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## Mayor Doesn't Budge on Planning Board Appointments

*Trustees favor retainer for new law firm*

By Michael Turton

A distinct “deja vu” presented itself as Mayor Ralph Falloon made his appointments to the Cold Spring Planning Board at the Village Board’s meeting Aug. 27. There was also an odd twist with regard to his authority to do so.

Last week, Falloon deferred after his Planning Board picks — Karen Dunn and James Pergamo — ran into strong opposition. Trustees Stephanie Hawkins, Matt Francisco, Bruce Campbell and Charles Hustis had each pointed to Carolyn Bachan as the most qualified applicant. Dunn is a former village trustee and was involved in the Comprehensive Plan process. Pergamo, an electrician, was described by Campbell as “a dedicated individual who would serve well on the Planning Board.” Hawkins questioned the mayor’s rejection of Bachan in a testy exchange and Falloon opted to think it over for a week. Asked by *The Paper* if the vacancies are filled by mayoral appointment or by a vote of the Village Board, Falloon said the decision is his as mayor.

At Tuesday’s meeting, Falloon said he had been wrong, that the appointments were subject to approval by the Village Board. With that, he said that his picks for the vacancies remained unchanged — Dunn and Pergamo. This time, neither Campbell nor Hustis spoke in favor of Bachan. Campbell said that he had “no problem” with any of the candidates and that mayors have always chosen their “cabinet.”

Hawkins challenged Hustis and Campbell, pointing to their support for Bachan a week ago, and asking why someone with 35 years of planning experience was not the best selection. Hustis reacted abruptly saying, “I take offense to that. Don’t start with me!”

Once again there was an animated exchange between the mayor and Hawkins and Francisco who asked for an explanation of his selections. And, as at last week’s meeting, Falloon said that he wanted Bachan on the Historic District Review Board. When Hawkins and Francisco persisted, Falloon said, “You are not listening! I make the appointment. That’s how it’s going to be. It’s the board’s vote.” The vote to appoint Dunn and Pergamo passed 3-2 with Hawkins and Francisco opposing.

Immediately after the vote, Francisco pointed out that Falloon had not been wrong — that the mayor has the authority to fill vacancies on the Planning Board without Village Board approval.

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## Village to Ask DEC to Reconsider Coal Tar Decision

*Board & residents not happy with 20 percent solution*

By Michael Turton



Deposits of toxic coal tar, left behind by a 19th century manufactured gas plant, lie beneath the Cold Spring Boat Club building.

Photo by M. Turton

In a way, there was little need for discussion at a workshop Aug. 27, of the Cold Spring Village Board regarding remediation of coal tar near and under the Cold Spring Boat Club. Mayor Ralph Falloon’s opening statement proved prophetic and was reflected in a resolution passed by the board later in the meeting, a move that resonated with most of the approximately 25 people in attendance.

“I don’t want to leave any hazards for our children or the next generation; and I don’t want to see the next generation have no boat

club,” Falloon said. “I’m in favor of asking the DEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) to reopen their Record of Decision (ROD) to get as close to 100 percent remediation as possible.” As it stands, DEC’s plan is to remove only about 20 percent of the coal tar, excluding deposits directly beneath the boat club building.

**DEC would remove only 20 percent of toxic material**

The toxic coal tar is a byproduct left behind by a Manufactured Gas Plant (MFG) during the 19th century. In part, the gas was used for street lighting prior to the introduction of electric lights. Estimates put the number of MFG sites in the state at more than 300. Studies by the National Institutes of Health indicate that “... exposure to coal tar may lead to an increased risk of lung, scrotum and skin cancer.” (Continued on page 3)

## Shea to Run Unopposed for Philipstown Town Supervisor in November

*Van Tassel, Leonard and Erickson vie for two Town Board member slots*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea appears poised for an easy ride into another two-year term, running unopposed on the ballot in the Nov. 5 general election. With no contestants for supervisor from the Republicans, Conservatives or any other official party, he only faces the possibility of write-in candidates as foes on the ballot.

Three candidates are competing for

two Town Board councilor or general member posts. They are Democrats Michael Leonard, a veteran of the Town Planning Board, and Councilor John Van Tassel, who won his first term in 2009; and Republican Lee Erickson, who is also running on the Independence Party line. Shea, Van Tassel and Leonard likewise are running as Team Philipstown, which filed nominating papers for a slate of candidates as independents before the recent deadline this month, according to the Putnam County Board of Elections. So-called independent candidates from ad hoc groups such as Team Philipstown differ from candidates from the Independence Party, an official (Continued on page 4)



Richard Shea (D)



Lee Erickson (R)



John Van Tassel (D)



Michael Leonard (D)

Shea, Van Tassel and Leonard photos by Frank Famularo; Erickson photo, file photo



Mouths to Feed

First, Do No Harm

By Celia Barbour

I am freaking out a little bit. Actually a lot. I wrote that at the beginning of the summer, before the campers arrived. I'd recently been informed that a 15-year-old camper I'll call Jim had anaphylactic allergies to many, many foods: eggs, beans and peas, all dairy, certain meats and seeds, all nuts.

In other words, consuming even a small amount of any of them could kill him, or at very least require a jab from an EpiPen and a trip to the emergency room.

His mother had emailed me to explain how to feed him. She'd provide some safe foods — a certain type of bagel, a particular sliced turkey, some pretzels. Meanwhile, I should simply aim to make him lean chicken or fish, rice or egg-free pasta, and steamed vegetables three times a day, even at breakfast. Olive oil, salt, and pep-

per were the only seasonings required. Easy for her to say, I thought. At the time, I could not imagine how we would pull it off. With two cooks on duty most of the time, we had 91 other people to feed, many of whom had dietary needs and habits of their own. An ordinary breakfast of scrambled eggs and bacon already required a dairy-free version, a scrambled-tofu option, and a vegan meat alternative. Plus plain and gluten-free toast (with and without vegan butter alternatives for each). How were we going to find the time and counter space to cook for Jim as well?

For that matter, how were we going to keep the air free of bacon grease?

I lost a lot of sleep in the weeks leading up to his arrival. I worried about keeping him alive, of course, and I wondered how his parents found the courage to send him to sleepaway camp. I also felt profoundly grateful that my own children are allergy-free — if feeding him for seven weeks had me tossing and turning, how must it feel to feed him for 17 years?

Turns out, it's an increasingly common challenge for American parents — particularly affluent ones. According to a study released this past spring by the Centers for Disease Control, the prevalence of food allergies in kids under 18 has risen sharply, from 3.4 percent in 1997 to 5.1 percent in 2011, with the highest incidence in children whose family incomes are more than 200 percent

of the poverty rate. The exact causes are still unknown.

Meanwhile, I took action: I went out and bought a saucepan, skillet, spatula, rubber scraper, spoon, cutting board and peeler just for him. I bought a bottle of Jim-only olive oil, and a container for his salt. I bought a big plastic bin to keep it all in.

One thing you cannot buy is extra brain space, and we regularly forgot to prepare Jim's meals. Just as the campers were entering the dining room, one of us would call out, "Who's cooked for Jim?"

He often wound up waiting, plate in hand, always in the most patient and sweet way. We all grew fond of him.

Which may be why, as the summer wore on, we took small risks. We'd calculate the ingredients in a dish (like the coconut curry I wrote about last week) and realize he could eat it. He tried duck breast for the first time, and lamb. He ate roasted vegetables that had been tossed in a mixture of (safe) spices.

The day after camp ended, I got a call from his mother. When she introduced herself over the phone my heart tripped — had he finally succumbed to a build-up of toxic residue on his spatula? Was he in a hospital somewhere?

On the contrary. He'd grown four inch-



Vegan banana bread

Photo by C. Barbour

es. Four! She was elated, and said that Jim couldn't stop talking about how well he'd eaten over the summer. She asked for a few recipes, including this one for vegan banana bread, prepared on many a morning by Tonya Orme, one of my (amazing) cooks.

When the call ended, I took a moment to feel grateful. Not just that I hadn't killed Jim — though that was part of it — but also that he had come to our camp at all. Because he reminded us that taking care of people is, at heart, what cooking is all about, and he gave us all a chance to do this in a humbling way. We earned his trust! What a wonderful gift that is.

Vegan Banana Bread

Bananas are often used as an egg replacer in vegan recipes — they help bind the other ingredients. So here they do double duty. The riper they are, the sweeter and richer the banana bread will taste.

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| 4 large over-ripe bananas                                      | 1½ cups flour (I prefer a mixture of whole wheat and white) |
| ⅔ cup coconut or sunflower oil, plus more for greasing the pan | 2 teaspoons baking powder                                   |
| ½ cup brown sugar  | ½ teaspoon baking soda                                      |
| ½ cup sugar  | ¼ teaspoon salt   |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla extract                                     | ½ teaspoon cinnamon   |
|  | ¼ cup walnuts or sunflower seeds (optional)                 |

- Preheat the oven to 325°. Grease a bread loaf pan with coconut oil and shake some flour to coat it.
- Mash the bananas well using fork (if you like lumps) or a food processor. In a bowl, combine the bananas, oil, sugar, and vanilla and mix well to combine.
- Sift together the dry ingredients. Add them to the banana mixture, stirring just until combined. Stir in the nuts or seeds if using. Pour the batter into the loaf pan and bake 40 minutes, or until the loaf bounces back when pressed gently with your fingertip. Cool 15 minutes in the pan, then remove, turn upright, and cool on a rack another 15-20 minutes before serving.

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# Village to Ask DEC to Reconsider Coal Tar *(from page 1)*

In July, Village Attorney Stephen Gaba advised the Village Board that DEC is gearing up for a September approval of the design for remediation of the coal tar, and that unless the village contacts the state agency requesting an alternative, remediation would be based on the ROD — resulting in only 20 percent of the substance being removed — and not include removal of the boat club building or coal tar under it. If nothing changes, DEC could begin work in November of this year, taking three to four months to complete.

That news contradicted previous discussions between the village and DEC. At a Village Board meeting in April 2011, DEC representatives indicated they were willing to reconsider their 2010 decision not to demolish the boat club building as part of the cleanup. Razing the building would facilitate removal of the coal tar beneath it. (See *Philipstown.info*, April 18, 2011, *DEC Again Cites Willingness to Revisit Plan to Not Remove Boat Club*.) “The last time we met publicly (including DEC) we were saying, ‘We don’t know if we want to leave anything there,’” Falloon said. He added he assumed that after DEC did test borings under the building, there would be a further discussion regarding the nature of the remediation. Instead, Falloon was shocked to receive word in July of this year that

DEC’s original decision would stand and the building would remain intact — along with the coal tar. “I thought, holy crap! Did I agree to something I didn’t realize I’d agreed to?” Falloon said. “They (DEC) are selling the fact that this stuff is so thick, that if left undisturbed it’s not a health hazard. It can be contained,” he said. “It’s bad enough that they want to remove some of it. They’re opening the can of worms — but they only want to remove half a can.”



DEC’s suggested approach would leave the boat club building intact — and tar deposits undisturbed.

tar could migrate into the Hudson River. “They may be doing that (removing only 20 percent of the coal tar) to keep their own budget down,” Francisco said, referring to the DEC Record of Decision. “The value of a clean site is much greater than the value of the building. As a business deal ... if I want a freebie, I want (it) on environmental cleanup — not the building.” He was referring to the fact, cited a number of times in the meeting, that once the village signs off on cleanup of the site, with the cost being covered by DEC, the village will be responsible for

future remediation. In other words, the more thorough the cleanup paid for by DEC, the less financial risk the village will have in years ahead. Previous estimates put the cost of the 20 percent re-

mediation at \$1.6 million and a complete cleanup at \$6.15 million.

