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Donuts, Coffee and Gas Coming

Construction projected at eight weeks

By Michael Turton

It may be the only project in Cold Spring that has rivaled Butterfield in the amount of chatter it has generated, and ironically, much of the conversation has probably taken place in area coffee shops and cafes.

After two and a half years of rumors, fears, anticipation and delays, construction of a Dunkin' Donuts shop, including a drive-thru and convenience store, has begun, where, for 25 years, Kenny Elmes operated his Elmesco Citgo service station — on Chestnut Street (Route 9D) adjacent to Foodtown Plaza. Riccardo D'Ippolito, Director of Operations with New York City-based MarkInvest Inc and its construction arm, RDI Creations, told *The Paper* that construction of the popular coffee and donut franchise will take approximately eight weeks, barring any major setbacks.



The new Dunkin' Donuts will include a drive-thru, convenience store and gas station. Franchise stores and drive-thrus are now banned by a local law passed after the Dunkin' Donuts plan was approved.

Photo by M. Turton

Rumors ended in 2012

On the evening of April 3, 2012, after months of rumors, Elmes first presented plans to convert his service station to a Dunkin' Donuts shop to the Cold Spring Planning Board. Reaction was immediate, mixed — and emphatic. Few residents sat on the fence. While many supported the likable Elmes and his right to develop the site as he saw fit, many others opposed the development, fearing that the village would inevitably face an onslaught of franchise operations. A study in June of that year by Cold Spring's Tim Miller Associates predicting that the franchise would have minimal impact on traffic did little to quell fears. Critics complained that the study dealt only with the affect on nearby intersections and access to (Continued on page 3)



Four members of Cold Spring's Tree Advisory Committee take a close look at a large, village-owned tree in front of the Ming Moon Restaurant on Main Street. From left, Kory Riesterer, Mary Saari, Committee Chairperson Jennifer Zwarich and Tony Bardes.

Photo by M. Turton

Butterfield's Bumpy Road

MASS AND SCALE CAUSE CONCERN FOR PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

By Kevin E. Foley

The proposed Butterfield commercial and residential development project ran into some surprising upset Wednesday night (Sept. 17) as a majority of the Cold Spring Planning Board raised objections to the board counsel's interpretation limiting their authority to review the mass and scale of the project.

To varying degrees four of the five members, Anne Impellizzeri, Arne Saari, Karn Dunn and James Pergamo, expressed concern over the size of the buildings and the impact the project would have on the 5.7-acre parcel of land as well as the overall impact on the village. They said they were under the impression that the site plan review process, now underway, afforded them the opportunity to address the broad impact of the development's plans as well as the many specific details involved in a site plan review.

For approximately 45 minutes the members, led by Saari, sallied with appointed counsel Anna Georgiou, inquiring about and at times insisting that the Board of Trustees did not intend to limit the Planning Board's role in assessing overall impact from building size and number of residential units and other factors. "I have been trying to have a conversation about this for six months and every time I was put off," said Saari, a long-time Planning Board member. "I believe the Village Board listened to the Planning Board and left it to the Planning Board to make appropriate changes." (To page 4)

COUNTY BUTTERFIELD MEETING MOVED TO VFW AT 7 P.M.

By Michael Turton

After initially declining Cold Spring Mayor Ralph Falloon's request to change the time and place of a meeting of the Putnam County Physical Services Committee to discuss the Butterfield project and numerous potential services that the county may offer there, Committee Chair Carl Albano has had a change of heart. The meeting will still take place on Tuesday, Sept. 23, but it has been moved to 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall on Kemble Avenue. Falloon had corresponded with Albano on Sept. 10, indicating that holding the meeting at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall would not serve the public well, suggesting instead that it be held at 7:30 at Haldane School.

The decision to move the meeting to the VFW came about at a meeting held by the Physical Services Committee on Tuesday (Sept. 16). Putnam County Legislator Sam Oliverio led the argument in favor of honoring Falloon's request to change the meeting plans. "I pushed hard for it," he said, indicating that he preferred meeting at Haldane at 7:30 as Cold Spring's mayor had suggested, but that the compromise was at least better for commuters than a 6 p.m. start time. Oliverio also confirmed a comment posted on *Philipstown.info* that Putnam County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra spoke against changing the meeting time and place.

Contacted by *The Paper* Scuccimarra said that she was definitely not against changing the venue and time of the meeting. She also said that she had invited the Philipstown Board at a meeting earlier this (To page 4)

Tending to Cold Spring's Trees

Volunteers eager to get their hands dirty

By Michael Turton

Cold Spring's extensive inventory of historic buildings is a major resource, perhaps one reason why people almost universally see the village not just as "quaint," but as an attractive place to live or visit.

In recent months, another significant resource, often overlooked in the hustle and bustle of day-to-day life, has come into focus. A group of community volunteers has begun a process, which over the long term, will conserve the aesthetic and monetary value of the resource in question, ensuring that it thrives for at least as long as the village's historic buildings. That resource is the large inventory of trees growing on village-owned lands. And the group is the Tree Advisory Committee.

An inventory conducted in 2011 identified 437 publicly-owned trees in Cold Spring, most of which line the streets, providing shade, oxygen, beauty and numerous other benefits. It's a village forest that boasts more than 40 species — from Red Maple, Black Locust and Zelkova to Pin Oak, Weeping Willow and Eastern Red Cedar. The total tree population has actually increased to about 500 since then, thanks to new plantings along Main Street and a fledgling nursery established on Kemble Avenue.

While the role trees play in beautifying the landscape is obvious, the economic value of urban trees is much less recognized. A recent survey of Cold Spring's village-owned trees conducted by Cornell Cooperative Extension estimated their value at \$1.8 million. And that didn't include the hundreds of trees found on private lands.

An interesting horticultural puzzle

Like any resource, trees have to be maintained, and stewardship of Cold Spring's street trees in particular suffered a few years ago when an informal group of residents who had tended to them for years, was unable to continue the work. In November 2013, the Village Board advertised and (To page 3)



West Street is now one way from North Street to New Street. The street is not closed however — although this sign indicates that it is. See story, page 4. Photo by M. Turton

Small, Good Things

What’s In a Name?

By Joe Dizney

I could see my breath this morning as I walked the dog. Fall is on the way and winter will be close behind and although the farmer’s market is still featuring the late bounty of summer, the red of tomatoes will soon give way to the orange of pumpkins and sweet fresh corn will be a thing of the past.

On these cool nights and chilly mornings I’m torn between a desire for warm, creamy comfort foods and the last of the sweet, fleeting freshness I’ve become accustomed to over the last few months.

A trip to the local farm store for eggs reminded me of a tasty and very traditional Hudson Valley specialty: sapahn.

Samp. Suppaen. Sapean. Suppan. Suppaw. These are just a few lexical variations I’ve come across. No wonder we’re oblivious to its charms.

You might know it as mush — or grits in the deep South or armottes or polente in France. Anyone for Transylvanian puliszka, or putu from the African Bantu?

The freshly ground corn meal from Clinton Corners’ Wild Hives Farm that prompted this revelry was simply labeled polenta, surely in deference to the current generation of foodies (or whatever they — we? — are called) in the early 21st century.

A bit of culinary archeology: Once again, we have Native Americans to thank for a culinary staple truly gone global. In the hands and kettles of 17th-century Dutch settlers, this “Indian wheat,” soaked and boiled in water, was served in a communal dish. As the hot mush cooled and solidified, small divots (as many as there were diners) were ex-

cavated in the surface of the mush.

As the diners took to table, the divots in this mush sapahn were filled with milk, and each hungry diner excavated the “bank” of his “White Lake” (or “Milky Pond”) with a spoon, hopefully in the spirit of respectful brotherhood.

And just as corn and cornmeal was adapted throughout the geographic New World, spawning grits, scrapple and the like, it also oozed back to the Old World in what is referred to as the Columbian Exchange creating the culinary mutations and progeny of Europe and the African continent mentioned above.

But by the early 20th century our New England — and more specifically Hudson Valley variant — was so little known we had lost the words to call it.

It took the culinary renaissance of the ’60s and ’70s and the glorification of Mediterranean eating to dignify it again as *polenta*, an Italian foodstuff worth exploring, and get it on to upscale restaurant plates.

Beyond that it took Hudson Valley food and market pioneers such as chef Waldy Malouf (currently senior director of food and beverage operations at the Culinary Institute of America) to bring it all back home. Despite being a southerner by birth, his 1995 *The Hudson River Valley Cookbook* did much to focus the culinary spotlight on the HRV, and in it he solidly reclaims the mush known as suppawn as the valley’s own.

His master recipe calls for chicken stock, which would certainly make for a richer tasting *mush*, and a bit of cheese, both of which are nice but not really necessary. And while he amps the *fabulosity* quotient of this simple preparation up *BIG* time with a *Lobster Gratin with Suppaw*, it’s with the addition of more simple ingredients that *sapahn* (*what-ever!*) shines as a small, good thing.



Late-summer sapahn Photo by J. Dizney

And none of these additions seem more “right” right now than the last of the summer sweet corn. A combination of creamy, warm cornmeal combined with fresh sweet kernels off the cob is the very essence of corn. Served “soft” straight from the pot, or allowed to set in a pan and cut into squares or triangles and re-heated — pan-fried in butter or oil (or bacon fat!), or browned in the oven — this late summer *sapahn* serves as the perfect delivery device for whatever temporal or seasonal culinary delicacy you

might desire.

The version shown in the photo is topped with a simple vegetarian *ragù* of summer tomatoes and dried porcini, topped with slivers of Sprout Creek Farm’s “Bogart” aged cow’s milk cheese. Or try it simply covered in sautéed greens. Wait for later in the season and serve it with braised short ribs. Have it for breakfast with a fried or poached egg, or topped with butter and a splash of maple syrup. For dessert, top with roasted figs and Nettle Meadow’s Maple Chevre.

It’s very forgiving and always appreciated, but what *shall* we call it ...?

Late-Summer Sapahn


Adapted from The Hudson River Valley Cookbook (by Waldy Malouf with Molly Finn, 1998, Harvard Common Press, paperback). Cook time: 20 minutes; 4-6 servings

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| 1 cup coarse ground cornmeal (locally sourced: Wild Hives Farm’s polenta) | 1 cup cream |
| 3 cups water (or chicken or vegetable stock if you’re feeling expansive) | 1 tablespoon raw organic sugar |
| | 1 teaspoon salt |
| | 2-3 tablespoons butter |
| | ½-to-1 cup raw corn kernels |

1. Heat the water or stock and cream in a 2-quart saucepan over medium heat until just steaming. Add the salt, sugar and butter and stir to incorporate.
2. Begin adding the cornmeal in a thin stream, whisking as you add it so that it does not clump. Stir for a minute or so to ensure that it is completely mixed in.
3. Cook the mixture (for a total of 20 minutes) whisking or stirring occasionally. It should begin to thicken by the 10-minute mark or so, bubbling slowly. It is done when it just barely stays off the sides of the saucepan.
4. About 2 minutes before finishing, add the fresh corn and stir to incorporate evenly.


Serving soft: Serve immediately if desired soft, topped with the sweet or savory topping of your choice (see above).

Pan-fried or baked: Or pour the sapahn immediately into a lightly greased 8-inch baking pan, cover with plastic wrap and let cool in the refrigerator. When completely cooled, turn the sapahn out onto a cutting board and cut into squares or triangles. Fry lightly on the stovetop in a lightly greased pan or brown in the oven for 25 to 30 minutes at 350 degrees, lightly brushed with butter or oil on a baking sheet.



