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## The Second Fattest Housewife in Garrison

*She's certainly not, but the novelist Sarah Dunn ran with the thought and her ABC sitcom debuts Oct. 11*

by Alison Rooney

When Sarah Dunn moved to Garrison with her husband, Peter Stevenson, and their two children, she says she kept noticing that “all the women looked so beautiful.” A self-described size 14, the writer says she “spotted them everywhere — at preschool



Sarah Dunn

Photo: ABC



A scene from the pilot of *American Housewife* featuring (from left) Julia Butters, Katy Mixon and Daniel DiMaggio. The show premieres Oct. 11.

Photo by Eric McCandless/ABC

drop-off, at Foodtown ... all these wonderful women were thin and dressed better than me.”

Five years later, a skewed version of that first impression has been transformed into an ABC comedy, *American Housewife*, which premieres at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11. Its original title: *The Second Fattest Housewife in Garrison*.

Dunn, who has long experience writing for television — her credits include *Murphy Brown* and *Spin City* — moved with her family to Garrison so she could spend more time with her children and friends and work on her third novel. A phone conversation discussing ideas for sitcoms with producer Aaron Kaplan altered that plan. When Dunn said offhandedly, “You know, I’m the second fattest housewife in Garrison,” Kaplan stopped her cold, say-

ing “That’s the show.”

After hearing more about Dunn’s experiences in her newly adopted hamlet, he replied with a line that many people certainly have thought during their harried daily lives: “We should make a sitcom about it.”

In Dunn’s case, they have.

Although Garrison was eventually ditched for Westport, Conn., which the producers felt would be more familiar to viewers, elements remain, says Dunn. Both locales 70 minutes by train from New York City, “a distance which is just far enough for couples with young children to both commute. But you don’t want to be that far from your children — so what you have are a lot of women with big-city jobs making the very reasonable choice to stay home. There’s all this (Continued on Page 14)

## Beacon Historical Society Finds New, Larger Home

*Will have nearly 10 times more space at former rectory*

By Alison Rooney

After years of searching for a new home, the Beacon Historical Society, in tight quarters at the Howland Cultural Center, will move early next year to South Avenue, south of the Bank Square Coffeehouse on Main Street, to a house that was formerly the rectory of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church. The relocation will expand its space nearly 10 times, to more than 2,000 square feet from about 225, allowing the society to host its own exhibits and add a research library and storage space.



To help pay for its move, the BHS will host an exhibit of cut-outs called *Hats Off*. Shown here is *The Honest Bowler*, a cut-out designed by Joe Radoccia. Photo provided

Site plans have been completed, with only minor modifications required, such as a ramp for handicap access. “It’s moving along quickly and we’re extremely excited,” said Diane Lapis, a society trustee. “The building is in beautiful condition, with big windows, great light and lots more space, including two rooms on the first floor and four large rooms on the second. There’s even a garden out back. Now we’ll have space for group tours and can have children come in. We’ll also have the opportunity to be able to accept more donations, particularly furniture.”

To pay for the move, the increased rent and its many programs, the society has organized a series of fundraisers over the next few months. The first is an exhibit called *Hats Off to the Beacon Historical Society* at Beacon Bath & Bubble at 458 Main St., where it (Continued on Page 15)

## This Story Involves Clowns, But It's Not a Joke

The “creepy clown” hysteria has reached the Hudson Highlands. On Oct. 4, the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office, in conjunction with the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response, issued a press release entitled, “Clown incidents reported in Dutchess County.”

The agency said it hoped to address reports from across the country over the past few weeks of people dressed in clown costumes committing crimes or acting suspiciously, which has fueled coulrophobia.

Reports have been made to police in numerous states of people wearing “scary clown” costumes following children, issuing threats or creeping around in the dark, including, according to the sheriff, several sightings in Dutchess County. The practice has led to at least a dozen arrests elsewhere for false reports



or making threats. Most of the incidents appear to be hoaxes or pranks fueled by social media and news reports (such as this one), which the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office says has frustrated first responders.

The sheriff noted that “at this time there is no reason for panic or alarm,” adding that “if someone is acting suspiciously, whether or not they are wearing a clown costume, report it to law enforcement.” The sightings, which now appear to be a contagion, started in South Carolina in late August. The response by law enforcement intensified when people dressed as clowns, including a 13-year-old in Poughkeepsie, began posting threats online against schools.

A spokesman for the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office said it has not received any suspicious clown reports.