Trustee Stephanie Hawkins agreed with Francisco that, “the cost of remediation is much greater than the cost of the building. I don’t think the building defines the boat club or our relationship with the club.” Trustee Bruce Campbell said that while in the past, “DEC indicated they may pay for reconstruction of the building,” that was no longer the case, DEC officials having cited the cost of numerous other projects throughout New York State as the reason for the reversal.

## Residents voice opinions, resolution passes easily

Several residents weighed in when Falloon asked for public comments. Greg Phillips lives across from the boat club, and put the onus on the village to ensure a complete cleanup. “It’s not about what’s there right now. It’s about the village

owning the property. If that’s where the ownership is — that’s where the responsibility is,” he said. “If it were a vacant lot, it’s a no-brainer.” He asked the board to look at the site as a piece of property — not as a boat club that currently occupies the site. “To take only part of it (the coal tar) ... is ridiculous.”

Karen Phillips, Greg Phillips’ wife, was vocal in her criticism of DEC and urged the Village Board to unite in demanding a thorough cleanup. “There were so many ideas out there (at previous meetings) and according to (DEC official) Bill Ottaway everything was feasible,” she said. “There was a push to investigate all the possibilities. Now, the door has been closed.” Phillips pointed out that there have been two hurricanes in recent years, a factor that she intimated could have caused coal tar to migrate. “How does anyone know what moved where?” she asked. “That’s the reality I live in ... the what ifs.” She went on to challenge the Village Board “to stand together and say this is unacceptable. We want you to shoot for 99 percent (cleanup). That makes much more sense.”

Brad Petrie, vice commodore of the Cold Spring Boat Club, said that a decision to remove the building, “is not ... free,” and stressed the impact it would have on the boat club and on the community. “Don’t commit to something if you don’t know the price tag ...” he said. “I think it’s irresponsible ... without knowing the facts. What happens to the boat club for a year? Where are our boats? The waterfront itself is going to be very disrupted and it is valuable to the village as a whole.”

In the end, Falloon suggested that the Village Board ask DEC to reopen their Record of Decision and reconsider an alternative that will result in “as close to full remediation as possible.” That approach was passed unanimously as a resolution.

# Mayor Doesn’t Budge on Appointments *(from page 1)*

## Paying the new law firm: retainer or hourly rate?

The Village Board is very close to selecting Brewster law firm Hogan & Rossi to handle its legal needs. The final hurdle is how the cost of legal services will be handled. Hogan & Rossi has quoted a retainer fee of \$60,000 and an hourly rate of \$175. Paying by retainer would cover the cost of most legal matters required by the Village Board and its other boards for a year. The hourly rate may seem less expensive at first glance, but the annual cost to the village would depend on the total hours of legal service.

Falloon pointed out that legal services used to total about 12 hours per month, but more recently have averaged 37 hours per month. At that rate, the hourly cost would total more than \$75,000 per year.

Francisco spoke in favor of the retainer, stating that it gives the Village Board “unfettered access” to legal services “that may keep us out of trouble.” He said there are also budgetary advantages. “A retainer makes it a known, manageable cost.” He said if paying hourly, “other things could come up — and cost us more.”

Falloon said he was not against the retainer but expressed concern about the cost of getting through to the next budget cycle. Campbell said that he believes the law firm would consider going with the hourly rate until the end of the year. Hawkins raised the possibility of asking for a pro-rated retainer for the balance of the year.

Alison Anthoine, a Cold Spring resident and lawyer who advises clients on similar matters, was in the audience and said that retainers require attorneys to work more efficiently. “And \$5000 a month is a great deal,” she said.

Hawkins will consult with Ellen Magee-an, village accountant, to clarify cost factors and report back to next week’s meeting.

## Post office update

Falloon said that there has been no change regarding the post office. He said he was told by a real estate specialist with the U.S. Postal Service that temporary trailers will be set up on the vacant lot behind the current post office. The mayor added that because Foodtown has not yet applied for permits to expand, nor

has USPS applied for permits to alter the Garrison post office, the Cold Spring post office, “isn’t going anywhere — soon.” A meeting of officials from Cold Spring, Town of Philipstown and Putnam County to discuss the situation was scheduled for Aug. 29, in Carmel. Falloon said USPS would not be attending.



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Benedict Arnold arrives too little too late at Oriskany


I very much enjoyed reading the first two installments of Mr. Soodalter's series on Benedict Arnold. However, I believe his recounting of Arnold's involvement in the Battle of Oriskany, and the outcome of the battle itself, may be in error.

From what I've read (and recall from my high school days), the colonial forces at Oriskany were assembled and led by Gen. Herkimer in an attempt to prevent a feared British siege of Fort Stanwix (later renamed Fort Schuyler). Herkimer's column was ambushed and virtually annihilated by Mohawk and Seneca Indian allies of British Gen. St. Leger. Herkimer himself was mortally wounded during the battle and died several days later. Arnold, who was not present at the battle, arrived with a relief column two weeks later and engaged in no significant combat with the British at that time. Despite Herkimer's defeat, Fort Stanwix/Schuyler remained in colonial control.

I may not have the sequence 100 percent correct, but I'm quite sure that Oriskany was a tactical disaster for the colonials, and that Arnold did not arrive on the scene until it was over.

I hope Mr. Soodalter will forgive my historical nitpicking, and appreciate what I hope will be his continued interest in our country's history.

Bill Zutt, Garrison



Benedict Arnold

Source: Library of Congress

this year has two candidates who are diametrically opposed in their beliefs, values and principles.

On the one hand, the current sheriff, Don Smith, is a lifelong Republican who has throughout his life espoused and lived up to Republican principles; he isn't just a Republican when he runs for office every four years. He works for the principles he believes in each and every day.

Last year, Sheriff Smith worked hard to support Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, headed an organization called Veterans for Romney, served on Gov. Romney's Military Advisory Committee, and was a delegate at the 2012 Republican National Convention.

His opponent, on the other hand, is a flip-flopper and seems to use his party affiliation for his own personal gain; he is a Republican when he wants to be ap-

Sheriff Don Smith: A man for all seasons

The race for Putnam County Sheriff

Putnam County Votes to Maintain 8.37% Sales Tax for 2 More Years

Initial legislation requires biennial re-approval

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

By a 7-0 vote, the Putnam County Legislature Tuesday night (Aug. 27) extended the current county sales tax of 8.37 percent for two more years, beginning on Dec. 1. Occurring at a special legislative session, the approval capped a day in which the Philipstown business sector had expressed fears the tax would rise by 1 percent and harm local trade.

With somewhat confusing language in their resolution, the legislators "imposed and [specified] there shall be paid an additional 1 percent rate of such sales and compensating-use taxes, for the period beginning Sept. 1, 2007, and ending Nov. 30, 2015." According to Diane Schonfeld, legislative clerk, the law simply extends the current sales tax, which had been raised by 1 percent in 2007 under state provisions that require an extension every two years.

"It is just continuing the current sales tax the way it is," she told *Philipstown*.

info Wednesday (Aug. 28). Nothing is being increased."

District 1 Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, who represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley, voted as part of the unanimous majority. Two legislators missed the meeting.

In a letter to Scuccimarra on Tuesday morning, Debbi Milner, president of the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, cited chamber members' concerns that, "with many of our merchants still recovering from the economic downturn," legislators intended to increase the sales tax above 8.37 percent – or 8-3/8 when listed as a fraction. After the vote, Milner said chamber members "were relieved to learn that the vote was not to increase the sales tax beyond its current level."

But the chamber also sought a sharing of county sales tax revenue with local jurisdictions in which it originates. Unlike Putnam, many counties supply a share of sales tax money to towns, villages, school districts, and others. A chart provided Aug. 28 by the Chamber of Commerce and found on the government-openness

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party organization.

No elections for town justice positions or other town offices occur this year.

However, current Putnam County Sheriff Donald Smith and challenger Kevin McConville will do battle in the Sept. 10 Republican primary. [See *Smith Believes Record Justifies Another Term*, and *McConville Seeks to Unseat Smith as Sheriff*, both on *Philipstown.info*, Aug. 7.]

Smith is also running as the Independence Party primary candidate, while McConville is on the Conservative Party primary ballot. Although the sole names on the Independence and Conservative

ballots, respectively, Smith and McConville can be subjected to write-in efforts at the primary polls to nibble away at their Conservative or Independence support. A county Board of Elections official said Aug. 27 that petitions seeking the "opportunity to ballot" had been filed, clearing the way for write-ins.

The Board of Elections official identified the "opportunity to ballot" organizers as Ian Miller, regarding the Independence Party primary, and Pat Perry, regarding the Conservative Party voting. She said that although she could disclose their names, under longstanding Put-

nam County Board of Elections policy she could not give their addresses or reveal their hometowns. Addresses and town of residency can only be divulged through filing of a formal Freedom of Information request, she said, acknowledging that while such data is public information, the county elections office does not allow it to be readily released. Neither Miller nor Perry seems to be a Philipstown resident, or at least not a Philipstown property owner, since a search of the official 2013 tax roll for Philipstown did not turn up either name.

pointed to a police chief position in a governmental agency and he changes his registration to Democrat when he wants to use that party to advance his own political career. He then flips back to being a Republican to advance his own personal gain. In fact, you heard nothing from him last year when the country really needed his help.

Sheriff Don Smith is a career public servant who served in the United States Military before becoming deputy county executive and being elected sheriff, and has served with honor and integrity as the sheriff for the past 12 years.

His opponent's law enforcement experience is very narrow and does not include the operation of a jail, civil bureau, narcotics enforcement unit, an emergency response team, marine unit, all of which are the responsibility of the Sheriff of Putnam County. Sheriff Smith's opponent only served as the chief of a department for two years and departed "suddenly" without any explanation.

To the citizens of Putnam County, all I can say is, please do not be fooled. Do not fall for the rhetoric and false promises and help a guy whose only apparent motive is a "jobs program" for himself.

Please support our Putnam County Sheriff, Don Smith, who is a proven performer, dedicated public servant and has brought law enforcement and emergency services together to make Putnam County the safest county in New York State.

Please support Sheriff Don Smith who is truly a man for all seasons.

Carla Marin  
Carmel, NY



# Storm Season at Hand, Emergency Planning Underway

## Residents encouraged to prepare emergency kits

By Michael Turton

**H**urricane Sandy. Hurricane Irene. The Halloween snowstorm. All three are still vividly etched in the memory of local residents. Each created public hazards and caused significant disruption to daily life. And, if climate experts are to be believed, severe storms will be more frequent in years ahead. A small committee of the Village of Cold Spring is working to ensure that the next time Mother Nature throws us a curve, people will be ready.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee met Monday, Aug. 26, in an ongoing effort to plan for such emergencies as floods, long-term power outages, serious storms – or even a train derailment. Mayor Ralph Falloon and Trustee Stephanie Hawkins sit on the committee along with a small group of residents who live west of the railroad tracks in Cold Spring, an area very susceptible to flooding. Karen Dunn and Frank Haggerty represented residents at Monday's meeting.

The committee has no formal mission statement, but Dunn described its purpose succinctly, saying that when the next emergency hits, "We want to be better prepared – as individuals and as a village."

### Who lives where — especially those with special needs?

The need for emergency workers and first responders to know who lives where, and what their specific needs are, was identified as a priority – and a registry for residents west of the tracks, and possibly for the entire village, is being considered.



Flooding at the Cold Spring dock during Hurricane Irene, above, and storm damage, below.