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Donuts, Coffee and Gas Coming (from page 1)

the site but didn't address anticipated traffic patterns within the plaza area itself once vehicles had entered it from Route 9D.

After what a Dec. 5, 2012 article on *Philipstown.info* described as having been "a long, scrupulously detailed and at times tortuous 10-month process," members of the Cold Spring Planning Board unanimously approved Elmes' application to establish his Dunkin' Donuts franchise. The development would also

include a convenience store and the gas station would continue to operate.

A surprise greets the community

The community was taken completely by surprise when, on June 13, 2013, Elmes sold his service station. "I wonder what will happen to Dunkin' Donuts?" was the question repeated throughout the village for weeks to follow. The question was answered in November when Syed Hussain, owner-manager of the Gulf station that had replaced Citgo, emphatically told

The Paper that he intended to complete the Dunkin' Donuts project.

A wake-up call

The arrival of Dunkin' Donuts served as a wake-up call, one that at least some residents wished had come about three years earlier. In February of this year, Village of Cold Spring trustees approved a local law banning formal or franchise businesses, including drive-thru operations. Dunkin' Donuts had made it in under the wire, but in so doing, prob-

ably prevented any future appearance by Kentucky Fried Chicken, Burger King, Baskin-Robbins and other franchise giants. The new law does permit smaller franchises that have up to nine outlets.

D'Ippolito said that initially, the Gulf gas station will remain open during construction. At some point though, he said power will have to be cut off to the pumps for a period of time. As construction of the Dunkin' Donuts nears completion, the pumps will be put back in service.

Tending to Cold Spring's Trees (from page 1)

recruited a new group of volunteers interested in advising trustees on how to best manage village trees. The Tree Advisory Committee (TAC) was formed early this year and now includes 11 members.

Jennifer Zwarich was one of the first residents to respond. Surprisingly, "tree hugger" is not how she describes herself. "I consider myself more of a realist than a romantic when it comes to growing things," she said. "But ... trees captured my imagination as a young child." Later, it was the challenges faced by urban trees, "a really interesting horticultural puzzle," that caught her attention. "Street trees are forced to survive in very difficult growing conditions," she said. "They must adapt and thrive in a garden bed dominated by asphalt and concrete, dog urine, delivery trucks, overhead-wires, sewer pipes, heavy foot traffic and other challenges. They take such a beating, and yet, there they grow."

It was no surprise that with that outlook and those interests, Zwarich volunteered to serve on the TAC, becoming its chairperson. Other TAC members include: Tony Bardes; Dana Bol; Kathleen Foley; Rich Franco; Charles Hustis

III; Donald MacDonald; Kory Riesterer; Mary Saari; Richard Weissbrod and Village Trustee Stephanie Hawkins.

Bugs, overhead wires and 'girdling'

While Cold Spring's trees have their share of struggles, Zwarich thinks that the village forest is "generally not in bad shape." Many trees need pruning, including their roots, and overhead wires pose a problem. Decades ago when many of the trees were selected for planting, their eventual height and the conflict that would cause with overhead power lines, were not taken into consideration. Disease can also be a problem.

Two current situations point to the work that needs to be done. One is a beautiful Zelkova in front of Ming Moon restaurant on Main Street. It's one of Zwarich's favorites. "I've been watching it since I moved here. It isn't very old, but it is one of the larger and nicer shaped trees on the street and it turns a stunning, bright red in the fall," she said. Zwarich said the tree probably appears healthy to most people, but it's actually suffering from "girdling" or restricted roots that will eventually strangle and

kill it. The tree's canopy has begun to show signs of stress over the past couple of years. "A wider tree pit and some early root pruning could have prevented this situation," Zwarich said, adding that the tree might still be saved if the damage can be mitigated.

Along Mountain Avenue, "lace bugs" have infested the London Plane trees that line the street. A hybrid of Sycamore, London Planes are an attractive species and a popular choice in urban settings. Left unchecked, lace bugs can cause a tree's leaves to turn yellow and fall off. The fact that there are 140 species of lace bugs in North America illustrates the complex nature of urban forestry issues. The village is currently considering strategies for treating the trees in order to end the infestation.

What's in a name?

Forming TAC was only the first step in what will now be an ongoing process to more effectively manage Cold Spring's trees. A tree ordinance drafted by the committee is nearing approval by the Village Board. The group has also written the draft of a detailed, long-term Tree

Management Plan. Ironically, TAC will soon be disbanded and, if approved by village trustees, replaced by a Tree Advisory Board or Commission, which will take up the work recommended in the plan.

The naming issue may sound trivial however Zwarich can attest to the importance of perception — and misperception. When TAC was first formed there was a mistaken notion in some quarters that the new committee would have powers over trees located on private lands. Zwarich emphatically points out that TAC, and the group that will likely replace it, deal exclusively with trees located on village property, including streets and village parks. In addition, she emphasized that the role of TAC and the yet-to-be-formed new group is strictly advisory. Ultimately, she said, all decisions regarding management of village-owned trees will continue to rest with elected trustees.

No shortage of key issues

Zwarich sees a number of key issues that the new Tree Advisory Board and ultimately the Village Board must deal with — not the least of which is creating a budget to get the work done. Fundraising

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Mass and Scale Cause Concern for Planning Board Members *(from page 1)*

Dunn echoed concerns. “There were at least three of us who were concerned about mass and scale during the EAP (environmental assessment) process and we were told that we could address this during site review,” Dunn said.

Strongly disagreeing, although she maintained her opinion was only advisory to the board, Georgiou said that when the Cold Spring Board of Trustees approved new zoning for the old hospital site (known as B4A) they essentially also approved the concept plan developer Paul Guillaro had submitted at that time. She said the trustee’s approval meant that the size of the buildings and the number of residential units were then made “as of right.” She said the size and scope of the project could be reduced only if the developer agreed or proposed it.

Planning Board Chair Barney Molloy reminded the board that there had been multiple discussions regarding the change of zoning and its connection to the developer’s concept plan. He recalled there had been two joint meetings with the Village Board and then the Planning Board wrote a detailed memo expressing its concerns and desire for greater flexibility than the draft B4A zoning proposal suggested. “By and large the Village Board rejected most of what we asked for,” he said.

Impellizzeri, the main author of the board’s letter to the trustees, seemed to accept Molloy’s recollection of events. But she observed ruefully: “I have grave doubts the community understands particularly the mass of this project or even that the Village Board understands what they have led us to.”

When Saari suggested the Planning Board formally ask the Village Board what its intent was when it approved the B4A change, Molloy replied: “The attorney who drafted it (Georgiou also served as counsel to the Village Board for this issue) at the behest of the Village Board is sitting before us. She is telling us this

was the board’s intent and legally that is the state of things.”

“I have grave doubts the community understands particularly the mass of this project or even that the Village Board understands what they have led us to.”

A visibly disconcerted Guillaro, the developer, rose to remind the board that since the approval of the concept plan he had reduced the size and scope of the buildings and other elements to varying degrees as indicated in the presentation of the site plan. “We have listened to these concerns,” he said. Molloy acknowledged this and reminded the board other accommodations were still possible as the site plan review continued.

Nevertheless when Molloy attempted to move on with making a formal referral of the site plan to the Historic District Review Board, which must also review

the project’s design plans, Saari balked. Pergamo and Dunn agreed with him that the board should move to ask the Village Board about its intent. The discussion then continued with counsel about how best to draft such a letter. After a while Molloy suggested that perhaps the board would go into a private attorney/client discussion.

Board members more or less nodded agreement but without any further discussion of the reasons why they could consult with counsel for over an hour in public session but now needed to be out of ear shot of public and media.

After a 45-minute closed-door meeting the members returned and without further substantive public discussion they voted to accept the site plan application for Butterfield Realty Limited and make a referral to the Historic District Review Board, apparently accepting their chairman and lawyer’s perspective on where things stood legally. Saari voted no.



Barney Molloy, standing left, Karn Dunn and Anna Georgiou, seated, and Paul Guillaro, standing.

File photo by K.E. Foley

County Butterfield Meeting Moved to VFW *(from page 1)*

month. “I believe this is the first time the County Legislature has met in western Putnam County,” she said. “I think that is very positive ... and there will be time for public comment at the end of the meeting.”

While Oliverio said he had received numerous calls from residents concerned over the plan to start the meeting at 6 p.m., Albano indicated that neither he nor Scuccimarra had received any such calls.

When he originally denied the mayor’s request, Albano said that while the meeting would be open to the public, the main focus would be a discussion between village and county officials, suggesting that there was no need to accommodate a potentially large public audience. Albano later told *The Paper* that there will be “... a lot of public comment once we know where we are headed. There are no secrets here.” He also said that it would

“break his heart” if the meeting has to be canceled in the event that the turnout is so large that attendance exceeds Fire Marshall regulations.

Contacted by *The Paper*, Falloon said he was pleased with the change because it will allow more members of the public to attend. “It was a good compromise,” he said. As to the political wrangling it took to achieve it, he said that at times, “It’s more about politicians’ wants than the seniors’ needs.” A major part of the Butterfield development is a proposed senior citizens’ center. Asked if he hopes Philipstown’s elected officials will also attend the meeting Falloon answered, “Absolutely.” He said he had not contacted Town officials on his own because it is Putnam County’s meeting.

It remains unclear whether or not Town of Philipstown elected officials have actu-

ally been invited to attend. In an email to *The Paper* on Sept. 17, Albano said that Scuccimarra had confirmed that afternoon that Town Board members would attend. Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea said that he knew about the meeting because he had been copied on related correspondence and that he planned to attend — but that he was not aware of an invitation being issued to the Town Board. He also said he didn’t know that the meeting had been shifted to the VFW — a move that he said would normally be approved by the Town Board, especially given the significance of the meeting. Fellow Board Member Dave Merandy, who has urged the county to adopt a broader dialogue as part of improved communications regarding Butterfield, was also unaware of an invitation having been sent to Philipstown elected officials.

Traffic Congestion Prompts One-Way West Street Route Switch

Drivers initially ignored change in direction

By Michael Turton

The entire length of West Street on Cold Spring’s riverfront is now one way, running north to south. The Village Board recently made the change in response to concerns over traffic congestion and safety. Previously, drivers going north on the street had to make a difficult U-turn as they approached the entrance to Dockside Park. A right turn onto North Street was prohibited because it is one way, running toward the river. Traffic in the area was chaotic

and dangerous at times during summer months, especially when Moo Moo’s Creamery was busy.

John Dunn, a resident who lives within a block of West Street, welcomes the switch to one-way traffic. “The change makes good sense and has been needed for some time,” he said.

Dunn thinks there are flaws in the transition however, particularly signage. “The initial (new) signage was poor — (drivers) were paying no attention and continuing to head north on that stretch of West Street,” Dunn said. He said that a portable “Do Not Enter” sign placed at the corner of West Street at Main Street indicates that the north end of West Street is closed — which is not the case.

Dunn has suggestions that he thinks will improve the situation, including placing a one-way sign on West Street at Main Street, so that drivers coming down Main toward the bandstand can see that West is now entirely one way — and that right turns are no longer permitted. “And some other signage needs to be considered, so that traffic flows down Fish Street to North Street and then, southbound, onto West Street,” Dunn said. He also encouraged village officials to communicate the recent change to residents. “Folks are so accustomed to (West Street being) the one remaining two-way stretch down on the waterfront that it is going to take some time for people to wrap their heads around it.”