Roots and Shoots

Put Your Leaf Blower Away

Leave the leaves for a healthier yard

By Pamela Doan

The most common questions I get from readers involve leaves, compost and lawns. Each can be handled in a way that contributes to climate change by releasing a lot of carbon into the atmosphere, or in a way that reuses resources and is sustainable. Fall is a time when the three topics overlap nicely. Changing your approach in one area can make the others easier.

According to the most recent data from the Environmental Protection Agency, yard trimmings make up nearly 30 percent of solid waste collected by haulers. In a landfill this material decomposes and releases methane, one of the most potent greenhouse gases. Instead of rotting in the landfill, these organic materials could be nourishing your garden and lawn while providing habitat to wildlife.

Let the leaf blower sit unused this season. What you see as messiness is a treasured resource for your backyard habitat. According to the National Wildlife Federation, leaf litter is used by a number of species for habitat, nesting material and food, including birds, invertebrates such as spiders, worms and caterpillars, frogs and toads and lizards. For a fun, short read, download the free e-book, *Life in the Leaf Litter*, at the American Museum of Natural History (amnh.org).

Decomposing leaves are an important part of healthy soil because they add nutrients and humus to the texture. Microorganisms love leaves.

Here are some ways to capture the benefits of fallen leaves:

- Let them lie in place on the lawn and landscaping as much as you can.
- Mulch while mowing and don't rake. Shredded leaves hold in moisture and feed the grass. When torn, leaves break down faster.
- Use leaves as mulch in the vegetable garden or flowerbeds. Shredded leaves can cover soil in the spring and hold in moisture, as well as become a source of nutrients for the plants. I used shredded leaves as mulch for weed control in my garden this year and it helped. They were easy to spread and will work right back into the soil again. During this hot, dry season, the mulch kept water from evaporating as quickly.
- Some studies have shown that adding leaf mold to your soil increases water retention by 50 percent. This is the simplest way to manage leaves. Make a pile of leaves. Let it sit. Keep it moist, or not. Over time, maybe a year or less, the leaves take on a crumbly, dark consistency. Scoop it on top of your garden soil or flowerbeds. Use the time you saved to take up a new hobby. If you want the pile to look more organized, bag the leaves and add slits for air, use a wire bin to contain them or hide them behind the garage.

Here's one of those beautiful intersections between leaves and compost. Leaves are an excellent source of brown materials, essential to compost. Browns are rich in carbon and their compatriots, the greens, are materials like grass clippings that have a lot of nitrogen. (The materials aren't



It's almost time for a fall walk, kicking up the leaves. Photo by P. Doan

actually these colors, but compost works best when the two are combined at the right ratio.) Other brown materials include wood chips, paper and sawdust. Other green materials are fruit and vegetable scraps, manure and flower and vegetable plants that have run their course.

Clearly, fall is a great time to start composting. The trees are offering all these wonderful resources and it's our job to notice and take advantage of them. Thank you, trees. Shredding leaves is the most effective way to compost them. Run them over with the lawn mower and then layer them in or use a weed whacker to chop them up.

Have a lot of branches and sticks? These can be used, along with leaves, to make a wall or shelter that wildlife will use. Again, the simplest method is to pile them, but if tidiness is important, choose an area of the yard where they can be bundled out of sight.

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# Notes from the Cold Spring Board

Meeting highlights from Sept. 27 and Oct. 4

By Michael Turton

The Village of Cold Spring will increase the amount it charges the Village of Nelsonville for fire protection. Nelsonville has no fire company and its contract with Cold Spring offsets a portion of the Cold Spring Fire Company's operating expenses, as well as the cost of the firemen's service award, the pension earned by volunteer firefighters and fees paid to Penflex, the company that administers the pension program.

Trustee Fran Murphy reported that under the new contract, which has not been updated since it expired in 2012, Nelsonville will continue to pay 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for basic fire protection. However, the cost to Nelsonville of the firemen's service award will increase from 16 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value to 20 cents, a jump of 25 percent.

Murphy said that Cold Spring faces its own increases, including a 26 percent jump in the cost of the service award and an 18 percent increase in workers' compensation rates. The fee paid to Penflex will increase to \$3,200 annually, from \$1,197, she said. Cold Spring taxpayers "can't carry that kind of an increase" alone, she said.

The Town of Philipstown also purchases part of its fire protection from Cold Spring and will be asked to pay a similar increase.