Photos by M.Turton

Information collected will be added to the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services database. "In a distinct area like that, (west of the tracks) it makes

sense," Falloon said. A key requirement for village officials and responders is to know which residents have special needs – such as being on oxygen or confined to a wheelchair. "It's absolutely important to know that," said Falloon, who works as a full-time firefighter in Connecticut and also serves as a part-time emergency response coordinator for Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services. He said that residents with special needs can choose not to evacuate during an emergency, but that with detailed information available, responders can check on their status upfront. "We can go in early ... we know what they need," he said. "But I really don't think the village should get into mandatory evacuation."

### Emergency kits, shelters, local laws

Dunn is heading up a project to encourage residents to have a 72-hour emergency kit ready at all times, a strategy advocated by the American Red Cross. Kits typically include such items as flashlights and extra batteries, personal hygiene items, medications, water and non-perishable foods. A supply of cash is also recommended in the event that banks are

forced to close or ATMs are down due to power outages. Families are also advised to designate an emergency meeting place in the event that access to their home is cut off.

Asked by *The Paper* if the village has a designated emergency shelter, Falloon said that it does not, and that the term "shelter" can be a legal can of worms, since "shelters" are required to have security and medical personnel. Instead, Falloon said that a "warming center" could be considered. "Most people just want a place to warm up, have a coffee and recharge their (electronic devices)." He also suggested that Cold Spring's bed and breakfasts be considered as possible facilities for short-term emergency housing.

Hawkins wondered if a local law requiring residents to register their emergency information is needed. Haggerty thought not, stating, "It's easier to start with voluntary participation ... if we can't proceed then we go to the next step." Falloon agreed that a law is not called for. "We're not going to have a New Orleans-style storm where we absolutely can't get to people," he said. "And you do want to leave some responsibility to homeowners." The committee will develop a notification system to get necessary information to all affected residents.

### Sandbags, flooded basements and gawkers

Falloon said that a conversation is also needed around two issues that have been problematic in the past – the village's role in the provision of sandbags and the pumping of flooded basements by the Cold Spring Fire Company. Citing the need for a policy on sandbag distribution, he asked, "Do we provide the bags, the sand, and do we have to fill them? Everyone needs to know the policy." One idea put forward is to recruit Haldane High School students or members of local organizations such as the Lion's Club to fill sandbags. On the topic of flooded basements, Falloon said that fire companies today, " ... focus more on true (Continued on page 6)

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# Town-Wide Tag Sale Planned for Early October

Special map will lead bargain hunters to all tag sale sites

By Michael Turton

The entire community and visitors to Philipstown are invited to go sailing together on the first Saturday in October. Tag saling that is. The Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its “Town-Wide Tag Sale,” a new event for the business-oriented organization, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5. According to Chamber President Debbi Milner, the goal is not only to help residents sell off practical goods and forgotten treasures — but to also attract visitors to the area. “The hope is that we’ll bring in people from many other areas —

and that they’ll shop while they’re here,” she said.

Vice president Alison Anthoine agrees that it’s a worthwhile venture. “It’s a fun, community thing. People like to clean things up with tag sales in the spring — why not in the fall as well?”

It seems there is precedent for communities using the tag sale theme to draw a crowd. “Fishkill and Tivoli run very successful tag sales,” Milner said. “The Tivoli sale even draws people from as far away as Canada.”

The premise is pretty simple. Residents of Philipstown, including Cold Spring, Nelsonville and Garrison, organize a tag sale at their own home or business, and register in order to be promoted as part of the Town-Wide Tag Sale. Deadline for registration is

Monday, Sept. 23. Call Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 845-265-3200 or visit coldspringareachamber.org to register.

The registration fee is \$20 and includes placement on a special Town-Wide Tag Sale map that will direct people to all tag sale sites. Maps will be available at Vera’s Farm Market, 3091 Route 9, Cold Spring; Carla Goldberg Studios, 63 Pine St., Nelsonville; Garrison Café, 1135 Route 9D, Garrison; and the Chamber of Commerce Information Booth at the foot of Main Street, Cold Spring. The map can also be viewed and printed from the Chamber’s website and Facebook page.

Everyone who registers as part of the Town-Wide Tag Sale will also receive a two-sided, 18 x 24 lawn sign, with additional signs available for \$5. Participants will also benefit from extensive Town-Wide Tag Sale publicity — including placement on numerous event calendars, websites and cable television.



“For \$20 – being included on the map, getting the lawn sign, benefitting from all the publicity and having free pickup of leftover items – it’s a really good deal,” Milner said.

The Purple Heart Veterans organization is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and will go to each registered Town-Wide Tag Sale location on Monday, Oct. 7, to pick up acceptable, unsold items.

Businesses and non-profit organizations are also encouraged to host a tag sale. In Cold Spring, The Country Goose, The Gift Hut and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Cold Spring Fire Company are early registrants.

The rain date for the Town-Wide Tag Sale is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6.

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## Storm Season Planning Underway *(from page 5)*

emergencies.” He said that basement floodwaters threatening storage boxes or a furnace may constitute an emergency to the home owner — but may not rise to the level of a true emergency in the eyes of the fire company.

Gawkers were also on the committee’s mind. Falloon said that residents of the upper village often want to go down to lower Main Street during emergency situations to see what is going on – despite flood and electrical hazards. Dunn suggested that at times gawkers also get in the way of cleanup efforts. She also said that the ability to turn off electrical power to lower Main Street during emergencies has been a problem in the past. During the Halloween snow storm she said the switch was frozen making it impossible to turn off the power. Central Hudson will be contacted to clarify procedures.

The committee will meet again in two or three weeks but a date was not set. Meetings are posted on the home page of the Village of Cold Spring website, coldspringny.gov.

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Stephen Clair Trio at a recent performance in Beacon.

Photo by S. Hixson

## Cooking and Remembering Workshop

*Incorporating loss into life*

By Alison Rooney

The coupling of the verbs cooking and remembering evokes a sense of nostalgia, that part of consciousness which floods memory with the tastes and smells of meals associated with earlier times in one's life. Taking those two processes and joining them with the specific remembrance of a lost loved one, a new ten-session workshop, designed for up to eight people, has the goal of allowing participants to find new ways of incorporating loss into their lives. Participants accomplish this through sharing a food memory associated with the loved one, then joining together to prepare and cook that meal together, forming a sense of community around loss and moving through bereavement by celebrating the loved one communally.

The premise is deceptively simple: participants are guided through collaborative cooking exercises that help to incorporate loss into their lives and to foster new hope and acceptance. Or, "slice and dice and knead and chop and whisk, while telling stories about your lost loved ones," according to notes. At the first session, called "appreciation," each member brings in a recipe or a food memory that reminds them of their lost loved one. Recounting this is a "simple act of appreciation wherein which they may open themselves up to the loss." During weeks two through nine, "creation," the group will focus on one individual's recipe. The last session, "sharing," is a potluck, with all participants bringing in the finished dishes to dinner, and asked to say a little something in remembrance.

Therapist Peter Gevisser, who conceived and developed this workshop, and who will be facilitating a series beginning Sept. 21, in Beacon, says there is a "grief lag," when the rallying stops. There's an expectation that recovery is chronological and it's not. It's important to take time, over the years after a loss.

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## End of Summer Ushers in September Music

*Stephen Clair strikes another chord in Beacon*

By Sommer Hixson

Sadly, the summer season of live outdoor music concerts is drawing to a close. If you attended one recently in the area, chances are Beacon's Local 845 made it happen. If you haven't, there are still opportunities throughout September.

On Saturday, Sept. 7, Local 845 will present the fall edition of In The Pines at the University Settlement Camp on Route 9D. The lineup features five bands: Luray, Raquel Vidal and the Monday Men, The Vontons, The Loom, and the Jack Grace Band, plus the latest graduates of rock band boot camp. On Sunday, Sept. 8, Local 845's Beacon Music Factory will host an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at their brand new, expanded location at 12 Hanna Lane. It's also a big month for Stephen Clair, the man behind the curtain of both organizations, who is celebrating the release of his fifth album, *Love Makes Us Weird*, with a set of local performances.

Clair launched Local 845 in 2007, shortly after moving to Beacon with his family. A veteran musician and songwriter, he wanted to draw other musicians to the area and create an active hub in the Hudson Highlands. His early efforts included one-off concerts and shows he produced wherever possible, from the Howland Art Center to the parking lot of the Piggy Bank, which is now Dim Sum

GoGo. The success of these early grassroots efforts led to the launch of Beacon Riverfest in 2010 and Rhythm on the Riverfront (with Scenic Hudson) in 2011. In The Pines started around the same time and is presented bi-annually.

On a rainy night last week, an enthusiastic live rendition of Bob Marley's *Jammie* could be heard drifting across the parking lot of Beacon's former Tallix complex. Inside what used to be a school for disabled children (the property was recently sold), a five-man ensemble was rehearsing for their performance at the upcoming In The Pines. Once satisfied with their reggae licks, they moved on to The Ramones' *Sheena is a Punk Rocker*, followed by Iggy Pop's *Lust for Life*. These guys were signed up for a boot camp on memorable hits from 1977.

Clair has been organizing rock band camps for kids since 2009, first out of the University Settlement Camp and then, after launching Beacon Music Factory in 2011, in the basement of The First Presbyterian Church in Beacon. The school, which moved to its new location this past August, offers a wide range of curriculum taught by professional musicians and composers. Instruction in almost every genre from jazz to classical to choral, from keyboards to drums to banjo, are offered year-round to kids and adults.

All boot camp sessions, which last anywhere from eight to 12 weeks, culminate with a public performance. The concept was inspired by a teaching gig Clair had at the Gowanus Music

School in Brooklyn, with a nod to the School of Rock franchise. The program has evolved to include adult sessions in which campers study and perform one seminal rock album from beginning to end, track for track. Recent shows have featured David Bowie's *Ziggy Stardust*, The Clash's *London Calling* and Television's *Marquee Moon*.

"The experience of these records is an emotional thing for people," said Clair. "I hope for that connection when choosing an album, but I also look for ones that have good, teachable stuff and offer interesting places to go. The camps really strike a chord with this community, but I'm hoping to broaden the school's brand and reach out to a larger pool of potential students."

In a recent email newsletter from Clair, he includes a thoughtful note about amateurism in which he says: "Long before there was ever a recording industry, music-making was a way of socializing, or being on a team. In the back forty, on the front porch, in the parlor, on a street corner, in church, in a pub. A hundred years ago, if you wanted to hear some music you got together with your peeps and you made some music."

Upcoming sessions include The Pretenders' debut album and The Talking Heads' *Stop Making Sense*. A classic country boot camp for adults and a teen rock camp are also on the fall schedule.

With such explosive growth all around, it's surprising that Clair, who is by no means an amateur, had time this year to record his own album. Produced by Al

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Peter Gevisser

Photo courtesy of Peter Gevisser



BEHIND *the*  
COUNTER  
❖ by Tara ❖



The dog days of summer have passed and Labor Day Weekend begins. As every year, I lay with my head in my paws contemplating *why not Labrador Day?* Just three little letters but what a difference! Why celebrate *working?* The boss is about the only person I know who **LIKES** working but then again, how many people go to work to pass out dog treats and tell children to load up their pockets with candy?

From behind the counter this week, I hear conjectures on the fate of the Cold Spring Post Office slated to close on August 30th. Some of my taller friends who can see over the counter there tell me not a mailbag has yet been packed. Seems Uncle Sam may not be too concerned about whether Foodtown expands. Moi, I see no need for expansion unless for additional aisles of dog food and treats-organic, locally made and gluten free, of course. I adore our charming local post office and its staff. Contrary to popular lore, we *Canis domesticus* do not instinctively snarl at postal carriers especially those with treats in their pockets. One former favorite, Bobby, a distant cousin of Santa Claus, always had a handout and a pat on the head for me. Aaron, a patient chap, suffers the boss's daily sneers at the bills that he delivers. I am assured that their appointed rounds will continue to be swiftly completed through snow or rain or heat or gloom of night from down the road apiece in Garrison. Word is a trailer will be used to sell stamps and weigh packages like when the Grand Union fire necessitated a temporary fix years ago. Poor Walt, trapped like Gullivar the Postal Clerk at the Lilliput Post Office while customers pinned themselves to the wall to let another pass; prepare to have your style cramped again.