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Teacher Dunking and Pony Riding All Part of the Fun

Haldane PTA Back-to-School Potluck and Picnic laid out welcome mat

By Alison Rooney

Another one of those whipped-up-to-perfection late summer days provided the welcoming ambience for the fourth annual Haldane Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Back-to-School Potluck and Picnic. The afternoon affair, held soon after classes began for the year, saw children enjoy the school's blacktop playground as parents, teachers and administrators socialized.

PTA President Lourdes Laifer, now embarking on her second term, calls the picnic "a terrific way for families to socialize, meet other families and get to know administrators, faculty and staff in an informal setting. It brings people together in a casual, stress-free setting allowing for parents to enjoy conversations while their kids play and have fun."

Popular plunge

Soon after the 3:30 p.m. start Laifer took the microphone and welcomed everyone, thanking in particular those teachers, many sopping wet but smiling nonetheless, who had participated in the very popular dunk tent, in front of which a long line of students was in continuous formation, with eager ball throwers aiming carefully, attempting (and generally



Haldane's beautiful setting was seen to full advantage on picnic day. Photos by A. Rooney

succeeding) to plunge one of their teachers (and school principal Brent Harrington as well) into a vat of cold water.

Laifer then introduced Haldane's new superintendent, Dr. Diana Bowers, who, in brief remarks, thanked everyone for the warm welcome she has received thus far at Haldane. Bowers kept it short and sweet, and then the entertainment began, as the band Laminated Menu, consisting of Cold Spring's Neil Santelmann on guitar, Margaret Hundley Parker on bass, and Beacon's Sophia Jackson on vocals and guitar, revved things up. According to Santelmann, though they've played such local musical hotspots as Dogwood, Quinn's, Bank Square and the recent Hoot-on-the-Hudson, this gig was

pretty hard to top.

Dotted around the blacktop were tables at which parents could join the PTA, sign their children up for after-school enrichment programs, and learn about the Haldane School Foundation (plugging their fall fundraiser, which takes place this year on Oct. 4, at The Garrison). The Haldane School Garden offered tours of that busy campus hub.

Children's activities included a craft table, much bubble blowing, general running around and the never-fail attraction of the swings and 'climbing things.' Tables filled with pizza donated by Angelina's, as well as potluck items brought in by families, were quickly depleted.

The traffic circle area was devoted to pony rides, with Haldane parent Laurie Yodice, of Hot-to-Trot Stables bringing along quite a few of her horses for the children to enjoy.

Collaborative efforts to move forward

The event was put together by volun-

teers and members of the organizing committee, including, according to PTA thanks: Mary Costigan, Danielle Hyatt, Yvonne Mee, Catherine Platt, Jane Ponton, Julisa Rincon-Tomizawa, Jackie Wlodarczak, Anne McBride, Maureen O'Brien, and high school seniors Samantha-Leigh Ford, Fiona Mueller, and John Swartzwelder.

Asked what struck him as most exciting about this new school year, Harrington said he was "... excited to welcome Dr. Bowers and her leadership and vision for Haldane as we move forward." He also expressed enthusiasm for the opening of Haldane Elementary's new "Makerspace," funded by an out-of-cycle grant from the Haldane School Foundation. While noting that he would explain more about this at a later time, he described it as a single location space available to all elementary school students, grades kindergarten through five, within the school, which "will allow us to rethink classroom design to foster great collaboration and creativity — both of these necessary 21st-century skills."

Haldane School Board President Joe Curto, returning to this position after an absence of a few years, said that at the next board meeting the board will present their goals, most significantly, embarking on a new strategic plan, which he called very important. He praised the new superintendent, saying, "Dr. Bowers has a very clear vision in developing teaching and learning and taking Haldane to a different level of conversation, academically." Curto said another initiative for the year is the "re-branding of the school, in the form of a project extracting all the great things about the school and 'telling the story' as it hasn't been yet." Curto noted that fellow board member Jennifer Daly would be taking the lead on it.



Pony rides were provided by Cold Spring's Hot-To-Trot Stables.

Tending to Cold Spring's Trees *(from page 3)*

will likely be an early priority with the new group. In addition some 54 percent of the village-owned trees in Cold Spring need pruning — one of the most basic tasks to keep trees healthy. That's 233 trees. And she said enhancing the village forest requires "putting the right trees in the right place." That may include using salt-tolerant oaks along streets such as Chestnut — and not planting Red Maples

close to waterlines where their water-seeking roots can cause major problems. "And we need to coordinate tree planting with other infrastructure projects — to minimize conflicts (such as) heaving sidewalks," she said.

Zwarich looks forward to the day when the planning is done and volunteers can get down to the real, physical work. "I can't wait to get my hands dirty," she said.

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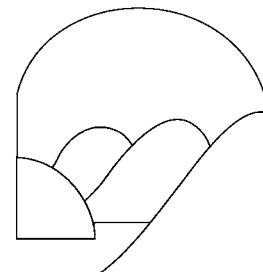
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What Makes Putin Tick?

Author Jennifer Ciotta discusses Russian leader in fictional light at Butterfield Library

By Alison Rooney

Timeliness has acted as an assist for Jennifer Ciotta’s historical fiction novel *I, Putin*. The book, published in 2012, has hit its stride in sales more recently, as its subject has gained increased focus on the world’s stage. Ciotta, who has lived in Carmel for the past two years, will give a free reading and talk at Butterfield Library at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21.

Sponsored by the Putnam Arts Council, her talk will address her motivations for writing the book and, in particular, how she connected to Vladimir Putin as a character; the book is written in first person, from his point of view. Ciotta expects that she will also delve into the contemporary issues surrounding Putin today, though she is careful to note that she is “not a foreign policy expert — this will be my take on what’s going on now and what I think may happen.”

Peering into Putin’s presidency

Ciotta, who spent two years — from 2000 to 2002, in the Peace Corps in close-to-Russia Estonia, developed a keen interest in Russia when, soon after her arrival in Estonia, the Kursk submarine disaster, in which 118 sailors and officers were killed, occurred. Taking place around 100 days into Putin’s presidency, Ciotta initially followed what was transpiring through

the eyes of Estonians, whom she notes, viewed Russia as occupiers, and still found the chain of events very sad.

“As in Russia, people there were shocked at Putin’s perceived non-reaction to the tragedy — people were shocked to see photos of him jet-skiing at the time. This contrasted greatly with [then U.S. President] Clinton’s reaction to the Oklahoma bombing. The Russian people were enraged and the media pushed back against him. A typical newspaper headline said ‘Damn you — do something,’” Ciotta recounts, and it was then that she started to follow him closely, because she “realized he would be big someday” and she wondered what was making him tick. Ciotta spent the ensuing years reading up on Putin and eventually completed a master’s degree at New York University, with Putin as her focus. Her studies culminated in *I, Putin* and a thesis focusing on “Putin’s KGB mentality.”

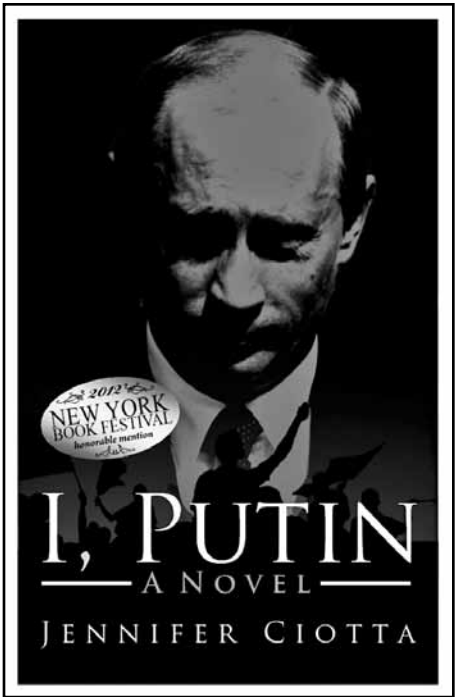
In telling the story of this time, Ciotta decided to write *I, Putin* in the historical fiction vein because “parts of the story are fictionalized. Many elements of Putin’s life [as described in the book] are true: growing up in St. Petersburg, his split with his wife, how his daughters are kept very private, in the tradition of European leaders ... I chose this genre because I wanted to dramatize parts of the story yet still keep close to the actual facts, so it wound up as sort of historical fiction meets alternate history.”

Ciotta says she tried to approach her personification of Putin “by looking at things from a non-Western point of view. The Western way is usually more black and white. If you look at television or books, you’ll find people embracing male protagonists who have good and evil sides. I tried to approach things from a Russian point of view, with more grey areas ... For example, in the West [described frequently as the ‘feminist protest punk band’, two of whose members were imprisoned for nearly two years after protesting against Putin’s re-election] Pussy Riot are often made out as saints, but they have done some anti-Semitic things and some vulgar things in public. You can pick up a lot of nonfiction work about Putin, and in it he is always the bad guy, but I think Putin truly believes he is doing the best for Russia. For him, some of the leadership in the West is too fast and loose — he’s more controlled.”

Although Ciotta says she personally disagrees with some of Putin’s decisions, for example his anti-gay laws and international adoption retaliation policy as well as his tightened control of the media, she understands where they are coming from within his psychological make-up.



Jennifer Ciotta
Photo courtesy of the author



As the book has now been out for two years, those years coinciding with so many changes in Russia under Putin, Ciotta has received constant reader feedback, and says that many have told her that they “understand Putin and that the things that have happened in the past two years make sense to them because of the book. The Kursk tragedy was the first time one saw the Putin we see today — you can see his motivation and his beliefs right there.” Asked how Russian readers have reacted, Ciotta says they either “love it or don’t like it at all. Alternate history is not as popular there so they don’t like the fact that he’s so fictionalized. And some say ‘this is all stuff I know already; this is the way we think of him anyway.’ But some Slavic readers really like it. One told me he thought that the way the book is written made it sound as if it was translated from Russian — it was that real.”

Changes in Russia ... once more

Because of its extremely topical nature, *I, Putin* has recently hit the Amazon Kindle Bestseller lists. “The book is selling better now, and mostly on Kindle, not in paperback,” Ciotta says. It recently topped *Dr. Zhivago* in the Historical Russian Fiction and Alternative History category, she notes with excitement. *I, Putin* was Ciotta’s debut novel. She followed it with another book, in a very different vein, *No Bulls**t Guide to Self-Publishing*, which made the Amazon Kindle Top 100 Best Seller list in Education & Reference in April 2014. She has just finished the first draft of her third, changing genres again. She describes her next effort as a young adult crossover, which she explains as being tailored to those 16 and up, including adults: “very dark, sexual novel centered around a teenage love triangle, based on a true story.” As “some people will be familiar with it” she is not naming those involved, as “it will blow the ending.”

For more information visit vladimir-putinnovel.com/author/.

Angela Lansbury Serves as Honorary Chair of Putnam History Museum’s Annual Gala

Celebration takes place Sept. 28 in Garrison



Angela Lansbury
Photo courtesy of Putnam History Museum

Angela Lansbury, star of stage, screen, and television, will serve as Honorary Chair of the Putnam History Museum’s annual Gala Celebration at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Highlands Country Club in Garrison.

