamcounty.ny.gov/health or visit social media sites at facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

**Beacon**

_The 21st season of the Howland Chamber Music Circle gets under way Sept. 29. It will again feature four string quartets, beginning with the first appearance at the Howland Center of the Juilliard String Quartet. The others will be the Daedalus, Voxare and Shanghai quartets, all well known and loved by the Circle’s audience. Two soloists will join the presentations, violinist Stefan Jackiw, with Gilles Vonsattel on the piano, and cellist Narak Hakhnazaryan with pianist Nor- ern Polera. The Gandarte Brass Quintet will play music spanning five centuries and Istanbulpita. A Medieval Dance Band, members of Early Music New York, will perform on period instruments. The Chamber Music Circle’s wintertime piano series, enthusiastically received by sold-out houses, will feature return engagements by Jonathan Biss, Jeremy Denk, Gilles Vonsattel and Frederic Chiu, who will be joined by Andrew Russo in a concert of works for two pianos. All performances take place at 4 p.m. Sundays at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon, and are followed by a reception to meet the artists.

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**Save the Date for Putnam County Medication Take-Back Day**

_The Putnam County Communities That Care Coalition, Putnam County Sheriff’s Department present a medication take-back day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 21, at the American Legion, George A. Casey Post, 275 Cedar St., Cold Spring.

Don’t flush your drugs. Help protect youth and New York’s waters. Individuals can dispose of prescription medication, over-the-counter medication and pet medication. Please keep medications in original package if possible. Remove personal patient information. No syringes, lancets or sharps of any kind will be accepted. For questions on items you are unsure of dropping off or for more information, contact Mary Rice at the Putnam County Department of Health at 845-808-1390 x43164. Visit putnamcounty.com/health and putnamcountycid.org/etc.

**Get Hands Dirty Helping Haldane Garden**

_Haldane’s school garden has not stopped growing this summer. Come visit to see what’s blooming, buzzing, and bursting with color._

The garden needs help to tame the overgrowth of weeds and mulch around class beds before school starts. Please help Haldane get the garden ready for returning students and teachers. Bring water, gloves, a shovel and/or iron rake on clean-up days to be held from 5:30 p.m. to dark Monday Aug. 26, and 9 a.m. to noon Thursday Aug. 29.

Kids are welcome to play on the blacktop or get dirty helping with the garden clean-up. As always, thank you for your support. The garden committee has only so many hands for so many, many plants!

**Make Chutney at Common Ground Farm**

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**NY Alert**

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One of the great attractions of living in the Hudson Valley is that meals served at benefits generally don't feature the usual rubber chicken or hard-to-identify protein of some kind. This is more so at United Way's upcoming event, Putnam Best Chefs and Fine Wines, which takes place at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8, at The Garrison. This is United Way Putnam and Westchester's (UWWP) most important yearly fundraiser, and all monies raised “stay in Putnam” according to United Way's Resource Development Associate, Peter West.

For the fifth year of this event, attendees will enjoy cuisine from some of Putnam County's finest food establishments, including, along with Valley Restaurant at The Garrison, Philpottown's Fresh Company caterers, Hudson Hill's Café & Market, and The Stadium. Other Putnam purveyors are Arturo's Tavern, Johnny Gelato, Olive Oil of the World, Thai Golden Restaurant, and more. Offerings will be paired with tastings of fine wines from around the world provided by Depot Wine & Liquors of Brewster and great beers from Captain Lawrence Brewing Company.

There will also be a silent auction with proceeds to benefit programs right in Putnam. This year, local blues and roots band Crossroads will provide music. West calls United Way a “locally focused organization” which functions differently than it did years ago. “We used to be a funder of specific agencies,” West said. “Now we identify problems and develop our own programs as well as work with other agencies.”

According to their literature, UWWP “works with agency partners, government, businesses and community leaders to solve problems that are too complex for any one entity alone. All contributions go toward improving the education, income, and health of the children, youth and families throughout Putnam and Westchester.”

One of the biggest programs that United Way operates in Putnam (as well as in Dutchess, Westchester, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties) is the 2-1-1 helpline. “Our 2-1-1 call center and helpline serves the whole region and was widely used by Putnam residents during Hurricane Sandy,” West says, “but it’s not just for emergencies; we provide information about different social service agencies from Long Island to the Adirondacks. We can offer help with evictions, free clinic opportunities, heating, childcare — most anything, and if we don’t have it in our database, our call center specialists will go out of their way to find the information.”

Another program operated by UWWP is Step Up 2 Health. Based at Tilly Foster Community Farm in Brewster, and run by Cornell Cooperative Extension, its aim is to tackle obesity at the root of the cause. To that end they are facilitating support groups, coaching and workshops, as well as walking groups. They are getting people out to community gardens to grow their own food and learn about nutrition. About a dozen families participate. United Way is working with six partner agencies in the effort.

A third program, Voices For Positive Change, operates out of Green Chimneys, also in Brewster, where teenagers work on “making the right choice” via the tools and support needed to make positive choices in their lives and reduce risky behaviors frequently exhibited when they are under significant stress.

Then there is FamilyWize, which assists in the distribution of prescription discount cards, which slice up to 30 percent off costs. The goal of this community partnership is to reduce the cost of medicine for children, families and individuals with... (Continued on next page)
Roots and Shoots

Reader Q-and-A: Treating Black, Moldy Growth on a Tree

By Pamela Doan

A reader writes, “Hi! I enjoy your articles. Wondering if you have any ideas about this? It’s like a growth in the branches of the plum tree in my yard. It’s black and looks almost moldy. Lots of fruit, so it doesn’t seem to be harming the tree but there is more and more every year. Should I have the tree pruned down this fall to get rid of it all?”

I have a crabapple tree in the yard and I walk by it all the time, noting the chewed up leaves and scraggly fruit. It isn’t a great walk by it all the time, noting the chewed up leaves and scraggly fruit. It isn’t a great tree, but I’ve neglected to ever look into any methods of diagnosing what’s happening to it or making it healthier. It’s an old tree, the birds like it, but I didn’t plant it and don’t pay much attention to it. That’s all a way of saying, good for you for noticing that something isn’t right on your plum tree and trying to figure it out.

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Sample Local Fare at United Way’s Putnam Best Chefs and Fine Wines (from previous page)

The Garrison is located at 2015 Route 9, Garrison. Tickets are $50 in advance and $60 at the door. Sponsorship opportunities start at $25. To purchase tickets, or to learn about sponsorship, visit uwwp.org/bestchefs or contact Peter West at 914-997-6700 x722 or pwwest@uwwp.org. UWWP is based in White Plains and can be reached at 914-997-6700 or by visiting uwwp.org or through their Facebook page.

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