Garrison School Moms collectively breathe a sigh of relief on Sept. 4th that will be echoed by Cold Spring Moms on Sept 6th as children return to school. Faithful readers will already know my thoughts about reckless drivers on Main St. — do be careful out there! I so enjoy greeting the little darlings who sometimes stop in for a sugar recharge on the way home from school. And a whole new supply of that great British candy is now in stock, ready to be eaten.

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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

### Kids & Community

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

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

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

### Sports

**Army vs. VMI (Men's Soccer)**  
NOON. CLINTON FIELD, WEST POINT  
845-938-2526 | goarmysports.com

**Army vs. Morgan State (Football)**  
7 P.M. MICHIE STADIUM  
700 Mills Road, West Point  
845-938-2526 | goarmysports.com

### Art & Design

**House, Studio and Landscape Tour**  
11 A.M. & 1:30 P.M. MANITOGA  
584 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-424-3812 | russelwrightcenter.org

### Theater & Film

**All's Well That Ends Well (Closing Night)**  
8 P.M. BOSCOBEL | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-265-9575 | hvshakespeare.org

**In Process: Cabaret au Naturel**  
8 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT THEATRE  
10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

### Music

**Nik Rael**  
8 P.M. WHISTLING WILLIE'S  
184 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-2012 | whistlingwillies.com

**Live Music**  
8 P.M. COLD SPRING DEPOT | 1 Depot Square, Cold Spring  
845-265-5000 | coldspringdepot.com

**R&B Sessions**  
9 P.M. VIRGO'S SIP N SOUL CAFE  
469 Fishkill Ave., Beacon  
845-831-1543 | virgossipnsoul.com

**Willow Blue**  
9 P.M. MAX'S ON MAIN | 246 Main St., Beacon  
845-838-6297 | maxsonmain.com

**Higher Animals**  
9:30 P.M. 12 GRAPES | 12 N. Division St., Peekskill  
914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com

### Meetings & Lectures

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

**August Star Party II**  
8:30 P.M. LAKE TAGHKANIC STATE PARK,  
ELIZAVILLE | midhudsonastro.org

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

**Desmond-Fish Library closed**

### Kids & Community

**Antique Show & Flea Market**  
8 - 5 P.M. STORMVILLE AIRPORT  
428 Route 216, Stormville  
845-221-6561 | stormvilleairportfleamarket.com

**Cold Spring Farmers' Market**  
8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. OPEN | BOSCOBEL  
10 - 11:30 A.M. TAI CHI WITH MARC SABIN  
1601 Route 9D, Garrison | csfarmmarket.org

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

**Recycling Center Open**  
9 A.M. - 3 P.M. 59 LANE GATE ROAD, COLD SPRING  
coldspringny.gov

**Nature Play Area (ages 2-10)**  
9 A.M. - 4 P.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER  
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall  
845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

**Volunteer Restoration Workday**  
10 A.M. - 2 P.M. MADAM BRETT PARK  
552 South Ave., Beacon  
845-473-4440 x273 | scenichudson.org

**Soup Kitchen**  
11 A.M. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
50 Liberty St., Beacon  
845-831-5322 | beaconpresbychurch.com

**Wildlife Education Center Events**  
NOON - 4 P.M. STORY WALK  
2:30 P.M. MEET THE ANIMALS  
25 Boulevard, Cornwall-on-Hudson  
845-534-7781 | hhnaturemuseum.org

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

**Wine Tasting**  
3 - 6 P.M. ARTISAN WINE SHOP | 180 Main St., Beacon  
845-440-6923 | artisanwineshop.com

**Code Springers (ages 5-14)**  
4 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY  
472 Route 403, Garrison | codespringers.org

### Health & Fitness

**Adult Pick-up Soccer**  
9 A.M. BEACON MEMORIAL PARK  
meetup.com/hudsonvalleycoedsoccer

**Tai-Chi Chuan Group**  
9:30 A.M. ARTS ON THE LAKE  
640 Route 52, Kent Lakes  
845-228-2685 | artsonthelake.org

**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
10 A.M. - 2 P.M. POUGHKEEPSIE GALLERIA  
2001 South Road, Poughkeepsie  
800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org

### Sports

**H.V. Renegades vs. Staten Island (Fireworks)**  
7:05 P.M. DUTCHESS COUNTY STADIUM  
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls  
845-838-0094 | hvrenegades.com

### Art & Design

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

**Free Admission for Beacon Residents**  
11 A.M. - 6 P.M. DIA:BEACON  
PUBLIC TOUR AT 1 P.M.  
3 Beekman St., Beacon  
845-440-0100 | diabeacon.org

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

**Beekeeper Tour of Untitled (Bees Making Honey)**  
NOON & 1 P.M. STORM KING ART CENTER  
1 Museum Road, New Windsor  
845-534-3115 | stormking.org

**The Farm Project 2013 (Opening)**  
2 - 6 P.M. SAUNDERS FARM  
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**Turn On (Group Exhibition)**  
5 P.M. CLOSING RECEPTION  
7 P.M. NEVER SORRY (DOCUMENTARY)  
KUNSTHALLE BEACON  
211 Fishkill Ave., Beacon | kubeny.org

### Theater & Film

**Movies for Kids: What About Bob?**  
NOON. JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER  
364 Manville Road, Pleasantville  
914-747-5555 | burnsfilmcenter.org

**Performance Art on the Farm**  
2 - 4 P.M. STEVE ROSSI: RECIPROCAL LADDER  
TO ROLL  
2 - 4 P.M. TARA VAMOS: EPHEMERAL YOU  
2 - 6 P.M. MARCY FREEDMAN: FROM TREE TO TREE  
AND BACK AGAIN  
2:30 P.M. DECOMPOSER: MANY CENTERS ONE SONG  
SAUNDERS FARM  
853 Old Albany Post Road, Garrison  
845-528-1797 | collaborativeconcepts.org

**CSFS Summer Film Series**  
7:30 P.M. THE SECRET OF NIMH  
9 P.M. THE BIG LEBOWSKI  
DOCKSIDE PARK, COLD SPRING  
coldspringfilm.org

**King Lear (Closing Night)**  
8 P.M. BOSCOBEL  
See details under Friday.

### Music

**Music on the Farm**  
3:30 P.M. LES VON LOSBERG (ACAPPELLA)  
4:15 P.M. MADONNAS IN A FIELD (BLUEGRASS)  
5 P.M. BERT RECHTSCHAFFER JAZZ BAND  
5:45 P.M. THE ACOUSTIC VAGABOUNDS  
SAUNDERS FARM, 853 OLD ALBANY POST ROAD,  
GARRISON  
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**Doansburg Chamber Ensemble**  
7 P.M. ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
845-265-2539 | stmaryscoldspring.org

**Down With This Earthly King: Music Performed by the Rebellious Americans During the Revolutionary War**  
7 P.M. FORT MONTGOMERY HISTORIC SITE  
690 Route 9W, Fort Montgomery  
845-446-2134 | nysparks.com

**Adam Larson Quartet**  
7:30 P.M. BEAN RUNNER CAFE  
201 S. Division, Peekskill  
914-737-1701 | beanrunnercafe.com

**Nicolas Dinnerstein (cello) and Mikko Taylor (piano)**  
7:30 P.M. DISCUSSION  
8 P.M. PERFORMANCE | CHAPEL RESTORATION  
45 Market St., Cold Spring  
845-265-5537 | chapelrestoration.org

**Days Gone By (A Capella)**  
8 P.M. THE SILVER SPOON  
124 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-2525 | silverspooncoldspring.com

**Drew Scecina**  
8 P.M. WHISTLING WILLIE'S  
See details under Friday.

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<b>Nick Bukuvalas</b> 9:30 P.M. MAX’S ON MAIN   Details under Friday
<b>Meetings &amp; Lectures</b>
<b>Overeaters Anonymous</b> 8:30 A.M. GRAYMOOR 1350 Route 9, Garrison   917-716-2488   oa.org
<b>Free Computer Help</b> 2 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY See details under Friday.
<b>All-Women Monthly Party</b> 8 P.M. BEAHIVE BEACON 291 Main St., Beacon 845-765-1890   beahivebzzz.com

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

<b>Kids &amp; Community</b>
<b>Beacon Flea Market</b> 8 A.M. - 3 P.M. HENRY STREET PARKING LOT Behind Main Street Post Office, Beacon 845-202-0094   beaconflea.blogspot.com
<b>Antique Show &amp; Flea Market</b> 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. STORMVILLE AIRPORT See details under Saturday.
<b>Nature Play Area (ages 2-10)</b> 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER See details under Saturday.
<b>Stonecrop Gardens Open</b> 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. 81 STONECROP LANE, COLD SPRING 845-265-2000   stonecrop.org
<b>Not Your Mama’s Sunday School (ages 8-16)</b> 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. SCHOOL OF JELLYFISH 183 Main St., Beacon 845-440-8017   schoolofjellyfish.com
<b>Beacon Farmers’ Market</b> 11 A.M. - 3 P.M. SCENIC HUDSON RIVER CENTER Long Dock Drive, Beacon 845-234-9325   thebeaconfarmersmarket.com
<b>Wildlife Education Center Events</b> NOON - 4 P.M. STORY WALK 2:30 P.M. MEET THE ANIMALS See details under Saturday.
<b>Children and Families: Silhouettes</b> 1 P.M. STORM KING ART CENTER 1 Museum Road, New Windsor 845-534-3115   stormking.org
<b>Bannerman Island Tour</b> 2:30 P.M. BEACON DOCK 800-979-3370   bannermancastle.org

<b>Health &amp; Fitness</b>
<b>Adult Pick-up Soccer</b> 9:45 A.M. BEACON MEMORIAL PARK meetup.com/hudsonvalleycoedsoccer

<b>Sports</b>
<b>H.V. Renegades vs. Staten Island</b> 1:05 P.M. DUTCHESS COUNTY STADIUM See details under Saturday.

<b>Art &amp; Design</b>
<b>Drop-In Art Sessions</b> 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. PRINTMAKING CLUB GARRISON ART CENTER 23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison 845-424-3960   garrisonartcenter.org
<b>House, Studio and Landscape Tour</b> 11 A.M. & 1:30 P.M. MANITOGA See details under Friday.
<b>Free Admission for Beacon Residents</b> 11 A.M. - 6 P.M. DIA:BEACON See details under Saturday.

<b>Theater &amp; Film</b>
<b>Movies for Kids: What About Bob?</b> NOON. JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER See details under Saturday.
<b>The Three Musketeers (Closing Night)</b> 7 P.M. BOSCOBEL See details under Friday.
<b>Music</b>
<b>Dixieland Jazz Band</b> 1 P.M. COLD SPRING DEPOT   Details under Friday
<b>Labor Day Celebration with West Point Band</b> 7:30 P.M. TROPHY POINT AMPHITHEATER Cullum Road, West Point 845-938-2617   westpointband.com

<b>Religious Services</b>
See philipstown.info/churches for Sunday listings

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

<b>Labor Day</b>
<b>Kids &amp; Community</b>
<b>Public Canoe Trip</b> 9 A.M. AUDUBON CENTER 127 Warren Landing Road, Garrison 845-265-2601 x15   constitutionmarsh.org
<b>Health &amp; Fitness</b>
<b>Yoga with a View</b> 6 P.M. BOSCOBEL   1601 Route 9D, Garrison 845-265-3638   boscobel.org
<b>Sports</b>
<b>Army vs. Manhattan (Men’s Soccer)</b> 7 P.M. CLINTON FIELD, WEST POINT 845-938-2526   goarmysports.com
<b>H.V. Renegades vs. Connecticut (Fireworks)</b> 7:05 P.M. DUTCHESS COUNTY STADIUM See details under Saturday.