Best known to television viewers as Jessica Fletcher in the long-running hit, *Murder, She Wrote* and to moviegoers for *Gaslight* and *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, which brought Oscar nominations, Lansbury enchanted Broadway audiences in the musicals *Mame* and *Sweeney Todd*, winning the Tony Award five times.

As a teenager, Lansbury, with her younger twin brothers, was evacuated from England to New York at the start of World War II to escape the nightly bombings of London by Nazi Germany. She was invited to live with the Perkins family of Cold Spring, the start of her life-long friendship with Anne Perkins Cabot, an honoree at the museum’s gala dinner.

Lansbury has received singular honors in the past year. In November 2013, Hollywood recognized her 70-year career on screen with an honorary Oscar. Last spring at Windsor Castle, HM Queen Elizabeth II named Lansbury a Dame of the British Empire for her work in the arts and for her charity and philanthropy.

Gala tickets may be purchased on the museum’s website or via check. Tickets are \$250 each or \$2,500 for a table. Benefit committee memberships are also available. For more information, visit putnam-historymuseum.org or call 845-265-4010.



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Above, *A Meditation*, and at right, *Higher Still*, by Kate Vikstrom
Images courtesy of the artist

Kate Vikstrom’s Watercolors on View at Cathryn’s Tuscan Grill

Beacon artist Kate Vikstrom is showing a selection of watercolor paintings at Cathryn’s Tuscan Grill in Cold Spring, New York, beginning Sept. 16.

Vikstrom came to Beacon in 2012 after living many years in the Pacific Northwest — primarily in the coastal rainforest of Southeast Alaska, and for a

few years on the Puget Sound in Washington state.

“My favorite watercolor teacher once said, ‘Travel and see one thousand mountains, then come home and paint mountains,’” she explained. Vikstrom doesn’t produce likenesses of exact locations. Instead, she depicts scenes she hopes will evoke recognition for any viewer of places or moments *they* have experienced. “The French Impressionists lit my artistic fires,” she states. “They were intent on conveying an ‘impression’ as opposed to exact details.” Several years ago Vikstrom lived for three months in Paris, where she explored their work first-hand.



Day of Gold on the Sloop Woody Guthrie by Kate Vikstrom



Kate Vikstrom

Depot Docs Presents: *The Central Park Five*

By James O’Barr

Depot Docs will open its ninth season of bringing remarkable documentary films and filmmakers to the Philipstown Depot Theatre on Friday, Sept. 26, with a showing of *The Central Park Five*. Based on the 2011 book by Sarah Burns, the film gives “The Untold Story Behind One of New York City’s Most Infamous Crimes” an immediate and visceral life that is the singular power of the mov-



ing image, with its magic of light and sound.

The fact that Sarah Burns is the daughter of one of the most celebrated magicians of the form, Ken Burns, who is credited with co-writing, co-producing, and co-directing the film with Sarah Burns and her husband, David McMahon, might lead us to expect that we’ll be watching a “Ken Burns” documentary, with lots of the patented technique that is as much his claim to fame as the films themselves. But in *The Central Park Five*, perhaps because it began life as Sarah Burns’ passion-driven book, the technical wizardry is in complete service to the story, and the story is told, not by an engaging narrative voice-over, or a gaggle of talking heads, but, for the most part, by the Five themselves. And what a story.

It’s 1989 in New York City — ancient history for some of us, a still vivid hallucinatory time for those who lived the experience — and a 28-year-old white woman, Trisha Meili (then known only as “the Central Park Jogger”) is found bound, gagged, badly beaten, raped, and nearly dead in Central Park in the early hours of an April morning. For a city with an ever-increasing cost of living, shrinking jobs and housing markets, growing wealth disparities, street crime and AIDS on the rise, and an out-of-control crack epidemic, this was a torch to tinder. The usual suspects, at that moment in time black and Latino teenage boys who spent a lot of time on the streets in the vicinity of the park, were already in custody, rounded up after complaints came in to the Central Park West police precinct that gangs of kids were roaming the park, harassing and assaulting people.

Of those brought in, five of them, Raymond Santana, Antron McCray, Kevin Richardson, Yusef Salaam, and Korey Wise, ages 14 to 16, were accused of the attack. The principal evidence, in fact the only evidence, was confessions wrung out of all the boys after hours of interrogation by the police. The confessions, though not the interrogations, were filmed, and they are painful to watch, especially with the knowledge that they were extracted from scared, intimidated kids who were promised leniency and hope of freedom if they snitched, and that coerced confessions are an all too common tool of the police trade.

They recanted those confessions almost immediately, but in the media feeding frenzy that followed and found them guilty as charged, (To page 14)



Her artistic sense is also influenced by living in close connection with great bodies of water. “My favorite places are where water and sky seem to have no hard edges; where earth, water and air intermingle in the mists.” She explains that she chooses to work in watercolor because of the element of surprise. The artist must be willing to let go of control, taking a back-seat to the movement and caprice of paint in water. (Actually, she settled on watercolor during the years when she had three babies and a home daycare; she could paint late at night and her piece would be dry by morning and safe from little fingers, unlike oil paints which can take days to dry.)

Enjoy a meal and a glass of wine surrounded by Vikstrom’s paintings at Cathryn’s Tuscan Grill, 91 Main St., Cold Spring, on view Sept. 16 through Jan. 11. All works are available for sale through M. Studio Gallery, 914-715-1913, which represents the artist during this exhibit.

Visit katevikstrom.com to see Vikstrom’s watercolors, and also her collages, whimsical house portraits, and graphic design. While there, sample her soft jazz vocals and YouTube creations as well.

Vikstrom joined *Philipstown.info* in 2012 and works as the graphic designer and layout editor for *The Paper*.

The Calendar

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Kids & Community

- Greek Fest 2014**
11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. St. Nicholas Church
19 Fullerton Ave., Newburgh
845-561-2556 | stnicholas.ny.goarch.org
- Kabbalat Shabbat Picnic**
4 - 8 p.m. Long Dock Park, Beacon
845-831-2012 | beaconhebrewalliance.org
- Wine & Cheese**
5 - 8 p.m. Antipodean Books and Maps
29 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3867 | antipodean.com
Guest: Allison Pataki, *The Traitor's Wife*
- Theater & Film**
International Film Night: Evelyn (Ireland)
7 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org
- Doubt: A Parable**
8 p.m. County Players
2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls
845-298-1491 | countyplayers.org
- Jay Leno**
8 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre
655 Ruger Road, West Point
845-938-4159 | ikehall.com
- Off the Wall Improv**
8 p.m. The Beacon Theatre | 445 Main St., Beacon | 845-453-2978 | thebeacontheatre.org
- Music**
Fred & Laura
5 - 8 p.m. Round Up Texas BBQ | 2741 Route 9, Cold Spring | 845-809-5557 | rounduptxbbq.com
- Open-Mic Night**
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

- Jeff Allen Quintet**
8 p.m. BeanRunner Café | 201 S. Division St., Peekskill | 914-737-1701 | beanrunnercafe.com
- Robin Zander Band**
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St., Peekskill
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com
- Claire Lynch Band**
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
379 Main St., Beacon
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
- Otterknockers**
9 p.m. Whistling Willie's | 184 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-2012 | whistlingwillies.com
- East Coast Jazz Trio**
9 p.m. The Pantry | 3091 Route 9, Cold Spring
845-265-2840 | thepantrycs.com
- The Beki Brindle Band (Blues)**
9:30 p.m. 12 Grapes | 12 N. Division St., Peekskill
914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com
- Talking Machine**
9:30 p.m. Max's on Main | 246 Main St., Beacon
845-838-6297 | maxsonmain.com

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- Kids & Community**
Cold Spring Farmers' Market
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Open
Boscobel, 1601 Route 9D, Garrison
csfarmmarket.org | 10 a.m. - Noon. Quick Pickling
- Farmland Cycling Tour**
8:30 a.m. River Road, Red Hook
845-473-4440 x273 | scenichudson.org
- 44th Annual Horse Show and Country Fair**
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Blue Mountain Reservation
435 Welcher Ave., Peekskill | peekskillrotary.com
- Flea Market with Live Music**
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. St. Luke's Church
850 Wolcott Ave., Beacon
845-831-2643 | stlukesbeacon.org

- Iona Island Hike**
9 a.m. Meet at parking area.
845-534-5506 x204 | hhnaturemuseum.org
- Orvis Game Fair & Country Sporting Weekend**
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sandanona Shooting Grounds
3047 Sharon Turnpike, Millbrook
914-474-1461 | orvis.com/gamefair
- Wilderness Skills for Kids (First Session)**
9 a.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls
845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.org
- Volunteer Landscape Day**
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Manitoga | 584 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3812 | russelwrightcenter.org
- Revolutionary War Reenactors Weekend**
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Van Wyck Museum
504 Route 9, Fishkill
845-896-9560 | fishkillhistoricalsociety.org
- Madam Brett Homestead House & Walking Tour**
10 a.m. Madam Brett Homestead Museum
Van Nydeck Avenue, Beacon
hudsonrivervalleyramble.com
- Paws for a Cause Pet Portraits**
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 311 Drewville Road, Carmel
845-729-2685 | puthumane.org
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- Teens Theater Workshop (ages 12-16)**
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Beacon Music Factory
629 Route 52, Beacon
845-202-3555 | beaconmusicfactory.com
- 20th Annual Paws in the Park Petwalk**
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bowdoin Park
85 Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls
845-454-5345 x100 | pawsintheparkpetwalk.com
- 6th Annual Hudson Valley Irish Fest**
11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Riverfront Green, Peekskill
hudsonvalleyirishfest.com
- Greek Fest 2014**
11 a.m. - 10 p.m. St. Nicholas Church
See details under Friday.
- Orienteering Meet**
11 a.m. Outdoor Discovery Center | 100 Muser Drive, Cornwall | 845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org
- Redhawk Nation Pow Wow**
11 a.m. - 7 p.m. FDR State Park
2957 Crompond Road, Yorktown Heights
718-686-9297 | redhawkcouncil.org
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14 Market St., Cold Spring
845-809-5935 | hudsonriverexpeditions.com
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Noon - 6 p.m. Bear Mountain State Park
55 Hessian Drive, Bear Mountain
845-786-2731 | visitbearmountain.com
- Bannerman Island Tours**
12:30 p.m. Scheduled tour | 3 p.m. Haunted History tour | 800-979-3370 | zerve.com/bannerman
- Hudson River Craft Beer Festival**
1 - 5 p.m. Riverfront Park | 1 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon | hudsonrivercraftbeerfestival.com
- Kites Over the Hudson**
2 p.m. Washington's Headquarters
84 Liberty St., Newburgh
845-562-1195 | nysparks.com

- Big Brew New York Beer Festival**
4 - 9 p.m. Westchester County Center
198 Central Ave., White Plains
914-995-4050 | countycenter.biz
- Free Admission**
5 - 8 p.m. Mid-Hudson Children's Museum
75 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie
845-471-0589 | mhcm.org
- Health & Fitness**
Medication Take-Back
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. American Legion
275 Cedar St., Cold Spring
845-225-4646 | putnamcountynyny.com
- Yoga at Storm King**
10:15 a.m. 1 Museum Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org
- 200-Hour Teacher Training Q&A**
11 a.m. Living Yoga Studios
3182 Route 9, Cold Spring
845-809-5900 | livingyogastudios.com
- Back to Flight School Workshop**
2 p.m. SkyBaby Yoga | 75 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-4444 | skybabyyoga.com

- Sports**
Haldane vs. Putnam Valley (Boys Soccer)
11 a.m. Haldane School
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org
- Army Soccer**
5 p.m. Women vs. Bucknell
7:30 p.m. Men vs. St. Francis Brooklyn
Clinton Field, West Point
845-938-2526 | goarmysports.com
- ZomBsquad vs. Jerzey Derby Brigade (Roller Derby)**
7 p.m. Roller Magic | 4178 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park | horrorsrollerderby.com

- Art & Design**
Art Fair
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Trailside Zoo
3006 Seven Lakes Drive, Bear Mountain
845-786-2701 | trailsidezoo.org
- Palmas Tour with Melissa McGill**
1:30 p.m. Manitoga | 584 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3812 | russelwrightcenter.org
- Wanderings and Wonderings with Eve Biddle**
2 p.m. Storm King Art Center
1 Museum Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org

- Theater & Film**
Colin David: A Blossoming of Soul (Poetry Reading and Signing)
4 - 6 p.m. BeanRunner Café
201 S. Division, Peekskill
914-737-1701 | beanrunnercafe.com
- Off the Wall Improv**
7 p.m. Family friendly | 9 pm. Adult show
The Beacon Theatre | See details under Friday.
- Silent Film Series: The General (1926)**
7 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
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Local artist wins Windows on Main Street Grand Prize and Gallerists’ Pick Award: Tess Elliot with her winning installation at People’s Bicycle, 430 Main St., Beacon. Tess has returned to school this fall to complete an MFA.