## In other business ...

- Village officials continue to revise the agreement with Seastreak, the New York-New Jersey boat company that brings weekend cruises to Cold Spring throughout the fall. The village doubled the docking fee to \$6 per foot, meaning the 141-foot Seastreak will now pay

\$846 per visit. The village has also asked that boats depart and anchor 500 feet offshore after passengers disembark so that views from the dock are not obstructed. If the Seastreak opts to stay docked during the four-hour visit the cost will increase to \$8 dollars per foot, or \$1,128.

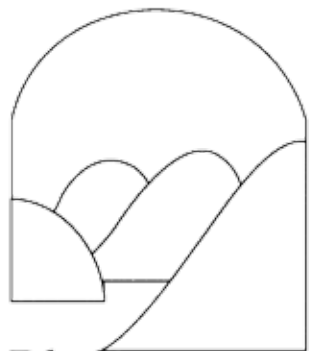
- The Cold Spring Planning Board will be the lead agency for the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) review of a project to convert a three-family dwelling at 2 Depot Square to a four-family unit.
- Haldane Safety Committee member Kathleen Foley reported that recent changes to crosswalks in the Locust Ridge-Mountain Avenue neighborhood, combined with an increased police presence at Craigsides Drive, have improved safety and traffic flows during student drop-off and pickup.
- Officer Terrence Comisky has been rehired by the Cold Spring Police Department after a three-year absence. His pay will be based on seniority earned prior to his resignation in 2013.
- The Poughkeepsie-based Clove Excavators will do paving on Bank Street, Oak Street and Paulding Avenue as part of a \$56,805 bid accepted by trustees. Improvements to Wall Street were postponed due to the partial collapse of a distinctive stone wall owned by St. Mary's Church.
- The board's two monthly workshops and monthly business meeting will be videotaped and posted on the village's YouTube channel, accessible through a link at coldspringny.gov. The business meeting will also be broadcast on public access cable. Video of Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and



Illustration by Dana Wigdor

Historic District Review Board meetings are already posted by the village on YouTube.

- Chris Hyatt has been hired as highway foreman, succeeding Ed Trimble, who retired. Hyatt, a Philipstown resident, will earn \$28 per hour. Mayor Dave Merandy said the hire is conditional upon Hyatt completing a six-month probationary period. He also must receive his commercial driver's license within three months.
- The pay station in the municipal parking lot on Fair Street has generated \$11,800 in gross revenue during its first four months of operation, according to Deputy Mayor Marie Early, "significantly more than projected."
- Trustees have agreed in principle to the Cold Spring Fire Company's request for up to five parking spaces along Church Street adjacent to the firehouse for its use only. In addition, No Parking signs will be removed on the east side of Church near Main, creating four public spaces. The Parking Committee will be asked to finalize details.



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## Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to host a moderated discussion on the future of the organization.

On Wednesday, November 2, 2016 The Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will host its next Chamber Mixer at Glynwood beginning at 6:00 pm. Admission is \$10 and a light buffet will be served.

After a brief presentation, the focus of this event will be a discussion among the directors, chamber members, and guests as to the continued viability of the organization and its future direction.

As with many membership organizations, the Chamber has struggled to enlist the active participation of many members over the last several years. Although events and meetings are well attended, the work to maintain the organization, the scheduling, membership development, and event planning have fallen almost exclusively to shrinking base of board members and volunteers. This path is not sustainable in the long term and doesn't bode well for the continued health of our business or civic community.

With annual elections scheduled for year-end and several board members indicating that they will step down, the Chamber Board has determined that input from stakeholders is critical if the Cold Spring Area Chamber is to move forward. Therefore, we urge Chamber members, invite non-member local businesses, and other community organizations to participate in this important conversation with us. The Chamber actively promotes the Cold Spring and the Philipstown area as both a tourist destination and a thriving community in which to live and work. Now is the time for more of us to do the same, please join us and participate in this important community discussion.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Senior buses

I would like to offer a correction to your report "County Buses Brought Seniors to Butterfield Meetings" (Sept. 30). It was not before the Sept. 6 meeting when seniors were first observed disembarking from an Office for Senior Resources bus, but at the Aug. 23 meeting of the Physical Services Committee. It was at that meeting that both Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra and Office for Senior Resources head Pat Sheehy denied seniors had been bused by the county to the meeting.

When the busing occurred again on Sept. 6, and with dramatic flourish (seniors were ushered to seats in the jury box), Legislator Kevin Wright asked that the Rules Committee discuss at its next meeting on Sept. 22 requesting from the state attorney general an opinion of Sheehy's actions in regard to the selective busing of seniors in support of a certain political agenda.