<b>Theater &amp; Film</b>
<b>Movies for Kids: What About Bob?</b> NOON. JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER See details under Saturday.

<b>Meetings &amp; Lectures</b>
<b>Eat and Greet: Putnam County Sheriff Debate</b> 6 P.M. VFW POST 1374 2 Gleneida Ave., Carmel
<b>Member Meeting</b> 7 P.M. COLD SPRING BOAT CLUB 5 New St., Cold Spring 845-265-2465   coldspringboatclub.com

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

<b>Kids &amp; Community</b>
<b>Senior Day Center</b> 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. MOTHER LURANA HOUSE 166 Old West Point Road East, Garrison 845-424-3184   graymoorcenter.org
<b>Kids Craft Hour</b> 4 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3020   desmondfishlibrary.org
<b>Public Sail on the Woody Guthrie</b> 6 P.M. BEACON SLOOP CLUB See details under Friday.
<b>Foot in Mouth Players (ages 12-19)</b> 6:30 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison 845-424-4618   philipstownrecreation.com

<b>Health &amp; Fitness</b>
<b>Diabetes Wellness Workshop</b> NOON. HUDSON VALLEY HOSPITAL CENTER 1980 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor 914-734-3896   hvhc.org/events
<b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> 1 - 6 P.M. PULSE MD URGENT CARE 900 Route 376, Wappinger Falls 800-733-2767   redcrossblood.org
<b>Free Hepatitis C and HIV Testing</b> 1:30 - 3:30 P.M. 121 MAIN ST., BREWSTER 845-808-1390 x43114   putnamcountynyny.gov
<b>Weight Loss Surgery Seminar</b> 4:30 P.M. PUTNAM HOSPITAL CENTER 670 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel 845-230-4797   health-quest.org

<b>Adult Pick-up Soccer</b> 6 P.M. BEACON MEMORIAL PARK meetup.com/hudsonvalleycoedsoccer
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<b>Sports</b>
<b>H.V. Renegades vs. Connecticut</b> 6:35 P.M. DUTCHESS COUNTY STADIUM See details under Saturday.

<b>Theater &amp; Film</b>
<b>Ravenscoft (Auditions)</b> 7 - 9 P.M. THE BEACON THEATRE 445 Main St., Beacon 845-453-2978   thebeacontheatre.org

<b>Meetings &amp; Lectures</b>
<b>Knitting Club</b> 10 A.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134   beaconlibrary.org

<b>Haldane School Board</b> 7 P.M. HALDANE SCHOOL 15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring 845-265-9254   haldaneschool.org
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<b>Ham Radio Club</b> 7 P.M. EAST FISHKILL LIBRARY 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction 914-582-3744   qsysociety.org
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<b>Digital Salon</b> 7 P.M. BEAHIVE BEACON 291 Main St., Beacon 845-765-1890   beahivebzzz.com
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<b>Library Board Meeting</b> 7 P.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134   beaconlibrary.org
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

<b>First Day of School for Garrison</b>
<b>Kids &amp; Community</b>
<b>Come &amp; Play (ages 0-3)</b> 9:45 - 11:30 A.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134   beaconlibrary.org
<b>Chess Club</b> 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER 477 Main St., Beacon 845-831-4988   howlandculturalcenter.org

<b>Mah Jongg Open Play</b> 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. VFW HALL 34 Kemble Ave., Cold Spring 845-424-4618   philipstownrecreation.com
<b>Desmond-Fish Library Events</b> 10:15 A.M. MUSIC AND MOVEMENT FOR TODDLERS 1:30 P.M. PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3020   desmondfishlibrary.org

<b>Produce Market</b> NOON. BEACON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 50 Liberty St., Beacon 845-831-5322   beaconpresbychurch.com
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<b>Rivertown Kids Chorus (ages 9-13)</b> 4 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER 477 Main St., Beacon 845-264-3393   rivertownkids.org
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<b>Public Sail on the Woody Guthrie</b> 6 P.M. BEACON SLOOP CLUB See details under Friday.
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<b>Car Show</b> 6 - 9 P.M. BEAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK 3006 Seven Lakes Drive, Bear Mountain 845-786-2701   nysparks.com
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<b>Fawn Ridge Backgammon Club</b> 6:30 P.M. PASQUALO TRATTORIA 1892 Route 6, Carmel   845-363-1669
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<b>Summer Reading Report Help</b> 6:30 P.M. BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring 845-265-3040   butterfieldlibrary.org
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<b>Health &amp; Fitness</b>
<b>Breastfeeding Support Group</b> 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. HUDSON VALLEY HOSPITAL CENTER 1980 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor 914-734-3896   hvhc.org/events

<b>Life Support Group</b> 7:30 P.M. ST. PHILIP’S CHURCH 1100 Route 9D, Garrison 845-424-3571   stphilipshighlands.org
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<b>Sports</b>
<b>H.V. Renegades vs. Connecticut (Fireworks)</b> 6:35 P.M. DUTCHESS COUNTY STADIUM See details under Saturday.

<b>Theater &amp; Film</b>
<b>Ravenscoft (Auditions)</b> 7 - 9 P.M. THE BEACON THEATRE See details under Tuesday.

<b>Meetings &amp; Lectures</b>
<b>Lake Writers Group</b> 7 P.M. ARTS ON THE LAKE 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes 845-228-2685   artsonthelake.org

<b>Garrison School Board</b> 7:30 P.M. GARRISON SCHOOL 1100 Route 9D, Garrison 845-424-3689   gufs.org
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<b>Rosh Hashanah Service</b> 8 P.M. ST. MARY’S CHURCH 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring 845-265-8011   philipstownreformsynagogue.org
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# The Subversive Geometries of Ursula Schneider

## Pies & Ponds opens at Marina Gallery

By David Provan

The Swiss painter Ursula Schneider, watching a fireworks display from her home on the Hudson, was inspired to translate those perfect spheres of exploding light into an “ideal ... created by my mind” into a language of graphic symbols, distilled from the real world.

*Pies & Ponds*, works by Schneider, is on view at Marina Gallery in Cold Spring from Sept. 6 to 29. An opening reception for the artist will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6.

Schneider, an elfin presence with close-cropped grey hair and Le Corbusier glasses, was educated at the Kunstgewerbeschule in Zurich and the Keramische Fachschule in Bern. Emigrating to the U.S. in 1968, she received an MFA from the San Francisco Art Institute and went on to teach there, as well as at the Cooper Union and Sarah Lawrence College, where she is currently a professor.

*Fireworks, Hudson River*, the largest painting in the show, is also the seminal piece. From this representational river view — maybe a psychedelic take on a

Hudson River School landscape – we witness the transformation of the three-dimensional world of the fireworks show into a flattened graph of shimmering color. All paintings, of course, reduce the real, dimensional world into a flat simulacrum, but Schneider pushes it further still, beyond classic methods of modeling and shading, into the super-flat realm of pie charts and graphs. The painting *Two Pies* looks like a PowerPoint presentation run amok: two rainbow-striped pie charts, which would be at home in any corporate boardroom, collide in a splintering crunch of color. Throughout the show there is evidence of battling (or is it “interweaving?”) Twosomes: discs merge and then explode into refracted light. The graphic playfulness continues through *Two Ponds #2* where we see, through two peepholes, a planetary whirl of concentric orbits. Schneider also enjoys layering-up the confusions and ambiguities. She’ll interrupt the concentric rings of “a stone dropped into a pond” with the jagged radii of those circles. And then, as if that’s not enough, she’ll toss a spiral into the mix, further dicing up the colors into a swirling vortex of confetti, as in the painting *Concentric & Spiral*.

Schneider’s painting method is unique. She first makes what she calls “panels,” by laminating four layers of fine, nylon fabric with a clear liquid acrylic. The weave of the fabric layers intersect in subtle moiré patterns, hinting at the overlapping painted imagery that she will later apply. Then, using the drawing program Illustrator, she superimposes multiple elements into a single image which is eventually transferred to the semi-rigid panels and filled in with thin acrylic paint. All these clashing dualities remind

one of various philosophical and religious systems: the Tai-Chi symbol of the Taoists; the diagrams of Rudolph Steiner; the id/super-ego dichotomy of Freud; the Dionysian/Apollonian split of the ancient Greeks; even the eternal battle of good and evil in Christianity. Schneider admits being informed by these ideas, but she refuses to divulge which ones. “I want the viewer to decide,” she says. *Pies & Ponds* by Schneider is on view at the Marina Gallery, 153 Main St., Cold Spring.



The painting *Two Pies*, by Swiss painter Ursula Schneider Image courtesy of Marina Gallery

## The Calendar (from page 9)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

#### Kids & Community

**Computer Class Registration**  
9:30 - 11 A.M.  
KOEHLER SENIOR CENTER | 180 Route 6, Mahopac  
PUTNAM VALLEY SENIOR CENTER | 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley  
845-628-6423 | putnamrsvp.com/clc

**Howland Public Library Events**  
10 A.M. BRAIN GAMES FOR ADULTS  
5 P.M. BATTLE OF THE BOOKS (GRADES 6-9)  
313 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**Senior Day Center**  
10 A.M. - 2 P.M. MOTHER LURANA HOUSE  
See details under Tuesday.

**Pitch in for Parks**  
5:30 P.M. BLACK CREEK RESERVE  
Winding Brook Road, Esopus  
845-473-4440 x273 | scenichudson.org

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

**Poetry Project**  
6 P.M. WRITING WORKSHOP  
7 P.M. OPEN MIC | BEAN RUNNER CAFÉ  
201 S. Division, Peekskill  
914-737-1701 | beanrunnercafe.com

#### Health & Fitness

**Free Hepatitis C Testing**  
10 A.M. - NOON. PUTNAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH | 1 Geneva Road, Brewster  
845-808-1390 x43114 | putnamcountyny.gov

**Breast & Ovarian Cancer Support Group**  
10 A.M. - NOON. SUPPORT CONNECTION  
40 Triangle Center, Suite 100, Yorktown Heights  
914-962-6402 | supportconnection.org

**Adult Pick-up Soccer**  
5:30 P.M. SARAH TAYLOR PARK  
Old Main Street, Fishkill  
meetup.com/hudsonvalleycoedsoccer

**Living with Cancer**  
6 P.M. HUDSON VALLEY HOSPITAL CENTER  
1980 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor  
914-734-3896 | hvhc.org/events

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

#### Music

**Beginning Fiddle, Cello & Mandolin**  
7 P.M. GARRISON ART CENTER  
23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

**Sessions with JP Patrick & Friends**  
8:30 P.M. 12 GRAPES  
See details under Friday.

**Karaoke Night**  
9:30 P.M. MAX’S ON MAIN | Details under Friday

#### Meetings & Lectures

**Rosh Hashanah Service**  
10 A.M. ST. MARY’S CHURCH  
See details under Wednesday.

**Town Board and Public Meetings**  
6:30 P.M. MISC. NON-ZONING  
6:40 P.M. TIMBER HARVESTING, CHAPTER 159  
6:50 P.M. WETLANDS, CHAPTER 93  
7 P.M. OPEN DEVELOPMENT AREAS, CHAPTER 112  
7:10 P.M. ZONING – TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS  
7:20 P.M. HYDROFRACKING  
7:30 P.M. BOARD MEETING  
PHILIPSTOWN TOWN HALL  
238 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-5200 | philipstown.com

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

**Chess Club**  
7 - 10 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

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

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#### Art & Design

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#### Religious Services

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#### Meetings & Lectures

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## End of Summer Ushers in September Music (from page 7)



Tim Thomas and Rose Thomson of Babe the Blue Ox performing at In The Pines last spring. Photo by S. Hixson

Hemberger at The Loft in Bronxville, N.Y., *Love Makes Us Weird* features 10 new songs written by Clair, who plays guitar, with Cold Spring residents Todd Giudice and Jay Nicholas on drums and bass. The premiere of Clair’s first-ever music video and a live performance will be held on opening night of the Beacon Independent Film Festival on Friday, Sept. 13. His official hometown CD release party and performance will be at the new Towne Crier Café in Beacon on Saturday, Sept. 28.