Photo courtesy of the artist

Mayhem and Madness Comedy Show

8 p.m. Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center
1351 Kings Highway, Chester
845-610-5900 | sugarloafpac.org

Paula Poundstone

8 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall | 13 Main St., Tarrytown
914-631-3390 x100 | tarrytownmusichall.org

Music

Tony DeLauro’s New York Doo Wopp Show

4 p.m. Vintage car rally & a cappella competition
8 p.m. Show begins | Paramount Hudson Valley |
1008 Brown St., Peekskill
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

Round Up Texas BBQ

12:30 p.m. Patrick Hynes
5 - 8 p.m. Ten Brook Molly
See details under Friday.

A Concert of Ideas (Benefit)

7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown
10 Academy St., Cold Spring | 845-265-3220
presbychurchcoldspring.org

Grand Opening Party

7 – 9 p.m. Beacon Music Factory
629 Route 52, Beacon
845-202-3555
beaconmusicfactory.com

Livingston Taylor (Benefit)

7 p.m. Yorktown Stage
1974 Commerce St., Yorktown Heights
914-962-0606
justinveatchfund.org/concert

The Duprees (POW/MIA Day Concert)

7 p.m. Westchester County Center
198 Central Ave., White Plains | 914-995-4050
countycenter.biz

Ballroom Dance Party

8 p.m. Swing lesson | 9 p.m. Dance with DJ Joe Donato | Hudson Valley Dance Depot
733 Freedom Plains Road, Poughkeepsie
845-204-9833 | hudsonvalleydance.org

John Arrucci Trio

8 p.m. BeanRunner Café | Details under Friday

Vaneese Thomas

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
See details under Friday.

The Differents

9 p.m. Whistling Willie's
See details under Friday.

Judith Tulloch Band

9 p.m. Chill Wine Bar | 173 Main St., Beacon
845-765-0885 | facebook.com/chillwinebar

Decora / Pontoon

9 p.m. Southern Dutchess Bowl
629 Route 52, Beacon
845-831-3220 | sdb300.com

Beki Brindle and The Hot Heads

9:30 p.m. Max’s on Main | Details under Friday

Felix Cabrera (Blues)

9:30 p.m. 12 Grapes | See details under Friday.

Meetings & Lectures

Fundraiser for Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney

3 - 5 p.m. 1076 Wolcott Ave., Beacon
845-831-9110 | seanmaloney.com

Selichot Services

7 p.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon
845-831-2012 | beaconhebrewalliance.org
Co-hosted by Philipstown Reform Synagogue
Followed by reading of play *Hurricane*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

National Back to Church Sunday

Kids & Community

PHC Reservoir Classic Road Race

8 a.m. Putnam Hospital Center
670 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel
845-475-9742 | health-quest.org

Beacon Flea Market

8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Henry Street Lot, Beacon
845-202-0094 | beaconflea.blogspot.com

Kayak Tours

8 a.m. Destination Waterfall
9 a.m. Bannerman Castle
Noon. Nature | Hudson River Expeditions
See details under Saturday.

Meditation, Yoga and Tour

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Chuang-Yen Monastery
2020 Route 301, Carmel
pcwomensleadershipalliance.com

44th Annual Horse Show and Country Fair

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Blue Mountain Reservation
See details under Saturday.

Orvis Game Fair & Country Sporting Weekend

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sandanona Shooting Grounds
See details under Saturday.

Revolutionary War Reenactors Weekend

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Van Wyck Museum
See details under Saturday.

Kayak Tour

10 a.m. Denning’s Point, Beacon
845-831-1997 | mountaintopsonline.com

Delightful Dirt

10 a.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall
845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Family Hike

10 a.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls
845-831-1617 | stonykill.org

Beacon Farmers’ Market

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Scenic Hudson River Center
Long Dock Drive, Beacon
845-234-9325 | beaconfarmersmarket.org

Redhawk Nation Pow Wow


11 a.m. - 7 p.m. FDR State Park
See details under Saturday.



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Thursday 9/25 7:30pm SIMI STONE BAND	Sunday 10/5 7:30pm TANNAHILL WEAVERS from Scotland
Friday 9/26 8:30pm BACK TO THE GARDEN 1969	Thursday 10/9 7:30pm MISTER ROPER
Saturday 9/27 8:30pm WISHBONE ASH	Friday 10/10 8:30pm ENTER THE HAGGIS
Sunday 9/28 7:30pm KARAN CASEY also GARNET ROGERS	Saturday 10/11 8:30pm JAMES MADDOCK BAND guest CHIOE HAHN

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Greek Fest 2014

Noon - 6 p.m. St. Nicholas Church
See details under Friday.

Westchester Sneaker Expo

Noon - 6 p.m. Westchester County Center
198 Central Ave., White Plains
914-995-4050 | countycenter.biz.

Oktoberfest 2014 with die Schlauberger

Noon - 6 p.m. Bear Mountain State Park
See details under Saturday.

Bannerman Island Tour

12:30 p.m. Beacon Dock
800-979-3370 | zerve.com/bannerman

Children & Families: Gliders and Kites

1 p.m. Storm King Art Center
1 Museum Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Lost Pond Hike

2 p.m. Manitoga
584 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3812 | hudsonrivervalleyramble.com

Nature Program: Beavers

2 p.m. Hubbard Lodge
2880 Route 9, Cold Spring
845-265-3773 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Pioneer Living (First Session)

2 p.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls
845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.org

Annual Lawn Party

3 - 5 p.m. Maple Grove Historic Site
9 Hilltop Court, Poughkeepsie
maplegroverestoration.org

Kids' Open Mic Night

6 - 8 p.m. 12 Grapes | 12 N. Division St., Peekskill
914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com

Art & Design

Coulter Young: The Florence Series (Reception)

2 - 5 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org
Artist's talk at 2:45 p.m.

Drawing: Beyond the Basics (First Session)

5 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Theater & Film

Pretty Old (Documentary, 2012)

1:15 p.m. Downing Film Center
19 Front St., Newburgh
845-561-3686 | downingfilmcenter.com

Brigadoon (Musical) at Bannerman Island

3 & 4:15 p.m. Beacon Institute Dock, Beacon
855-256-4007 | zerve.com/Bannerman/Brigadoo

Sunday Night Stand Up

7 p.m. BeanRunner Café | 201 S. Division St.,
Peekskill | 914-737-1701 | beanrunnercafe.com

Music

The Felice Brothers & Steve Gunn

2 p.m. Storm King Art Center
1 Museum Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Claremont Trio

4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St., Cold Spring | chapelrestoration.org

Loop Mania with Doug Munro

4 p.m. BeanRunner Café | 201 S. Division St.,
Peekskill | 914-737-1701 | beanrunnercafe.com

Cowboy Daryl Cox

5 - 8 p.m. Round Up Texas BBQ
See details under Friday.

Open-Mic Showcase

5 - 9 p.m. Virgo's Sip N Soul Café
469 Fishkill Ave., Beacon
845-831-1543 | facebook.com/groups/
virgosopenmic | Hosted by Chris Raabe Band

Pick n' Grin Acoustic Session

6 - 9:30 p.m. Dogwood | 47 E. Main St., Beacon
845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

Concert Band with Luftwaffenmusikkorps (German Air Force Band)

7:30 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre
655 Ruger Road, West Point
845-938-2617 | westpointband.com

Iain Matthews / Christopher Brown

7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
See details under Friday.

John Hiatt

8 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall | 13 Main St., Tarrytown
914-631-3390 x100 | tarrytownmusichall.org

Meetings & Lectures

Fundraiser for County Clerk Candidate

Lithgow Osborne
3 - 5 p.m. 5 Dock St., Garrison's Landing
845-265-4774 | osborneforcountyclerk.com

Jennifer Ciotta: I, Putin: A Novel (Reading)

3 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Kids & Community

ANTs (age 2-4) (First Session)

11 a.m. Wildlife Education Center
25 Boulevard, Cornwall-on-Hudson
845-534-7781 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Grasshopper Grove Club (ages 4-5) (First Session)

11:30 a.m. & 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall
845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Developmental Check-in (ages 4 mos. - 5 yrs)

1 - 4 p.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St.,
Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Health & Fitness

Outdoor Yoga

6 p.m. Stony Kill Farm | 79 Farmstead Lane,
Wappingers Falls | 845-831-1617 | stonykill.org

Basketball at Philipstown Rec

6:15 p.m. Skills & Drills (grades 5-8)
7:30 p.m. Men's Pick-up
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Sports

Haldane vs. North Salem (Girls Soccer)

4:30 p.m. Haldane School
See details under Saturday.

Roller Derby Boot Camp

7 p.m. Roller Magic | 4178 Albany Post Road,
Hyde Park | horrorsrollerderby.com

Theater & Film

Dead Poet's Society (1989)

1 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Joan Rivers, A Piece of Work (Documentary, 2010)

1:30 & 3:30 & 5:30 & 7:30 p.m. Downing Film
Center | 19 Front St., Newburgh
845-561-3686 | downingfilmcenter.com

Music

Ramones Adult Boot Camp (First Session)

7 p.m. Beacon Music Factory
629 Route 52, Beacon
845-202-3555 | beaconmusicfactory.com

Dom Minasi Trio (Jazz)

8 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St., Beacon
845-831-8065 | quinnnsbeacon.com

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Kids & Community

Baby & Me (ages 0-2)

10:30 a.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Pioneer Living (First Session)

2 p.m. Common Ground Farm
See details under Sunday.

Crazy 8s Math Club (grades 3-5)

3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Fundamentals of Drawing (ages 7-10) (First Session)

3:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Craft Hour (grades 2+)

4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library | 472 Route 403,
Garrison | 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Health & Fitness

Women's Pick-up Basketball

7 - 9 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
See details under Monday.

Sports

Haldane High School

4:15 p.m. Girls Tennis vs. Pawling
6 p.m. Volleyball vs. Pawling
See details under Saturday.