The subtitle of your piece ("Legislators question whether renting out vehicles is illegal") is also misleading. The Rules Committee was not examining whether renting county buses to the public was appropriate; it was assembled to examine whether Sheehy's providing free busing to a select group of seniors in service to a particular agenda was a matter about which the legislature should request the attorney general's opinion. It only came to light at the Sept. 22 Rules Committee meeting that after being caught in a lie, Sheehy retroactively invoiced a resident \$742 for bus trips dating back to May.

Stephanie Hawkins, *Cold Spring*

How was it determined who got the \$742 bill? How was it determined that the bill should be \$742? How do we know this covered the costs? If there was a contract or agreement between the county and someone, let's see it. Normally contracts of this nature in the private sector have to

be settled monthly or the service or privilege in question stops. Just ask anyone who fails to pay an electric or phone bill.

Frank Haggerty, *Cold Spring*

On Aug. 23, Scuccimarra vehemently denied that the Office for Senior Resources ever transported seniors to county meetings on the senior center. To go back and retroactively bill a resident creates the appearance of a cover-up. I can't understand why she and Sheehy wouldn't just go through the process with Rules and Ethics and make amends.

I support a new and upgraded center for the seniors in Cold Spring. I simply have questions as to how this administration has gone about delivering that service. If they continue this line of reasoning/defense, I wonder if the county is permitted and properly insured under their bus contract to resell services to a private citizen.

Matt Francisco, *Cold Spring*

### Farmers' market

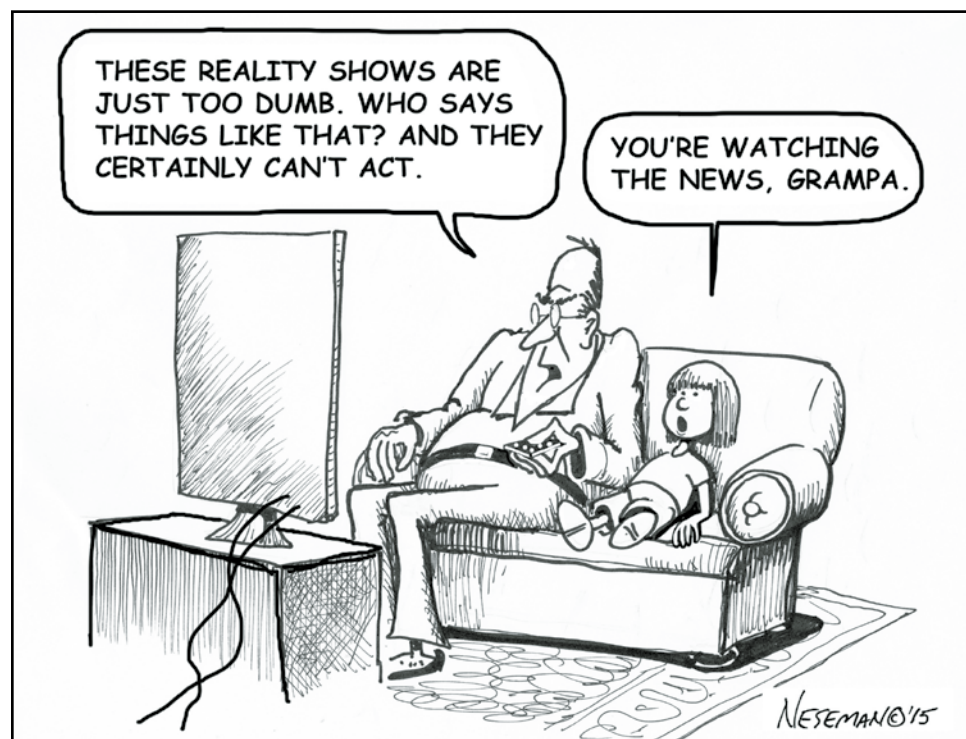
It was great to see your article on the Cold Spring Farmers' Market ("Out of Ashes, Farmers' Market Thrives," Sept. 23). I love and depend on the CSFM. I have been a regular since the beginning — summer and winter. One correction: the market started in the parking lot behind The Nest and it had grown quite large and busy by the time it moved to Butterfield.

Ann Borthwick, *Cold Spring*

### C.V. school taxes

The gross inequities in school taxes in Philipstown (Haldane and Continental Village pay much, much more than Garrison residents) can only be resolved at the state level ("Caught Between Two Districts," Sept. 23). This is because residents in the "advantaged" district, Garrison, would have to agree to the obvious solution of consolidation. They would have to vote against their own interests, and they won't (nor

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## Taking it to the Street

By Anita Peltonon  
(on holiday in Hartola, Finland, pop. 2,955)

*What is the best thing about small-town life?*



"I don't know if I like it.  
At least there are the views."  
~ Sinja Tiilikainen



"It has its own feeling.  
Everyone knows each other."  
~ Aku Pirttijärvi



"I only like cities. There is too much  
gossip in small towns."  
~ Eveliina Miettinen



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (from previous page)

would I, if I were a Garrison resident). Home rule, which serves us well in many other ways, makes local resolution of this issue a fool’s errand.