“Local 845 has come to a new phase where it’s all working in tandem. People come to discover one piece of what we’re doing and learn about everything else,” said Clair. “It’s a lot of administration, but everything seems to be taking root. Importantly, it’s not so all-consuming that I have to stop being a musician.”

- Local 845/In The Pines: [local845.com/sept72013](http://local845.com/sept72013)
- Local 845/Beacon Music Factory: [beaconmusicfactory.com](http://beaconmusicfactory.com)
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The Paper



Cooking and Remembering Workshop (from page 7)

Cooking is a sweet way of incorporating that loss into your life so it's not so bereft. It has a way of evoking a very different response than 'tell me about your grief' — it opens people up a little more. And the actual physicality of cooking means the body is engaged, which is good."

Citing cultures such as that of the Balinese, which have found ways or rituals in which to celebrate the lost loved one by incorporating them in some way into society, Gevisser says that religions do this in different ways, but there is often a limited time given for this; plus a feeling that one moves on, gets back on one's feet is seen as a positive, whereas instead there shouldn't be anything finite about the process, and one's life is never the same as it was before the loss. He "has a strong belief that one doesn't 'get over' loss, but learns to live with it — and in so doing, one's life may become richer and deeper for it."

Gevisser, who has a practice in New York City, works in "expressive" therapy modalities. This type of therapy uses "creative forces;" creativity may involve writing, painting, drawing, music, cooking, or anything else that the client defines as creative. Creativity may also be a simple act of appreciation."

Gevisser, who has come to his work through a great loss of his own, was born and raised in Johannesburg, South Africa, and graduated from Brown University. He then moved to London where he trained as an actor, and had been working professionally, in London and the U.S., until he enrolled at Antioch University, where he graduated with a master's in clinical psychology. Wanting to find a way to formalize his experience into a therapeutic modality,

*"It's important to take time, over the years after a loss. Cooking is a sweet way of incorporating that loss into your life so it's not so bereft. ... And the actual physicality of cooking means the body is engaged, which is good."*

he found Antioch to be "quite a unique place where you can find ways to bring your own experience in as well as absorb a great deal of learning — and ideally these two things meld." He calls himself a "cerebral person, and the most unhelpful therapies for me focused on talking. I did best when I could use my creativity to process grief and loss."

Gevisser moved to Beacon with his wife about a year ago, wanting to be close to New York City but not in it. Starting north of Albany, they made their way down the Hudson Valley, and "fell in love with Beacon — the way it felt: diverse and friendly."

Here is an excerpt from Gevisser's own "cooking and remembering" story:

"I'm riding a train from Beacon to Manhattan. It is mid-summer, and as the verdant foliage, as thick as oil paint, dances across my gaze, I am reminded of summer in London circa 2002. My mind's eye takes me back to a small flat that I shared with my partner, Katrin, on the edge of Hampstead Heath. It felt like we were in a tiny boat in a vast green sea.

"Katrin passed away, quite suddenly, at the end of that summer. As a 30-year-old man, who had had no experience of loss, let alone a sudden and unexpected

loss, I was thrust out of that secure, rattling boat into an unnerving wilderness. I was fortunate in that I had the loving support of my close family and friends and of Katrin's. Yet, even with that, I felt utterly lost.

"Three years after Katrin died, I had been ordering in or eating out as a matter of course. My soul felt unnourished, desiccated and empty. I felt an undeniable urge to cook. But cook what? I finally mustered up the courage to confront the storage space into which I'd hurtled my past life with Katrin. The contents and disorganization of that airless, chalky, echoing chamber, mirrored my emotions. Crazy with grief, I stumbled upon one overturned box that had written on it, in indelible ink: 'Precious contents. Do not throw away.' I hauled it out into the corridor and carefully opened it up. Laying on top was a red, leather bound book inscribed: 'Katrin's Recipes,' and next to it, the delicate, transparent spine of a squid. I had found what I was looking for.

"I opened up the recipe book to find: 'Katrin's Fish Mix recipe.'

"I can picture Katrin in our kitchen.

The image is slightly blurred and jumpy, like an old 8mm movie projected onto a stippled wall. She is in a checkered apron, bought from a market in the South of France, with a fresh squid in her hand. I watch her as she cleans it, turning it inside out and expertly pulling out its innards. She extracts the spine, and we both look at it in amazement — it is a perfect transparent quill.

"As I began to cook Katrin's recipes, I noticed that my soul was starting to heal. At first I shopped and cooked and ate alone. Gradually I started to invite old and new friends round. And as I uncorked the wines and we shared the food, her image, once calcified by the trauma of her passing, began to move and dance. And so it was that she was conjured, and my real recovery began."

Cooking and Remembering will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays Sept. 19 to Nov. 21 at School of Jellyfish, 183 Main St., Beacon. The cost is \$500 per person for the 10-week workshop, and the group will comprise of no more than eight people. For more details or to sign up, contact petergevissertherapy@gmail.com or call 347-387-4024.

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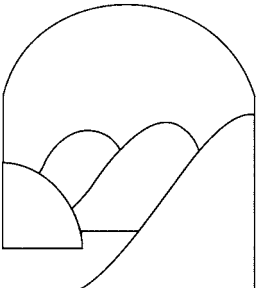
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Thursday, September 5th  
10 am - Rosh Hashanah Morning Services  
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**YOM KIPPUR**  
Friday, September 13th  
8 pm - Kol Nidre Services  
Saturday, September 14th  
10 am to 1:30 pm - Yom Kippur Morning Services  
4:30 pm - Afternoon Services ~ Yizkor Memorial Service  
7:30 pm - Light Break Fast

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Poetry Installation Opens at Constitution Marsh

Following the success of last year’s inaugural River of Words Poetry Trail, the Hudson Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) and Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary have opened the 2013 River of Words Poetry Trail. The Poetry Trail is a series of unique, temporary installations celebrating the nature-inspired poetry of local students winding through one of the Hudson Highlands’ most inspiring natural settings: the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary in Garrison.

The eight featured works were created by students from public schools within the Land Trust’s mission area during HHLT’s Regional River of Words (ROW) environmental education workshops throughout the 2012-13 school year. This year’s featured student poets include: Daniel from Jennifer Windels’ fourth grade class at Haldane Elementary School; Alanna from Michelle Hartford’s fourth grade class at Haldane Elementary School; Catarina and David from Maureen Beyrer’s fourth grade class at Putnam Valley Elementary School; Ben from Kelly Hogan’s third grade class at Cornwall Elementary School at Willow Avenue; and Aidan, Madison and Ryan from Kelly Crisci’s third grade class at Cornwall Elementary School at Lee Road.

The HHLT Poetry Trail kicked off with a reception Aug. 25, which featured a reading by award-winning poet and River of Words educator, Irene O’Garden. The self-guided tour of the trail is open to the public from dawn-to-dusk through Sept. 15. Poetry trail maps are located at the Constitution Marsh parking lot and information center.

In October, the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum will host a River of Words Poetry Trail to feature an additional eight poems written by children. Both Poetry Trail installations have been made possible through a generous grant from Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.

“The Hudson Highlands Land Trust and Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary work to preserve a unique and sensitive ecosystem here in the Mid-Hudson Valley, all while educating our younger citizens on the value of our natural world,” said James P. Laurito, President of Central Hudson. “We are proud to support their mission and to help share the creative works of these students through their poetry.”

“If you think it’s fun watching kids hunt for Easter eggs, you should watch

them gallop the trail looking for poems!” said Irene O’Garden.

River of Words is an international program co-founded by U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Hass, and affiliated with the Library of Congress Center for the Book. HHLT offers a free regional version of ROW to public schools in the Hudson Highlands, using resources of the national program to focus on the Hudson River watershed. The program also trains teachers to use nature as a learning laboratory, conducts outdoor student workshops and ties nature-inspired, outdoor-based programming to the New York State Core Curriculum Standards. Visit [hhlthlt.org](http://hhlthlt.org), call 845-424- 3358, or visit [constitutionmarsh.audubon.org](http://constitutionmarsh.audubon.org).

Constitution Marsh Public Canoe Trip Oct. 6

Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary will host one more public canoe trip at the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary in early October.

The paddling trip will be held from noon to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6. Reservations are required and participants must be 7 years of age or older. Space is limited to 15 people. Call 845-265-2601, ext. 15, or e-mail [cmacs@audubon.org](mailto:cmacs@audubon.org) for reservations or more information.

Prices are as follows: \$25 per adult; \$20 per student/senior; \$15 per child (ages 7-15). Check or exact cash preferred. Credit/debit is not accepted. Come join us! This may be the last trip of the season.

Putnam County Office for Aging Computer Learning Center for Seniors Needs Students and Volunteers 55+

Baby-boomers who want to learn new skills or brush up on old ones, or adults who have never used a computer, will find something of interest in the variety of computer classes offered by the Putnam County Office for the Aging. Classes are held at two locations: William Koehler Senior Center, Route 6, Mahopac, and the Putnam Valley Senior Center, 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley.

Volunteer instructors teach the very basics to new computer users, as well as offer advanced courses for the newly retired, including new technology such as iPad , tablets, Windows 8, etc.

Training geared to the needs of the “55+” population can be found at the centers. The classes are held in a safe and comfortable environment and volunteer instructors and coaches teach with patience that only older, mature mentors can offer. The teaching units are spread out to allow easy understanding, the student manuals are constantly being reviewed and amended, and they are concise enough to allow for home practice. Disabilities such as arthritic fingers and slower cognition are understood by coaches and instructors. Unlike “adult educa-



Baby boomers learn to send their latest vacation pictures from an iPad. From left, Patty Osmer and Nick Mucciarone.

Image courtesy of Putnam County Office for Aging

tion courses” these classes are limited to four to six students with constant individual attention.

Registration will be held at both centers the first Thursday of every month. Classes at the Mahopac Senior Center are: Computer Fundamentals, Word Pad, Internet/e-Mail, Maintaining Your Computer, Word Processing, iPad, Excel, and more. Registration: 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Classes offered at the Putnam Valley Senior Center are: Computer Fundamentals, Maintaining Your Computer, Internet/e-Mail, Digital Photography, iPad and more. Registration: 10:00 a.m. to noon.

The program is sponsored by the Putnam County Office for the Aging, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Friends of Senior Citizens of Putnam County. Those interested in learning more about classes or in volunteering as an instructor or coach, English or Spanish, may call Cathy O’Brien at 845-628-6423, or email [c.obrien23@comcast.net](mailto:c.obrien23@comcast.net). Visit [putnamrsvp.com/clc](http://putnamrsvp.com/clc).

Cold Spring Lions Presents Strut Your Pup for Heeling Autism

Fundraising walk to support autism service dogs



Heeling Autism service dog Randy helps make outings possible for families raising autistic children.

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Beagle, Collie, Cocker Spaniel, Labrador, Old English Sheepdog, Poodle, Portuguese Water Dog and St. Bernard: we’re calling all dogs to support Guiding Eyes for the Blind’s Heeling Autism Program!