Army vs. Central Connecticut (Men's Soccer)

7 p.m. Clinton Field, West Point
845-938-2526 | goarmysports.com

Theater & Film

Fake It So Real (Documentary, 2012)

7:30 p.m. Beahive Beacon | 291 Main St., Beacon
RSVP to info@beaconfilmsociety.org

Music

Beacon Music Factory (First Sessions)

7 p.m. GarageBand Software Inside-Out
7 p.m. Group Ukulele, Level I | 8:15 p.m. Group
Ukulele, Level II | 629 Route 52, Beacon
845-202-3555 | beaconmusicfactory.com

Meetings & Lectures

Freemasons and U.S. Presidents (Talk)

3 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Putnam County Legislature: Butterfield Development

6 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring
845-208-7800 | putnamcountynyny.com

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Kids & Community

Senior Bus Trip to Fishkill

10 a.m. Chestnut Ridge, Cold Spring
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Desmond-Fish Library

10:15 a.m. Music and Movement for Toddlers
1:30 p.m. Pre-School Story Hour (ages 3-5)
3 p.m. Lego Club | See details under Tuesday.



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Toddler Tales (ages 2-3)
3 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Tuesday.

Crazy 8s Math Club (grades K-2)
3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
See details under Tuesday.

Health & Fitness

Adult Co-Ed Soccer
6 p.m. Philipstown Park | Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Art & Design

Beacon Arts Membership Meet-up
7 p.m. Beacon Institute
199 Main St., Beacon | beaconarts.org

Music

Emmylou Harris
8 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall
13 Main St., Tarrytown
914-631-3390 x100 | tarrytownmusichall.org

Meetings & Lectures

Open House
Noon - 5 p.m. Free work day
5 - 7 p.m. Happy hour networking
Beahive Beacon | 291 Main St., Beacon
845-765-1890 | beahivebzzz.com

Erev Rosh HaShona
7 p.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon
845-831-2012 | beaconhebrewalliance.org

Recreation Commission
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

5775 High Holidays Service
8 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Hall
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring | 845-265-8011
philipstownreformsynagogue.org

Rosh Hashanah Service
8 p.m. Reform Temple of Putnam Valley
362 Church Road, Putnam Valley
845-528-4774 | rtpv.org

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Rosh Hashanah
Local schools closed

Kids & Community

Spay/Neuter Clinic for Cats
7:30 - 8:15 a.m. (drop-off) Fishkill Town Hall
807 Route 52, Fishkill
845-489-2378 | soundearth.com/fishkillcares
Appointment required.

Butterfield Library
10:30 a.m. Bouncing Babies
12:30 p.m. Little Bookworms (ages 3-5)
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Howland Public Library
10:30 a.m. Pre-K Story Time (ages 3-5)
3:45 p.m. Lego Club (ages 4+)
See details under Tuesday.

Children Read to Dogs
3:30 - 5 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Health & Fitness

Stand-Up Paddleboard Fitness
10 a.m. Hudson River Expeditions
14 Market St., Cold Spring
845-809-5935 | hudsonriverexpeditions.com

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
See details under Monday.

Art & Design

Center for Digital Arts at WCC
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Group Show: *Retrospective, Part I (1994-2004)* (Opening)
7 p.m. Anthony Antonellis: Art of and About the Internet (Talk) | 27 N. Division St., Peekskill
914-606-7300 | westchestergallery.wordpress.com

Theater & Film

Acting Class for Adults (First Session)
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Music

Piano Bar Night
7 - 11 p.m. Bear Mountain Inn
55 Hessian Drive, Highland Falls
845-786-2731 | visitbearmountain.com

Simi Stone Band
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
379 Main St., Beacon
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

Boz Scaggs
8 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall | 13 Main St., Tarrytown
914-631-3390 x100 | tarrytownmusichall.org

Iron Dog
9 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St., Beacon
845-831-8065 | quinnnsbeacon.com

Meetings & Lectures

Beacon Hebrew Alliance
9 a.m. Shacharit
10 a.m. Family Service
5 p.m. Tashlich
See details under Wednesday.

Reform Temple of Putnam Valley
10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Service
1 p.m. Tashlich Service
2 p.m. Children's Service
See details under Wednesday.

Philipstown Reform Synagogue
10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Service (St. Mary's)
12:30 p.m. Tashlich Service (Cold Spring waterfront) | See details under Wednesday.

Beacon Chamber Bash
5:30 p.m. NuSpecies | 427 Main St., Beacon
845-592-4145 | beaconchamber.org

All Business, Community Wide Networking Mixer
6:30 - 9 p.m. Silver Spoon Cafe
124 Main St., Cold Spring
coldspringareachamber.org

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Kids & Community

Putnam County EDC Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Putnam County Golf Course
187 Hill St., Mahopac
845-808-1021 | putnamedc.org

Preschool on the Farm: Sunflowers (ages 2-4)
10 a.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls
845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.org

Rhyme Time By The Hudson (ages 1-5)
10 a.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison
845-265-3638 x140 | boscobel.org

Rhinebeck Arts Festival
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dutchess County Fairgrounds
6550 Spring Brook Ave., Rhinebeck | artrider.com

Starry Starry Night Benefit
6 - 10 p.m. Walkway Over the Hudson
61 Parker Ave., Poughkeepsie
845-834-2867 | walkway.org

The Wiggles: Ready, Steady, Wiggle! Tour
6:30 p.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center
14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie
845-454-5800 | midhudsonciviccenter.org

Health & Fitness

Navigating Healthcare Options
10 a.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon | 800-453-4666
misn-ny.org. Appointment required.

Living Yoga Studios
Noon. Free Hard Core Yoga Class
7:30 p.m. Partner Massage Workshop
3182 Route 9, Cold Spring
845-809-5900 | livingyogastudios.com

Sports

Haldane High School
4:30 p.m. Boys Soccer vs. Pawling
4:30 p.m. Volleyball vs. Spackenkill
7:15 p.m. Football vs. Pawling (Homecoming)
See details under Saturday.

Art & Design

Introduction to Watercolor (First Session)
10:30 a.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

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Theater & Film

Martin Scorsese Presents: Masterpieces of Polish Cinema (Opens)

1 p.m. Jacob Burns Film Center
364 Manville Road, Pleasantville
914-747-5555 | burnsfilmcenter.org

National Preparedness Month Movie Night: World War Z
7 p.m. TOPS Auditorium
110 Old Route 6, Carmel | putnamcountyny.com

Depot Docs: The Central Park 5
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

Goumba Johnny (Comedy)
8 p.m. Westchester County Center
198 Central Ave., White Plains
914-995-4050 | countycenter.biz

Scribe & Script Series
8 p.m. The Beacon Theatre | 445 Main St., Beacon
845-453-2978 | thebeacontheatre.org

Music

Ten Brook Molly
5 - 8 p.m. Round Up Texas BBQ
See details under Sept. 19.

Blues Dance Workshops
6:30 p.m. Poughkeepsie Tennis Club
135 S. Hamilton St., Poughkeepsie
845-454-2571 | hudsonvalleydance.org

Mente Clara and Progger (Brazilian Funk)
7:30 p.m. Cunneen-Hackett Theater
12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie
845-486-4571 | cunneen-hackett.org

Booksmrt
8 p.m. Chill Wine Bar | 173 Main St. Beacon
845-765-0885 | facebook.com/chillwinebar

Dmitri Matheny Group
8 p.m. BeanRunner Café | Details under Sept. 19

Jo Dee Messina
8 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre | 655 Ruger Road, West Point | 845-938-4159 | ikehall.com

Last Waltz Live
8 p.m. Bethel Woods | 200 Hurd Road, Bethel
866-781-2922 | bethelwoodscenter.org

Swing Dance
8 p.m. Beginner's lesson
8:30 p.m. The Fried Bananas
Poughkeepsie Tennis Club
135 S. Hamilton St., Poughkeepsie
845-454-2571 | hudsonvalleydance.org

Back To The Garden 1969
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
See details under Sept. 19.

Cold Flavor Repair
9 p.m. Whistling Willie's
See details under Sept. 19.

Backbeat with Rudy
9:30 p.m. Max's on Main | 246 Main St., Beacon
845-838-6297 | maxsonmain.com

Bakklash
9:30 p.m. 12 Grapes
12 N. Division St., Peekskill
914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com

Meetings & Lectures

Beacon Hebrew Alliance
9 a.m. Shacharit
10 a.m. Family Service
See details under Wednesday.

Oppression in the Soma Retreat (Opens)
3 p.m. Garrison Institute
14 Mary's Way, Garrison
845-424-4800 | garrisoninstitute.org

Shabbat Shuvah
8 p.m. Reform Temple of Putnam Valley
See details under Wednesday.

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Religious Services

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Meetings & Lectures

Alcoholics Anonymous
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Support Groups
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The Snow Queen Stilt Walker enchants a tiny visitor at Boscobel's 2013 *Sparkle*.
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Holiday *Sparkle* Returns in December

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place the first three Fridays and Saturdays in December: Dec. 5 and 6, Dec. 12 and 13, Dec. 19 and 20. (Twilight tours are by advance reservation only. Space is limited.) Tickets are on sale at Boscobel.org. Visit Boscobel.org or call 845-265-3638.

Glynwood Presents 2014 Harvest Award

John Gill and Jean-Paul Courtens recognized for pioneering farming partnership

Glynwood's recipients of the 2014 Harvest Award are John Gill and Jean-Paul Courtens, for spearheading a pioneering farming partnership to establish sustainable agricultural production at the Hudson Valley Farm Hub.

"Our food system here in the Hudson Valley is built on a network of relationships, and we are delighted to recognize one of these crucial relationships with this year's Harvest



John Gill, left, and Jean-Paul Courtens
Photos courtesy of Glynwood

Award," said Kathleen Frith, Glynwood's president. "We applaud John and Jean-Paul for inspiring farmers across the Hudson Valley to work together to move agriculture in the region forward."

Now in its 12th year, Glynwood's Harvest Award celebrates farmers, organizations and businesses that demonstrate innovation and leadership in sustainable agriculture and regional food systems. In the past three years, the award program has focused on exemplary agricultural enterprises in the Hudson Valley that align with Glynwood's regional mission.

Gill is a third-generation farmer and the former owner of Gill Farms in Ulster County. The 1,255-acre property is now the site of the Hudson Valley Farm Hub, a major non-profit center for resilient agriculture being developed under the stewardship of the Local Economies Project. Gill now serves as the Farm Manager.

Courtens, originally from the Netherlands, is the founder and owner of Roxbury Farm, a 375-acre biodynamic farm in Kinderhook, New York, that has one of the largest community supported agriculture programs in the region. He is widely considered to be a pioneer in organic and biodynamic agriculture.

Pretty Old and Joan Rivers: a Piece of Work Screen at Downing

The Downing Film Center offers, in addition to its regular scheduled film, two noteworthy films at special screenings on Sunday, Sept. 21, and Monday, Sept. 22.

Pretty Old: When 30 women aged 67 to 84 descend on Fall River, Massachusetts, to compete in the 30th anniversary of the Ms. Senior Sweetheart Pageant, hilarity and heartbreak ensue. Under the dotting attention of pageant founder Lenny "Low Price" Kaplan, these women share intimate experiences and stir lifelong insecurities that challenge common misconceptions of aging. *Pretty Old* will screen at the Downing Film Center on Sunday, Sept. 21, at 1:15 p.m. only. Tickets are general admission \$8.50; seniors and students \$7; children and members \$6.

Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work: As a retrospective on the life and work of Joan Rivers, this well-reviewed and award-winning film takes the audience on a year-long ride with legendary comedian Joan Rivers in her 76th year of life. It peels away the mask of an iconic comedian and exposes the struggles, sacrifices and joy of living life as a ground breaking female performer. *Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work* will screen at the Downing Film Center on Monday, Sept. 22, at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are general admission \$7; members \$6. Tickets can be purchased at the box office or at downingfilmcenter.com. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 845-561-3686 and leave a message (if necessary). The Downing is located at 19 Front St., Newburgh.

HHLT Commemorates 25th Anniversary
Gala to be held at Boscobel

For the past 25 years, the Hudson Highlands Land Trust has been dedicated to protecting the natural resources, scenic beauty and rural character of New York State's Hudson Highlands.

To celebrate this milestone, HHLT is hosting a 25th Anniversary Gala at Boscobel House and Gardens in Garrison, at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10. The evening will be capped off by a fireworks display over the Hudson River starting around 9:45 p.m., which will be visible from various points along the river for the general public to enjoy.

For more information, or to buy gala tickets, contact info@hhl.org or call Kathy Hamel at 845-424-3358, ext. 4.

Visit Constitution Island on Family Day

Enjoy Family Day on Constitution Island from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27. Pack a picnic, hike trails, and tour Revolutionary War fortifications. Hot dogs, drinks, Go-Go Pops and salads will be available for purchase. Docents will discuss the Warner House and Gardens, occupied from 1836 to 1910 by writers Susan and Anna Warner.

Hudson Highlands Nature Museum will show and talk about turtles, snakes and skinks. Two by Two Zoo will have goats, ducks, rabbits, and even a bearded dragon and kangaroo. Ronnie Coffey will present on the *Life on the Island in the 19th Century* and Mark Forlow and Trudie Grace will talk about *The West Point Foundry*. See demonstrations of spinning and seed planting.

A Teddy Bear Parade takes place at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Children are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal.

The island is accessed by boat. Ferries will run from the South Dock of West Point at 10 and 11 a.m., then every 40 minutes until 4 p.m. Q-Boat capacity is 35. No reservations (first come, first served). The event is free, donations gratefully accepted, and also accepted online.

The Constitution Island Association was founded in 1916. Visit constitution-island.org or call 845-265-2501.

The United States Military Academy and United States Army Garrison West Point are not co-sponsors of this event, and the use of Constitution Island does not constitute endorsement of the CIA or donation requests.

County Flu Clinic Rescheduled for Sept. 22
Two more planned for October

The first flu vaccination clinic, originally scheduled for Monday, Sept. 15, has been rescheduled for Monday, Sept. 22. The clinic starts at 2 p.m. and runs until 6:30 p.m. at the Carmel Fire Department, Route 52 and Vink Drive in Carmel.

Two additional clinics have been scheduled. The first is at the Garrison Fire Department, 1616 Route 9, on Wednesday, Oct. 8, from 2 to 6:30 p.m.; a second is scheduled at the Carmel Fire Department on Monday, Oct. 20, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Call 845-808-1390 on clinic day to confirm.

Clinics are open to Putnam County residents 18 and older. The fee for flu vaccine is \$25 for residents under 60. Those 60 and older, or with a Medicare card, receive the (Continued on next page)

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Joan Rivers: *a Piece of Work*
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

(From previous page) vaccine free. High-dose flu vaccine is being offered for seniors, aged 65 and older (studies show this vaccine is more effective for this population). Pneumonia vaccine will be available free for residents 65 and older. Younger residents who are smokers or have a history of asthma are at risk for pneumonia and should be vaccinated. A \$75 fee and proof of residency (driver's license) are required.

Appointments not necessary; signed consent form required. Forms available at putnamcountyny.com. Residents are encouraged to download, complete and bring forms to the clinic. Forms will also be available at the clinic.

Flu vaccination will be offered in all school districts this fall for students and staff. Visit putnamcountyny.com.

Local PTAs Battle Nature-Deficit Disorder

Programs help children discover the outdoors

Recent studies have shown that American kids are spending less and less time outdoors, playing in nature, and having the same kind of open, exploratory childhood than that of their parents and grandparents. This unfortunate phenomenon, which carries serious implications for children's mental and physical development and health, has been coined by author Richard Louv in his watershed book, *Last Child in the Woods*, as "nature-deficit disorder." Philipstown, however, is fortunate in having parents, teachers, school administrators, and organizations aware of this alarming trend and committed to offering a variety of nature-based programming and activities for all ages.

Constitution Marsh Audubon and the Hudson Highlands Land Trust are two well-known local centers of environmental education but Philipstown's PTA groups are also an important part of the mix.

A number of opportunities are available for area students to get outside in the company of knowledgeable adults. One such choice is called "The Explorer's Club," offered by local environmental educator Pete Salmansohn.

"It's a wonderful way for kids to build forts, search for frogs and salamanders, climb trees and just be free and happy in these great woods of ours," Salmansohn said. Salmansohn's program, at both schools, is aimed mainly at students in grades three and up, but he is taking second graders whose parent comes along as a chaperone.



Eco-kids programs encourage children to learn and play outdoors. File photo by Mary Ann Ebner

At Haldane, educator Lyn Berkley is offering her own version for younger children which she's calling "Eco-kids," for children in grades one and two, with an emphasis on nature games. Additionally, parents Kory Riesterer, Beth Sigler, and Melissa Angier have been organizing parents to work at Haldane's ever-expanding vegetable and flower garden, and with teachers to organize garden lessons.

At Garrison, Trisha Mulligan and Megan VanEvera are creating their own "Eco-kids" after-school program, focusing on science and art activities in the school's bountiful wildlife garden.

Visit gufspta.org/programming-fund-raising/after-school-enrichment and haldanepta.org/.

At Haldane, Carina Frantz is organizing the PTA after-school courses, and at Garrison, Julia Wynn is doing the same. Each program runs for a set period of weeks and there is a small cost involved.

Register for Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Putnam County accepts items Sept. 27

Putnam County will hold Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Putnam County Department of Health, 1 Geneva Road, in Brewster.

Items accepted: drain and oven cleaners, rug and upholstery cleaners, polishes and waxes, spot removers, oil-based paints, solvents, thinners, wood preservatives, strippers, mothballs, rodent poisons, insecticides, herbicides, flea powder, antifreeze, gasoline, kerosene, photo chemicals, chemistry kits, nail polish remover, hair dyes, hair sprays, propane tanks up to 20-pound size.

Items not accepted: electronic waste (e-waste), used oil, latex paint, lead-acid batteries, plastic bags, tires, unlabeled/unidentified containers, batteries.

For additional information about waste disposal options, recycling, and more, visit putnamcountyny.com/health/swm or call 845-808-1390, ext. 43164.

Event time: 9 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration required. Call 845-808-1390, ext. 43150. Putnam County residents only. No commercial establishments.

Medication Take Back Day Set for Sept. 20 in Cold Spring

Putnam County Communities That Care Coalition, Putnam County Department of Health and the Putnam County Sheriff's Department present Medication Take Back Day. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday Sept. 20, at American Legion George A. Casey Post 275, Cedar Street, in Cold Spring.

Don't flush your drugs! No syringes, lancets, or any sharps of any kind will be accepted. Help protect youth and New York's waters. Individuals can dispose of prescription medication, over-the-counter medication and pet medication.

Remember to keep medications in original package if possible. Remove personal patient information.

For more information contact Mary Rice at the Putnam County Department of Health at 845-808-1390, ext. 43164.

Visit putnamcountyny.com/health or putnamncadd.org/ctc.html.

Battle of the Books Regional Winners Named

The "Re(a)ds," representing Red Hook Public Library, took first place on Sept. 6, when they became the champions of the 10th Annual Battle of the Books competition at Columbia Greene Community College in Hudson, New York. After competing for five hours, there were some tense moments as the last three teams "battled" it out. Staatsburg Library's team, "The Rainbow Sour Patch Kids," took second place, and Kinderhook Memorial Library's team, "Miss Amy's Library for Peculiar Children," came in third.

Twenty-three public libraries throughout the Mid-Hudson Library System's five counties (Putnam, Dutchess, Columbia, Ulster and Greene) competed in this literature contest in which young teens, grades six through nine, answer trivia questions based on books they have read during the summer. Over 400 students, librarian/coaches, and families gathered at the college as teams played in the Bracketed Double Elimination competition.

The program is co-sponsored by Columbia Greene Community College. Volunteers and families who supported the teams, and coaches/librarians who worked throughout the year made this event possible. Hannaford Supermarket supplied teams with bottled water. Fiscal supporters include The Allstate Foundation through the Sorrentino Agency in the Town of Newburgh, Stewart's Shops, Grinnell Public Library District, and donations from various library Friends Groups. In October the Mid-Hudson Libraries converge to begin plans for the 11th Annual Battle of the Books.

Beacon

Foreign Film *Evelyn* to Show at Howland Library

The Irish drama *Evelyn* starring Pierce Brosnan will be playing at the Howland Public Library at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19. Based on fact, this film tells the story of a man fighting to get the right to raise his children after their mother abandons them. Friends provide the support to not give up. Rated PG. Door opens at 6:30 p.m.

The Howland Public Library shows a different international film each month. Refreshments include a delicious, culturally-matching dessert. This month's film will be shown in English with English subtitles. Admission and refreshments are free.

To see all upcoming events at the Howland Public Library, go to beaconlibrary.org and click on Calendar.

Freemasons & U.S. Presidents Talk at Howland Library

Author and lecturer Saul Silas Fathi, Awill present a lecture, Freemasons & U.S. Presidents, at the Howland Public Library from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 23. Fathi will discuss who the Freemasons are, when and where they originated, and which U.S. presidents were members.

Fathi has spoken at the New York Public Library and Hofstra University, worked for the FBI, and written several books. Learn more about him by going to his website at saulsilasfathi.com.

This event is free and no registration is required. Contact Alison Herrero, adult services librarian, at 845-831-1134. Visit beaconlibrary.org.

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Depot Docs Presents: *The Central Park Five* (from page 7)

the boys were sentenced to long prison terms. And the story might have ended for them there, as it has for so many men of color in the age of mass incarceration, with lives blighted by prison sentences and little hope for redemption, if Korey Wise, doing time in Auburn Correctional Facility, upstate, hadn't gotten into a conversation with another prisoner, Matias Reyes. Reyes had attacked and raped Meili, and he told a corrections officer that Wise was innocent of the crime. DNA evidence collected at the scene, which never matched any of the Five, was positive for Reyes. In 2002, Judge Charles Tejada overturned the convictions, and after serving from seven to 13 years in prison, The Central Park Five were exonerated. And in June of 2014, after waging a fierce legal battle against their lawsuit for several years, the City of New York settled, paying out a total of \$40 million.