When the issue of property tax (i.e., school tax) inequities comes up with state officials, the response is often to suggest that locals take the initiative to remedy the situation. Nothing ever comes of it, because the locals lack any authority or agency to change what must be changed, or must pass the impossible hurdle of the advantaged districts voting against their self-interests.

The New York state legislature, with support from the governor, must bite the bullet and reform school districts statewide. Until this is widely understood by voters there will be no improvement.

Michael Armstrong, *Cold Spring*

the STAR relief that Putnam residents do. So while a home in Westchester might receive a \$5,000 rebate, the same home in Putnam would receive \$2,500. This creates a huge tax benefit for Westchester and a huge disadvantage to Putnam homeowners in affording school taxes and selling their homes.

One solution is to change the law so that when a school district includes towns in two counties, the STAR formula for the higher-paid county would be applied to all towns in the district. That would equalize the home values and treat all taxpayers equally.

Paula Clair, *Cold Spring*

Know your finches

Kudos for “If You See Kudzu, Say Something” (Sept. 30). One correction: You included a photo of a Lesser Goldfinch, a male of the greenback variant, and stated it was common to the area. While American Goldfinches are abundant, there are no accepted records of Lesser Goldfinch in New York State. The Lesser Goldfinch is found in the American west and then south until at least Central America.

How significant would it be were a Lesser Goldfinch to show up at a feeder in our area? If it was reported online on a Friday or Saturday and was viewable from public land, by the next day it wouldn’t be surprising to find 50 birders there with spotting scopes and cameras seeking to add the bird to their State and Life lists. A first state record — the stuff of dreams!

Marc Breslav, *Cold Spring*

Green Party line

An expensive September primary election was held because Terry Gipson, the Democratic, Working Families and Women’s Equality parties’ nominee for New York State Senate District 41, wanted to be on the Green Party line in November.

New York state election law does not allow the consolidation of polling places beyond town boundaries, so towns across Dutchess County went through the process of setting up 48 polling places. Dutchess County Election Commissioner Erik Haight estimated the primary cost taxpayers about \$100,000.

Because the Green Party doesn’t allow non-party members to circulate nominating petitions, a potential candidate has two options: either convince a Green Party member to circulate a petition or circulate an Opportunity to Ballot petition. By choosing the latter, Gipson forced a primary election.

At the time of the primary, there were 390 active registered Green Party voters in the county. Fifty-six turned out to vote, and 40 of them wrote in Gipson’s name. What a waste of taxpayer money.

Gipson had every right to run for office. However, forcing this primary so his name could appear on the Green Party line shows me a fiscally irresponsible candidate. Is having Gipson’s name appear a fourth time on the November ballot worth \$100,000 to Dutchess County taxpayers? I don’t think so.

Edie Greenwood, *North East Greenwood is the chair of the Republican Committee of North East.*

Maloney Introduces Bill to Stop Barge Proposal

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, who represents New York’s 18th district in Congress, which includes Philipstown and Beacon, has introduced legislation that would ban the U.S. Coast Guard from adding new anchorage grounds on the Hudson River between Kingston and Yonkers.

Maloney’s bill, called the Hudson River Protection Act, would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees the Coast Guard, from establishing anchorage sites for vessels carrying hazardous or flammable material (e.g., oil) within five miles of a Superfund site. That alone would cover the entire area where the Coast Guard has proposed anchorages, Maloney said, but for good measure the bill also restricts anchorage areas on the river within five miles of a nuclear power plant (i.e., Indian Point), any site on the National Register of Historic Places or a critical habitat of an endangered species.

The bill, as House Resolution 6202, was introduced on Sept. 28 and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Sue Serino, who represents Philipstown and Beacon in the New York State senate and also opposes the anchorage sites, will co-host a public hearing on the topic at the Croton Village Hall at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

PHILIPSTOWN PLANNING BOARD

Site Visit – October 16, 2016

The Philipstown Planning Board will meet on Sunday, October 16, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. to inspect the following site:

Jared and Carolina Della Valle: The property is located at 117 Round Hill Road, Garrison, New York.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Philipstown on

**Monday, October 24, 2016, 7:30 p.m.**  
**at the Philipstown Recreation Department**  
**107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison, New York**

to hear the following appeal:

Ezra and Carrie Firestone, 537 East Mountain Road North, Cold Spring, NY, Tax Map # 17-2-85. The applicant is seeking a side yard variance of 3 feet for an existing carport. The Town of Philipstown Code requires a 30-foot setback from a side yard property line.