On Saturday, Sept. 28, join the Cold Spring Lions at 1 p.m. at St. Mary’s Church on Main Street and Route 9D in Cold Spring. (Rain date Sunday, Sept. 29).

Strut your stuff and celebrate what Heeling Autism service dogs achieve within families. Families with Heeling Autism dogs will be on hand at Strut Your Pup to speak about their experiences. Their service dogs are adorable, but they’re also specially trained to pro-

vide safety and companionship for children with autism. This creates new opportunities for independence and greatly reduces parental stress. Parents no longer have to worry about sons or daughters bolting into dangerous situations.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind in Yorktown Heights provides autism service dogs at no charge. This includes the service dog, equipment and training on-site and at home. The nonprofit’s programs and services are provided entirely through public support.

Canines come, bring your people, and “strut!” There will be barks, laughs, music, learning and lots of treats for you and the whole family – it will be a great dog day afternoon. Contact Cold Spring

Lions Club President David Lilburne at 845-424-3867.

Cold Spring Lions Club will celebrate their 75th year of providing community service including assistance with eye exams and glasses, eyeglass collection, seniors’ day dinner, shredder day, hurricane and flood relief, holiday wish list and food baskets, college scholarships, mother of year honoree, vacation camp for the blind, Strut Your Pup for Heeling Autism, Guiding Eyes for the Blind and the Hoving Home. Visit [guidingeyes.org](http://guidingeyes.org), [facebook.com/guidingeyes](https://facebook.com/guidingeyes), or @guidingeyes on Twitter.

Hoot on the Hudson Slated for Sept. 8

It’s time once again for Little Stony Point Citizens Association’s annual Hoot on the Hudson. This year’s event will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a picnic — bring your own and/or enjoy sandwiches and refreshments from Taconic Outdoor Education Center’s kitchen. Hear live music from many of the area’s best — you never know who’ll show up! Last year’s surprises included Bernie Williams, Dar Williams and a walk-in by original LSP-CA member Pete Seeger. Visit [littlestony-point.org](http://littlestony-point.org).

Quartette Indigo plays at Chapel Restoration, Sept. 13

Quartette Indigo will appear at The Chapel Restoration at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13. Cellist and composer Akua Dixon leads the group in a program based on its CD *American Classics* with Gwen Laster and Patrisa Tomassini on violin, and Ina Paris on viola. Admission is \$15, \$10 for students.

Quartette Indigo has been in the forefront of improvising string quartets since 1972.

Whether playing spirituals, blues, swing, salsa, bebop or, as in this concert, American Songbook classics, their repertoire features highly imaginative and beautifully textured arrangements. They have performed the world premiere of *The Jelly Roll Morton Latin Tinge Project* with Paquito D’Rivera at the Kennedy Center and *Dreaming the Duke* at Kennedy Center and at Tanglewood Jazz Festival with Nnenna Freelon and Harolyn Blackwell.

Educational concerts for Carnegie Hall Education and Jazz at Lincoln Center’s Jazz in the Schools tour have showcased their versatility. In addition to their own CDs, (Continued on next page)



From back left, HHLT Educator and Award-winning poet Irene O’Garden, teachers Maureen Beyrer, Putnam Valley Elementary School, and Jennifer Windels, Haldane Elementary School, and event sponsor Central Hudson Gas and Electric’s Vice President of Corporate Communications Denise Van Buren, and featured student poets Eric, Ben, Catarina, Daniel and David at the opening reception of HHLT’s River of Words Poetry Trail at Constitution Marsh.

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Quartette Indigo

Photo courtesy of The Chapel Restoration

(from previous page) they can be heard on Lauryn Hill's Grammy Award winning *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill*, Aretha Franklin's Grammy nominated *A Rose Is Still A Rose*, Dizzy Gillespie's movie soundtrack *A Winter In Lisbon* and James Carter's *Caribbean Rhapsody*.

The Chapel Restoration, chapelrestoration.org, which has no religious affiliation, is an historic landmark. Laster is a member of its volunteer board of directors. Located at 45 Market St., Cold Spring, across from Metro-North train station, it features superb acoustics.

## Mid-Hudson Teens to Compete in Battle of the Books Trivia Competition

Twenty-four public libraries throughout the Mid-Hudson Library System's five counties (Putnam, Dutchess, Columbia, Ulster and Greene) are pleased to be taking part in the 9th annual Battle of the Books Saturday, Sept. 7, at Arlington High School in Poughkeepsie. The battles begin at 10 a.m. and will run until 2 p.m. Battle of the Books is a nationally recognized literature contest in which young people answer trivia questions based on specific books they have read. It is designed to encourage young people to read good books, build team-working skills, and get together with other students in friendly competition.

Approximately 300 students, entering grades six through nine, have spent the summer reading the same eight books chosen by librarians and staff from participating libraries. Individual library teams worked hard all summer with their librarians and coaches to prepare for this final battle in hopes of being the 2013 Battle of the Books champions. Reigning champions are from the Poughkeepsie Public Library District.

Friends and families are encouraged to come out and support the teams. Much appreciated fiscal support includes a generous donation from The Allstate Foundation through volunteerism of the Sorrentino Allstate Agency in the Town of Newburgh, M&T Bank, Foundation for Hudson Valley Libraries, donations from various library Friends groups, and Hanaford Supermarkets.

## Putnam Community Service Network to Hold Annual Award Breakfast

Mark your calendars now for the Putnam Community Service Network's (PCSN) 28th Annual Awards Breakfast at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Clearpool Education Center, Route 301, Carmel.

The PCSN, a program of Cornell Cooperative Extension, will recognize community volunteers, professionals, and organizations that have made a difference in the lives of others through their accomplishments in human services and/or community services in Putnam County.

Award recipients and all of the nominees will be honored at the Awards Breakfast in the following categories: Distinguished Service Award-Individual, Distinguished Service Award-Organization, Ruth Dain Volunteer Service Award, Professional Career Recognition Award, Norman Vincent Peale Outstanding Service Award, Liz & Buzz Burr Excellence in Communications Award, Joe Gomez Memorial Advocacy Award, Youth Award, Public Service Award-Individual, Fred Dill Community Service Networking Award.

If you would like to attend the breakfast, please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County at 845-278-6738, Putnam@cornell.edu or www.cce.cornell.edu/putnam. The cost is \$20 per person and seating is limited.

## Aery Theatre Company presents 7th Annual One-Act Competition

Aery Theatre Company presents the 7th Annual 20/20 One-Act Play Competition Sept. 6 through Sept. 15 at Philipstown Depot Theatre at Garrison's Landing. Performances will take place Sept. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15. Works will be presented at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 4 p.m. Sundays.

Twenty short plays (20 minutes or less) are initially selected among submissions from all over the area by a panel of judges. Aery Theatre's bi-monthly workshops are made available for further development of these plays, if necessary. Of those twenty selected, those that are deemed most stage-worthy will be presented at each of the first three shows, Sept. 6, 7 and 8. Two plays from each group (plus up to two "Wild Cards," chosen by the judges) will move into the semi-finals on Friday and Saturday (Sept. 13 and 14) of the second weekend. Two shows each will then be chosen from these semi-final performances for the finals on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15.

Some content may be mature. Tickets are \$15 for seniors and \$12 for students. Call 845-424-3900 or visit philipstowndepottheatre.org.

## Philipstown Rec to Offer Writing Workshop with Susan Wallach

Cold Spring's Susan Wallach will lead a writing workshop through the Philipstown Recreation Department. The workshop, to be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays for six weeks, begins Sept. 11.

The workshop is for adults, beginner and experienced writers in all genres, and follows the Amherst Writers and Artists (AWA) method which encourages discovery of true voice, offering a safe place to explore and take writing risks.

Wallach will provide prompts to trigger creativity. Everyone will write, sometimes 10 minutes, sometimes 20. Afterward, participants will read their work aloud followed by group response.

Because the writing is a first draft, responses will focus on positive writing elements, discussing what sounds beautiful, what stays with the listener, and what's memorable. Everything in this workshop is treated as fiction to encourage freedom.

Wallach is accredited by AWA. She has been an editor at Random House and is a published middle-grade/young adult author (*Operation Isolation, Acting on Impulse, You're Kidding, Jennifer!, Paradise Lost?, Skin Deep, and Great Parties: How to Plan Them*). Other projects include ghost-writing *Grammar Girl's Complete Guide to Grammar for Students* for Holt Henry Books for Young Readers and *Animals at Play* for Temple University Press. Workshop cost is \$90 for residents, \$105 for nonresidents. To register, contact the Philipstown Recreation Department at 845-424-4618.

## Haldane School Foundation to Honor Retiring Superintendent at Fall Ball Fundraiser

The Haldane School Foundation invites all members of the community to join them in honoring retiring school Superintendent Dr. Mark Villanti at its Fall Ball at Bear Mountain Inn Sept. 28.

The Fall Ball is the foundation's biggest and most important fundraiser of the year. Last year the Fall Ball raised more than \$35,000 that went directly to the Haldane School District in the form of educational enrichment grants. This year's event will feature cocktails, fine food, dancing and an exciting auction, in addition to a special tribute to Villanti.

In honor of Villanti, the theme of this year's event is *Be The Solution*. "If there is one lesson we can take from Dr. Villanti's six years at Haldane, it is that we can make a positive impact on our schools," says Haldane School Foundation board member and event co-chair Betsy Matos Carone. "The Fall Ball is an opportunity for people to contribute to that great cause by donating an auction item or just by buying a ticket to have a great time."

A record 19 local businesses have already stepped up to sponsor this year's Fall Ball, including anchor sponsor Scanga Innovative Woodworking.

Fall Ball tickets are on sale now for \$135 per person. To purchase tickets online go to haldaneschoolfoundation.org. For more event information, contact Betsy Matos Carone at 917-699-9714 or info@haldaneschoolfoundation.org.

The Haldane School Foundation (HSF) is a community-based, nonprofit organization that raises money to enhance public school education in our community. Proceeds from the 2013 Fall Ball and all HSF events fund educational enrichment grants for classroom technology, educational field trips, library upgrades and more. Since its inception in 2000 the HSF has awarded more than \$550,000 in educational grants to the district, with almost \$70,000 awarded last year alone.

## Beacon

## CGF to Host Four Season Garden Workshop

Common Ground Farm presents a workshop, the Four Season Garden, to be held Sept. 8. Do you want to eat from your garden all year long? Join Ava Bynum, executive director of Hudson Valley Seed, for a workshop on building a four-season garden from the ground up, or converting your existing garden to produce through the cold months. Through a no-till soil system, row cover and low tunnels, you can grow a variety of vegetables to feed yourself, your friends and your family. Ava has spent eight seasons working with Four Winds Farm, a farm that is unique in its successful use of a no-till organic model, and has taught at the Garden Road School in Peekskill.

The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Common Ground Farm at Stony Kill. Cost is \$18 for CGF members, \$20 for non-members. Visit commongroundfarm.org.