Race at the heart of national narrative

Most of the reviews and commentary on the film, after its festival and theatrical run and PBS showing, have focused on the fact that, with Ken Burns on the marquee and the credits and so visibly identified with the film, it must be a "Ken Burns film," just ... different. Burns takes a larger view, and gives much of the credit to his daugh-

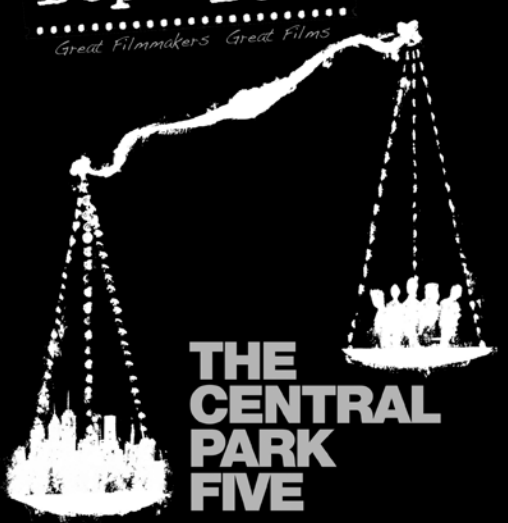
ter. He says, "The people who are aware of the case, most of them, believe the Central Park Five were let go on a technicality. No, they served their full sentences. 'Well they must have done something wrong that night.' That's the default position, and that's where "the other" comes in, where race comes in. That's where this age-old struggle that's not just familiar in this story, but familiar in so many of the stories that we've tried to tell. From *The Civil War* and *The Statue of Liberty* to *Jazz* and *Baseball*. Race is at the heart of this national narrative, whether we want to admit it or not. And given the outcome, given how their blasted hopes seemed so tragic, it was time to tell the story. And God bless Sarah for having the guts to do it, and for earning their trust, and after several years, they finally understood that Sarah was genuine and sincere and wanted to hear who they are."

The Central Park Five will be shown on Friday, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m., at the Philipstown Depot Theatre, Garrison's Landing. Co-directors Sarah Burns and David McMahon will be present for a Q-and-A and reception after the screening. For more information call 845-424-3900, or go to philipstowndepottheatre.org. For tickets (recommended) go to brownpapertickets.com.

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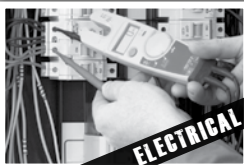
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The Turn of the Screw presented by Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival presents *The Turn of the Screw*, by Henry James, adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher, in fall performances.

Directed by Gaye Taylor Upchurch, a young governess journeys to a lonely English manor house to care for two recently orphaned children and begins to see ghosts ... or does she? This is sure to be an unforgettable evening of spine-tingling mystery and intrigue.

A reception will follow each performance.

- Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m., The Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon
- Wednesday, Oct. 29 – Saturday, Nov. 1, 7 p.m., Boscobel House and Gardens, 1601 Route 9D, Garrison.

Tickets: \$50 available exclusively at hvshakespeare.org. For information, call 845-809-5750. (To next page)



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Roots and Shoots

A Fussy Search for a Non-Fussy Plant

By Pamela Doan

Here’s my quest. There’s a slope below my home that has patches of bare soil. It’s bordered by a stone wall and there are mature maples growing along the side. Shade from the trees has gradually killed off grass and ferns that used to grow there. In a heavy rain, water runs off from the house down this slope, too, and erosion is a concern. I want to plant a groundcover that will protect the soil and also look good since this is a view from the main living room windows.

These are the criteria I’ve got for a plant or plants to cover this area:

- Shade loving
- Low growing
- Deer resistant
- Won’t be a snake haven
- Doesn’t need to be mowed
- Will spread out and suppress weeds
- Can cling to a slope
- Tolerates acidic, rocky soil that is more clay than not
- Will help with drainage
- Can compete with tree roots
- Low maintenance i.e., doesn’t have fussy needs, common pest or disease problems that require routine treatment and will establish easily
- Attractive, flowering would be nice
- Native is preferable
- Beneficial to the eco-system i.e., food or habitat for birds or insects

The first suggestion I got from a landscape center gardener was pachysandra or *Pachysandra terminalis*. It’s a popular groundcover and meets a lot of my criteria — grows in the shade, tolerates my soil conditions, shallow-rooted, low maintenance, flowers and is generally left alone by rabbits and deer. It has two big problems, though. It isn’t native, it’s a Japanese transplant, and it is invasive, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. Since I live in a forested area, that’s a big concern. Although it would suppress weeds well, that same characteristic means it can spread into the woods and its thick, tightly spaced leaves would suppress other native vegetation as an unintended consequence. It’s also the perfect height and thickness to be a snake haven and it’s near an area that people will be walking through, which makes me uncomfortable.

Moving on. I find several plant lists and searchable databases online. The most useful were through the Cornell University website, the University of Connecticut website and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center website. I perused about a dozen different sites, though, cross-referencing the plants I found and needed more information about. Deer-resistant should be a category that’s included in any plant list these days, but it isn’t. There aren’t many areas where deer aren’t a threat to landscape plants. Ultimately, the Missouri Botanical Garden Plant Finder search yielded the most useful results.



Creeping dogwood, or bunchberry, in bloom.

Photo source: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

The winners so far:

Sedges, or *Carex*, are native grassland plants that seem like they’ll hit a lot of my criteria. Common woodland sedge, blue wood sedge and Pennsylvania sedge are a few varieties that are worth checking out. Since the area I need to cover is between a rock wall and the lawn, however, the grasses might not look right next to each other. It could look like there’s a messy, un-mowed section on the

edge of the lawn. I need to see if there’s a variety that is distinctive enough that it will complement the lawn, instead. Sedge flowers in spring and birds like the seeds, which is a big plus.

Cornus Canadensis or creeping dogwood is a leading contender. It’s native, flowers, and has berries that birds love. Deer might be a problem, though, and the site might be too dry. It prefers moist soil and might need to be watered. I’m going to try planting a small patch and see how it does before installing enough plants to cover the entire area.

Epimedium or barrenwort is another colorful choice that both flowers and has bold leaves that change color in the fall. It is listed that it “tolerates” the poor soil conditions that I can offer, but does best in moist, loam soil. This is another one that I will try out as an experiment first to see how it does.

The biggest challenges here were finding a shade-lover that will tolerate the poor soil conditions and that deer will leave alone. This was a trifecta of difficulties that ruled out a lot of plants I’d love to have growing in the yard. I’m not willing to invest the time in improving the soil, though. Soil will always revert to its natural state and eventually the plants won’t thrive if you don’t keep it up. Working with nature is a lot easier.

The Turn of the Screw (from previous page)



Jason O’Connell

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A Garrison Wedding

Annabel Osborn Prentice and Simon James Terrence Botterill



Annabel Osborn Prentice and Simon James Terrence Botterill were married on Aug. 30, at St. Philip’s Church in the Highlands in Garrison, New York. The Rev. Francis Geer performed the ceremony. A reception was held at the bride’s Garrison home, Wing and Wing.

Annabel Prentice Botterill, 30, is a Sales Analyst for Google in Sydney, Australia. She graduated from St. George’s School in Newport, Rhode Island, and from Trinity College Dublin with a degree in business, economics and social studies.

She is a daughter of Nathaniel and Anita Prentice of Garrison. Nathaniel Prentice is a financial advisor in Purchase, New York, for Altium Wealth Management. Anita Prentice

is a social studies teacher at Peekskill High School in Peekskill, New York.

Annabel Botterill is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ezra P. Prentice Jr., formerly of Garrison and Cold Spring. Her great-great-great-grandfather, William Henry Osborn, built both Wing and Wing and the Osborn Castle at Castle Rock. Her maternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Rhett Jr., of Charleston, South Carolina.

Simon Botterill, also 30, is an Asset Manager in Sydney for Stockland, Australia’s, largest diversified property group. He graduated from the University of Leicester with a BA in financial economics.

He is a son of Andrew and the late Leslie Botterill of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, U.K. His father is a business finance director for the advertising agency DraftFCB Europe. He is the grandson of Christine Thorburn and the late Terence Parker, and of the late Vera and James Botterill.

After a honeymoon, the couple will reside in Sydney, Australia.

Sports

Blue Devil Roundup

By Kathie Scanlon

Varsity Football

Blue Devil varsity football posted a 38-10 victory at home on Saturday, Sept. 13, against Yonkers Montessori Academy. On his first win, Coach McConville said, “We wanted to come out and control the game right from our first possession and we were able to do that this week.”

Fullback Matt Balducci wore down the YMA defense with 24 carries for 201 yards, five tackles, three touchdowns and one kickoff return for a touchdown. Quarterback Tyler Giachinta went seven for 10 with 71 yards, one interception and one passing touchdown. Ryan McCollum had five catches, gained 45 yards and scored one touchdown. Matt Koval had eight tackles.



Girls Soccer

Haldane crushed Pawling 10-1 at home on Sept 11. Bailey McCollum led the team with four goals. On Sept. 13, it was Marina Martin’s turn to take the lead for four goals at Putnam Valley. Allie Monteleone and McCollum each scored for the 6-0 victory; Monteleone also had two assists. Missy Lisikatos and Sara Jacoby were strong on defense.



Aidan Draper defies gravity in varsity boys soccer’s 2-1 win over Brewster on Sept. 15 at home. Goals were scored by Tucker Hine and Draper. Photo by Scott Warren

Club Soccer Season Kicks Off in Philipstown

By Kathie Scanlon

The Philipstown Soccer Club began in 2006 with one boys’ team, the Dragons, and one girls’, the Knights. This season, which began Sept. 7, the club hosts 10 teams: five girls’ and five boys’, U9 to U16, with about 120 players and 25 parents in roles of coaches, managers and board members. Teams are fielded in the spring and fall and indoors during the winter. The club plays in East Hudson Youth Soccer League.

PSC offers a bridge between recreation department and high school teams. Philipstown Recreation Department offers soccer in both spring and fall for first through sixth graders for Saturday games and also Wednesday after-school clinics for kindergarten through sixth grade.

PSC teams practice two times per week and play their games on Sundays at Philipstown Park; the U12 and older teams play at Haldane’s Brigati Field. St Basil’s field is also used. As the membership in the club grows, available field space is a challenge.

PSC is committed to teaching the love of the game in a non-competitive, fun and safe manner. PSC president Craig Roffman emphasized the importance of teamwork in soccer: “An individual cannot progress without other teammates.”

Teams are coached by volunteer par-

ents who have played at the high school or college level. The club hires professional trainers who have, at minimum, college play experience to work weekly with each team. Roffman has seen the improved quality of play in the Haldane JV and varsity teams as a result of the extensive opportunities offered during three seasons of play in addition to clinics, tournaments and summer camps. Girls from the original Knights team contributed to the Haldane girls’ team that placed second in the Class C New York State Finals last November, including goalkeeper Cali Schweikhart, who currently plays for Boston University.

Roffman is enthusiastic about the club’s growth as well as the future of soccer in Philipstown. Three new girls’ teams were fielded last spring. PSC welcomes new interest and encourages parents who want to form teams to contact the club. Another opportunity that exists in club soccer for athletes who do not

Haldane Homecoming Under the Lights!

For the first time ever the Haldane Football Homecoming game will be played Friday, Sept. 26, kickoff at 7:15 p.m., under rented lights at the Lawrence Brigati Field. The funds to rent the lights were contributed by local businesses. The parade on Main Street will commence at 6 p.m. and the Senior Recognition Ceremony will precede kickoff.

have a team in their age range is the option to “play up” a year or two.

This Sunday, Sept. 21, beginning at noon, you can spend your afternoon on the soccer fields at Philipstown Park watching three games back to back. For more information visit Philipstownsoccer.org.



Evan Maasik controls the ball for Philipstown Soccer Club Arsenal, with Matteo Cervone and Patrick DiNardo, as they take on the Wappingers Wolverines on Sept. 7, at Philipstown Park. Photo submitted by A. Maasik



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