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Building Department at the Philipstown Town Hall.

Dated 09/30/16  
Robert Dee, Chairman, Town of Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals

PHILIPSTOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Town of Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals has changed the date of their regular monthly meeting to:

**Monday, October 24, 2016**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Philipstown Recreation Department**  
**107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison**

PHILIPSTOWN PLANNING BOARD

Public Hearing – October 20, 2016

The Philipstown Planning Board for the Town of Philipstown, New York, will hold a public hearing on

**Thursday, October 20, 2016, starting at 7:30 p.m.**  
**at the Butterfield Library**  
**Morris Avenue, Cold Spring, New York**

to consider the following application:

Jared and Carolina Della Valle: The property is located at 117 Round Hill Road, Garrison, New York. — The application represents a request for a construction of a single family residence including a pool, garage and adjacent pool areas on a 6.691 acre lot. The property is in the RC Zoning District. The lot is legally preexisting non-conforming.

The property abuts and lies within a Town “Ridgeline and Hillside protection area,” and contains significant regulated steep slopes, some of which will be disturbed. Due to disturbances planned in areas of >20%, a “Special Permit” is also required.

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Planning Board at the Philipstown Town Hall.

Dated at Philipstown, New York, this 29th day of September 2016.

Anthony Merante, Chairman



# Beacon Sells Land for New Affordable Housing

*Developer plans 75 units next to City Hall*

By Jeff Simms

**B**eacon officials have agreed to sell a vacant, city-owned lot next to City Hall to a developer who will construct affordable housing.

The City Council voted unanimously on Oct. 3 to sell the 3.14-acre lot to Kenneth Kearney, a Carmel-based developer who is building affordable housing in Peekskill and Poughkeepsie. Kearney will buy the lot on Wolcott Avenue for \$1.2 million, or \$100,000 less than its appraised value.

"The mindset here is to create housing for people that, due to rent burdens, are being pushed out of Beacon," said Kearney, who has committed to keeping the units affordable for the next 50 years.

The largely wooded lot was obtained by the city through an urban renewal program more than 25 years ago.

The council has wrestled with the issue of affordable housing this year as hundreds of new apartments and condominiums are popping up around the city, many with six-figure price tags.

"There's no better opportunity than this opportunity to do this and keep it affordable for people who want to stay in the city of Beacon," Mayor Randy Casale said, noting the city's comprehensive plan recommends increasing residential den-

sity near the Main Street retail district. "This is a half-block from Main Street," he said, and also a block from the Metro-North train station.

City planners are drafting legislation that is likely to increase the number of affordable units that must be included as part of new developments. Those units would be classified as "workforce" housing, which gives priority to families that include emergency responders, municipal and school system employees and current and former members of the military.

The city, however, has gotten pushback from developers who would like projects already underway grandfathered to the affordable housing standards in place at the time of their Planning Board approval and not to any revisions the City Council may adopt.

Kearney plans to build about 50 artist loft spaces and 25 middle-income units. As with workforce housing, the rents will be tied to the area's median income, which Dutchess County says is \$87,100 annually for a family of four. The lofts would be priced for renters earning between 50 and 70 percent of the median income and the middle-income units for those making between 70 and 130 percent, Kearney said.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines affordable housing as that which requires a household to pay less (Continued on Page 18)

## Property Taxes Could Fall in Beacon

*Proposed budget includes 2.4 percent reduction*

By Jeff Simms

**B**eacon homeowners could see a drop in their property taxes next year for the first time since 2008 under the city's proposed budget.

The proposal, which details \$26.9 million in spending, was presented to the City Council on Oct. 3. It includes a 2.43 percent tax decrease on homes and a 0.43 percent decrease on commercial properties.

For the fourth year in a row, the city's budget also stays within the state-mandated 2 percent tax cap, which Beacon Mayor Randy Casale noted has been a challenge for municipalities statewide. Instituted in 2012, the cap requires school districts and local governments to raise property taxes each year by no more than 2 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. The 2017 allowable increase is 0.68 percent.