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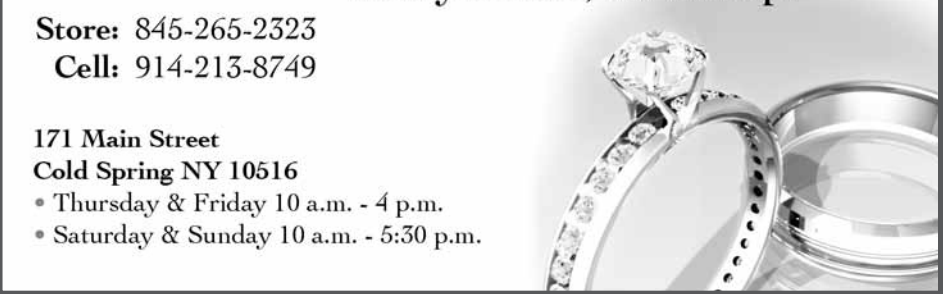


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# Saint Basil Academy Raises Children and Funds With Care and Prayer

Walk-a-thon welcomes all in September

By Mary Ann Ebner

Raising kids presents rewards along with challenges, and contemporary parents and guardians face many of the same decisions. At Saint Basil Academy in Garrison, typical issues of growing up present themselves. Saint Basil students ask to go out on school nights, acquire cell phones, and request Wi-Fi in dorm rooms. But ask-and-you-shall-receive is hardly the standard response from the staff. The Greek Orthodox residential childcare facility adheres to traditional standards and provides a nurturing home to children in need.

Father Constantine Sitaras, executive director at Saint Basil Academy, under-

stands societal challenges of parenting and family dynamics, and commands a sense of the economics of raising a family and operating the nation's only not-for-profit philanthropic center of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. Children may find their way to St. Basil's due to abandonment, domestic violence, parental illness or substance abuse, poverty, and even the death of a parent.

"In simple terms, we help the child to feel safe and secure," Sitaras said. "We deal with family issues, and once the child is comfortable, we give the child the tools to continue to find a fulfilling and enriched life, emotionally, academically and spiritually."

To achieve its mission, Saint Basil's dedicates long hours to raising funds. Sitaras often raises funds across the country.

"Covering our costs and raising money to continue to operate are challenges,"

he said. "It's been more difficult with the economy over the last few years, and people are gracious and generous, but it's been challenging."

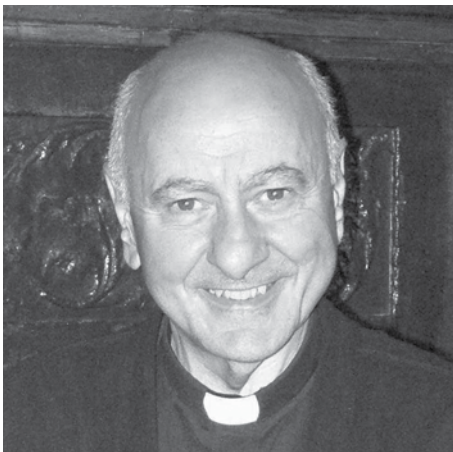
Visitors will find Orthros and Divine Liturgy services at Saint Basil's Chapel, but the organization's spacious grounds, approximately 160 acres overlooking the Hudson River, have lately served as a backdrop to additional activities. They've hosted church groups, cycling tourists who camped out on the lawn, and opened their gymnasium for a film screening orchestrated in part by one of their own students, Samantha Kapsas. Evan Whitson, St. Basil's Director of Development, is committed to sharing the mission of the Greek Orthodox Church and the journey of faith that continues in Garrison.

"There's a lack of knowledge in the community and they don't know what we do and what we have to offer," Whitson said. "We're a bit underutilized and this is a place that kids can come. We can make an impact and help parents provide for their children."

The number of students living at St. Basil's fluctuates, but Sitaras and his residential staff are equipped to care for more Orthodox children and are experienced in overcoming obstacles.

"We have a total of 15 students, boys and girls," Sitaras said. "The younger children go to Bishop Dunn Memorial (Newburgh) and older students go to Haldane. We bus them in our own van to Newburgh and Haldane is close by and we have a wonderful rapport with them."

Saint Basil's also coordinates a bridge program for older students who may attend college, work, or are pursuing a combination of both.



Father Constantine L. Sitaras is the executive director at Saint Basil Academy.

Photo by M.A. Ebner

"Hopefully, we get them through college," Sitaras said. "Right now, one is going to Mount Saint Mary College and one is going to Manhattanville in Westchester County. We've got a pretty high success rate."

To thrive successfully, students must comply with a code of conduct. They test and occasionally break rules, but Sitaras said his charges are well aware of consequences of rule-breaking.

"When they are in high school, we help them get a driver's license," he said. "That happens well after 16 years of age and closer to 18. And they get a job to help pay for insurance and maintenance."




Students may not have phones until they've received their driver's license and are working. And Wi-Fi is not allowed in dormitories. Students have Internet access in the library, and are encouraged to socialize away from social media.

"If one of our children has a friend, they can come for a stay," Sitaras said. "Just like any parent though, we have to know who it is, how to get in touch (with the visitor's parents), and we would allow our children to visit them. The fact that our students are in parochial and public schools enables them to assimilate. We have Scouts and musicians who go to jams, and many interests. We try to make things happen for them."

To make those things happen, small change and major gifts both matter. The centerpiece of Saint Basil's is a cut granite Tudor, once a home of Jacob Ruppert Jr., brewing baron and owner of the New York Yankees for 24 years. Ruppert, who was enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame July 28 at Cooperstown, embellished his 40-room vacation home with ornate fireplaces, wood paneling and brass chandeliers from Europe. Original woodwork still gleams, but the historic property is aging.

"We do continuous work on the mansion," Sitaras said. "Some things we do (Continued on next page)"

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Roots and Shoots

Labor-Saving Tips for the Garden

By Pamela Doan

Sometimes the temptation to peg a news story to a theme is too much to resist. With Labor Day’s spirit of celebrating the American worker, a good day for an end of season barbecue, what better time to acknowledge that we are working more hours than ever? Making time for the garden can be a challenge. Gardening doesn’t have to be just another demand during a packed day; it can be accomplished in whatever time you’ve got. Maybe after you start modestly and grow a few nice flowering plants or harvest your own tomatoes or lettuce, you’ll even discover that more time becomes available because you like the results, too.

Two of the biggest landscape time-drains are weeding and lawn care and neither task is all that satisfying. Mowing is like vacuuming. Although you see an immediate result and it’s necessary, both are boring and need to be done weekly. For your entire life.

Time spent weeding and mowing can be cut back and diverted to other more interesting and pleasant tasks by meeting the same basic fundamentals – pay-

ing attention to soil, mulch and water. Let’s start with weeding. Of course since you tested the soil pH before planting, and chose the best plants for the site or amended the soil to balance the pH for the proposed plants, the desirable plants can thrive. That healthy soil isn’t going to discriminate against interlopers, though.

The answer is mulch. Mulch creates a protective layer over the top of the soil to prevent weeds from popping up. Spread it in the spaces around plants, shrubs and trees, leaving room for the roots. (Don’t pile it thickly near stems or stalks, though.) Mulch is your best friend when it comes to weeds and also saves time because you don’t need to till or dig in the ground. Actually, tilling can contribute to weed growth by turning the weed seeds that are on top of the soil into the ground, giving them a better chance to grow.

For many garden issues, mulch is the answer and it’s a way to reuse the natural resources in your yard and kitchen. Compost grass clippings, shredded leaves, plant material, and vegetable and fruit scraps to create a rich organic matter to layer in beds. Or use shredded leaves and wood chips that have been aged at least a year and add

it directly to the beds. Spend a couple of hours mulching and then less time weeding for the rest of the season.

When it comes to lawn care, healthy soil is again the best first line of defense. Aerated, well-balanced soil with a pH level between 6.0-7.0 makes for the best base for grass. Fill in bare areas with a mix of grass seed that is most compatible with your growing conditions, taking sunlight, shade, and use into consideration. Determine a level and type of weeds you can tolerate in your yard. Clover is soft and bees love the flowers. It doesn’t spread or take over like crabgrass does.

Once you’ve established a healthy lawn, consider altering mowing practices that can suck up time. By mowing with sharp blades set at a cutting height of three inches, the grass will be torn off neatly, avoiding damage to roots and you won’t have to mow as frequently. I watch my neighbor’s lawn service show up on the same day every week, whether the grass has grown much or not. It’s a waste of energy and an



A layer of shredded leaves surrounds foamflowers, keeping moisture in and weeds out. Photo by P. Doan

unnecessary pollutant to set up a mindless schedule that doesn’t account for the actual needs of the lawn. Keep in mind that one hour of mowing contributes the same amount of exhaust as driving a car for 20 miles. Cutting back on mowing not only gives you more time during the week, but is also better for the planet. And those clippings? Leave them on the lawn. We’re back to mulch again. The clippings provide a nice layer of mulch to help feed the lawn as they decompose and hold in water.

Now with that extra time, you’ve got a few more minutes to spend reading *The Paper*!

Saint Basil Academy (from previous page)

ourselves, and some we have to call for help from outside.”

In addition to the mansion and administrative buildings including the library, Saint Basil’s maintains a gymnasium, an enclosed swimming pool and the memorial chapel. According to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the word icons simply means “images” in Greek. The chapel is referred to as the “jewel of the academy” and includes meticulously created icons of representations of Christ, angels and saints. Students attend obligatory services at the chapel, and a chaplain assists Sitaras by doing most services.

While raising kids with prayer and care continues, Saint Basil’s is also renewing its commitment to raising funds and awareness.

In a competitive arena for fundraising, Whitson noted that the Saint Basil golf tournament, had to take a hiatus in 2013. Though a popular event, organizers could not justify this year’s tournament.

“We couldn’t do it this year,” Whitson said. “We had it for five years in a row, but the numbers weren’t adding up.”

But Saint Basil’s will hold their fall fashion show (to be held in October) and will open their sweeping grounds for their walk-a-thon from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28.

“The walk-a-thon is a two-mile loop on our property and it ends with a carnival

at the gymnasium,” Whitson said. “Participants will walk around the campus and come back for a huge barbecue.”

The walk-a-thon will cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for children and includes food, beverages and carnival games.

“Every penny we get comes from a generous donation,” Whitson said. “We’re very fortunate. We’re very family oriented and we want the community to come out and see the academy, the grounds and what we do.”

### Saint Basil Academy

**Location:** 79 Saint Basil Road, Garrison, NY 10524

**Website:** stbasilacademy.org

**Phone:** 845-424-3500

**E-mail:** stbasil@goarch.org

**Business hours:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

**Executive Director:** Father Constantine L. Sitaras

**Number of employees:** approximately 20

**Number of acres:** 160

**Property Deed Holder:** Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society

**Sunday Orthros Service:** 8:30 a.m.

**Sunday Divine Liturgy:** 9:30 a.m.



The centerpiece of the Saint Basil Academy property, a cut-granite Tudor, was once the home of Jacob Ruppert Jr., brewing baron and an owner of the New York Yankees for 24 years. Ruppert was enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame July 28 at the 2013 induction ceremony in Cooperstown. Photo by M.A. Ebner

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### Announcing *The Paper's* Summer Vacation Photofest

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*The Paper* is collecting high-resolution, color pictures from local photographers of their 2013 summer vacations, near and far. The best photos (in our opinion) will be featured in *The Paper*.

Limit: three photos weekly per person. Please title photo file with your name and photo location, for example: JaneDoe-ColdSpringDock.jpg.

Send photos to [photofest@philipstown.info](mailto:photofest@philipstown.info).





Red delight in Cold Spring, above left (Photo by Stacy Radich) and bubbles in Red Hook (Photo by Dan Janoff)

# The Paper's Summer Photofest



Crimson sunflower, above left; heirloom tomatoes, right Photos by Michael Turton



**The Green Green Grass of Home Field:** On Monday of this week Haldane's main sports field lay bare. On Tuesday workers began laying the new, artificial turf. By Thursday morning, placement of the turf was all but complete, part of a \$2.1 million project to improve the field as well as Haldane's auditorium and locker rooms. School officials hope the field will be ready to host its first soccer matches right after school resumes Sept. 6, and the Blue Devils first varsity home football game on Saturday, Sept. 14.

Photos by M. Turton



Red Line Diner, Fishkill, N.Y. (Photo by Michele Monteforte)

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