Casale said that increased housing density has allowed Beacon to stay within the cap while still funding infrastructure such as road and sewer improvements. The proposed budget

includes a 10 percent increase in sewer rates, although residential water costs would remain unchanged. Beacon Administrator Anthony Ruggiero said the city has spent around \$5 million over the last five years making improvements to its aging sewer system.

The budget proposal includes approximately \$257,000 in recreation spending, which will fund the operation of the city swimming pool in 2017 and the afterschool program done with the Beacon school district.

An initiative to replace city streetlights with energy-efficient LED bulbs is expected to save \$127,000 annually when completed next spring, but more frequent recycling pick-up has added \$93,000 in costs.

The budget allows for the hiring of a new police officer, bringing the total to 35 officers, including 28 on patrol.

The budget proposal would require the city to withdraw \$162,980 from its savings, down from \$247,500 a year ago.

The next step in the process are two public workshops, on Oct. 24 and Nov. 14, with council members and department heads, followed by a public hearing on Dec. 5.



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# Marchers Say State Owes Schools \$4 Billion

*Walking from New York City to Albany to demand funds*

By Jeff Simms

An advocacy group that says New York State owes its public schools nearly \$4 billion — including \$4 million coming to the Beacon school district — stopped in the city on Oct. 5 at the 65-mile mark of its walk to Albany, as local officials and residents urged state legislators to make good on promises they believe are a decade overdue.

The Alliance for Quality Education (AQE) — a coalition of grassroots education groups — organized the 150-mile walk from New York City to Albany to mark the 10th anniversary of a state Court of Appeals decision that found New York State was deliberately underfunding schools in black, Latino and lower-income communities.

A decade later, AQE charges, the inequity remains.

“We need the state to fund our schools the way they promised and the way they should,” said Art Plichta, a retired educator who led the demonstration for AQE in Beacon.

After the 2006 decision, state leaders vowed to provide \$5.5 billion for schools in New York City and the rest of the state. But two years later, during the financial downturn, the funding disappeared. Advocates say the ensuing shortfall virtually wiped out any gains that had been made.

According to AQE, the state Assembly earlier this year passed a budget that included a multi-year plan to meet the requirements of the 2006 judgment. Gov. Andrew Cuomo countered with a plan that would provide 6 percent of the aid, without a multi-year commitment. The Senate

majority proposed providing 20 percent funding, also without a long-term plan.

Of the \$5.5 billion pledged, the state still owes \$3.9 billion, AQE says, and the districts with more students in need are owed the most.

At the Oct. 5 rally at Polhill Park, state



AQE marchers arrive in Beacon

Photo by J. Simms

Assemblyman Frank Skartados, a Democrat who is running for re-election in the 104th district that includes Beacon, called the state's inability to pay “unacceptable.” The problem, he said, is that “as a state, we have failed to live up to our constitutional responsibility” to provide all children with a basic education. Because a decade has passed since the ruling, he said, “students who are graduating right now did not have the benefit of a sound education.”

Former state Sen. Terry Gipson (a Democrat who is running to regain his seat in the 95th district, which includes Philipstown), Beacon Mayor Randy Casale, City Council member Peggy Ross and members of the Beacon school board also were present, as were about three dozen residents and children.

Once the marchers reach Albany — Beacon was day 4 of 10 — AQE says it wants Cuomo and the legislature to commit to paying the \$3.9 billion debt over two years.

At the rally, Beacon school board member Meredith Heuer read a resolution of support adopted by the board. Of the 25 million students who attend public schools in New York state, Heuer said, more than half are considered poor, including 51 percent of the 2,900 students in the Beacon district.

If school funding is increased, she said students would have the chance to learn in smaller, “private school-sized classes” and with a greater range of subjects. “It's not extravagant,” she said. “It's fair.”

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# Senior Center Lease Signed by Odell; Still Not Public

*County attorney says it first needs developer's okay*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell has signed a lease, pending in one form or another since November, for a senior center at the Butterfield redevelopment in Cold Spring, but the county continues to insist the document is not public information.

"The lease has been deliberated, disposed of, and the county executive has executed her portion," Ginny Nacerino, who chairs the county legislature, said at its Oct. 4 meeting. The legislature approved the lease on Sept. 14, but Nacerino said it has not been "fully executed" because Butterfield developer Paul Guillaro has not signed it.

The county attorney has agreed that the lease can be kept private under a provision of the state Freedom of Information Law that says "an agency can deny access to records that if disclosed would impair present or imminent contract awards."

Guillaro told *The Current* on Oct. 6 that he planned to share the lease with the Cold Spring Planning Board, although he was not sure when. He did not say when he expected to sign the lease. But his endorsement would presumably not occur

before acceptance of the terms by the Planning Board, which has jurisdiction over the Butterfield project

According to the minutes of its July 28 meeting, before it issues permits the board wants to confirm the lease contains a provision that "100 percent" of seniors using the center will have busing available to bring them to the site.

Discussion of the lease on Oct. 4 occurred somewhat by happenstance. The lease did not appear on the agenda, but the agenda did include approval of the minutes of a special meeting Nacerino called on Sept. 14 to vote on the lease.

That provided an opening for Stephanie Hawkins, a former Cold Spring trustee, to offer public comment. "Many of us feel that this legislative body has been trying to stonewall" critics, she said. She cited concerns about the cost of the project but nonetheless assured the legislators, "I'm very much in support of a senior center and community center that serves the needs of our community."

She also mentioned an email Nacerino sent to Lithgow Osborne, a Garrison resident and former legislative candidate, in case he planned to attend the meeting to offer comment on the lease; Nacerino cautioned that the legislature would not allow discussion of non-agenda items. "I didn't want you to be disappointed, or travel, in anticipation of addressing this issue," she wrote, according to a post by Osborne on Facebook.

"You were trying to persuade him not

## Chasing the Butterfield Lease

**Nov. 4, 2015:** The Putnam County legislature approves a lease for 6,000 square feet at the Butterfield development in Cold Spring for a senior center contingent on \$500,000 donation by Roger and Elizabeth Ailes. The document is not released.

**May 3:** The legislature approves a 15-year lease and a charitable agreement with the Ailes. The documents are not released.

**July 8:** David McKay Wilson of *The Journal News* files a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request for a copy of the Butterfield lease and the charitable agreement.

**July 15:** Deputy County Attorney Anna Diaz denies Wilson's request, citing Section 87(2)(c) of the FOIL law, which states that "an agency can deny access to records that if disclosed would impair present or imminent contract awards."

**Aug. 2:** After *The Journal News* reveals details of the charitable agreement, Roger and Elizabeth Ailes withdraw their pledge.

**Aug. 16:** Steve Laifer of Cold Spring files a FOIL request for the May 3 lease.

**Aug. 19:** *The Journal News* posts a leaked version of the May 3 lease.

**Sept. 6:** The legislature approves an amended lease and an \$800,000 bond. Chairwoman Ginny Nacerino says the approved (but not yet signed) lease is

protected by "attorney-client privilege." Legislative counsel Clement Van Ross disputes this, saying a resolution passed by the legislature is a public record.

**Sept. 14:** Legislators approve an amended lease. It is not released.

**Sept. 19:** *The Current* files a FOIL request for the amended lease.

**Sept. 20:** Diaz "approves" Laifer's request by sending him the Aug. 19 *Journal News* article.

**Sept. 21:** Jan Thacher of Cold Spring files a FOIL request for the lease.

**Sept. 26:** Diaz replies to *The Current* request with a form letter stating that she is "in the process of locating the requested records," which could take up to 20 business days.

**Oct. 4:** After Nacerino says at the legislature's monthly meeting that the lease has been signed by County Executive MaryEllen Odell and sent to the developer, a reporter for *The Current* asks if the lease is now public record. Nacerino replies that *The Current* must file a FOIL request. After Van Ross interjects that a FOIL is not necessary, the legislative clerk says she will email a copy of the lease to the paper in the morning.

**Oct. 5:** No email arrives. At 3:15 p.m., the clerk calls to say that, according to the county attorney, the paper must file a FOIL request.

to come because you did not want to hear what people had to say," Hawkins charged.

"That's not — please don't speculate," Nacerino responded.

Although the agenda included approval of the minutes, the legislature took no action. "There's no need to vote on minutes," Nacerino said.

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## Family Friendly Subversive

Writer has a full plate with  
*The Lunch Witch*

By Alison Rooney

Deb Lucke, a Philipstown writer and illustrator who specializes in books filled with witches, canines, frogs and odd little children, says her characters come to life as she creates them.

"I draw, draw, draw and the characters get revealed: how they move and how they act — the voice gets clearer," she explains. The rights to her 2015 graphic novel, *The Lunch Witch*, the first of a series, have been optioned by Amblin' Partners, whose CEO is director Steven Spielberg, with the idea it would make a great live-action movie.

Lucke says the book, which are aimed at teenagers but popular with younger children and adults, seem to fit a genre



Deb Lucke

Photo provided



Mapping out *The Lunch Witch*

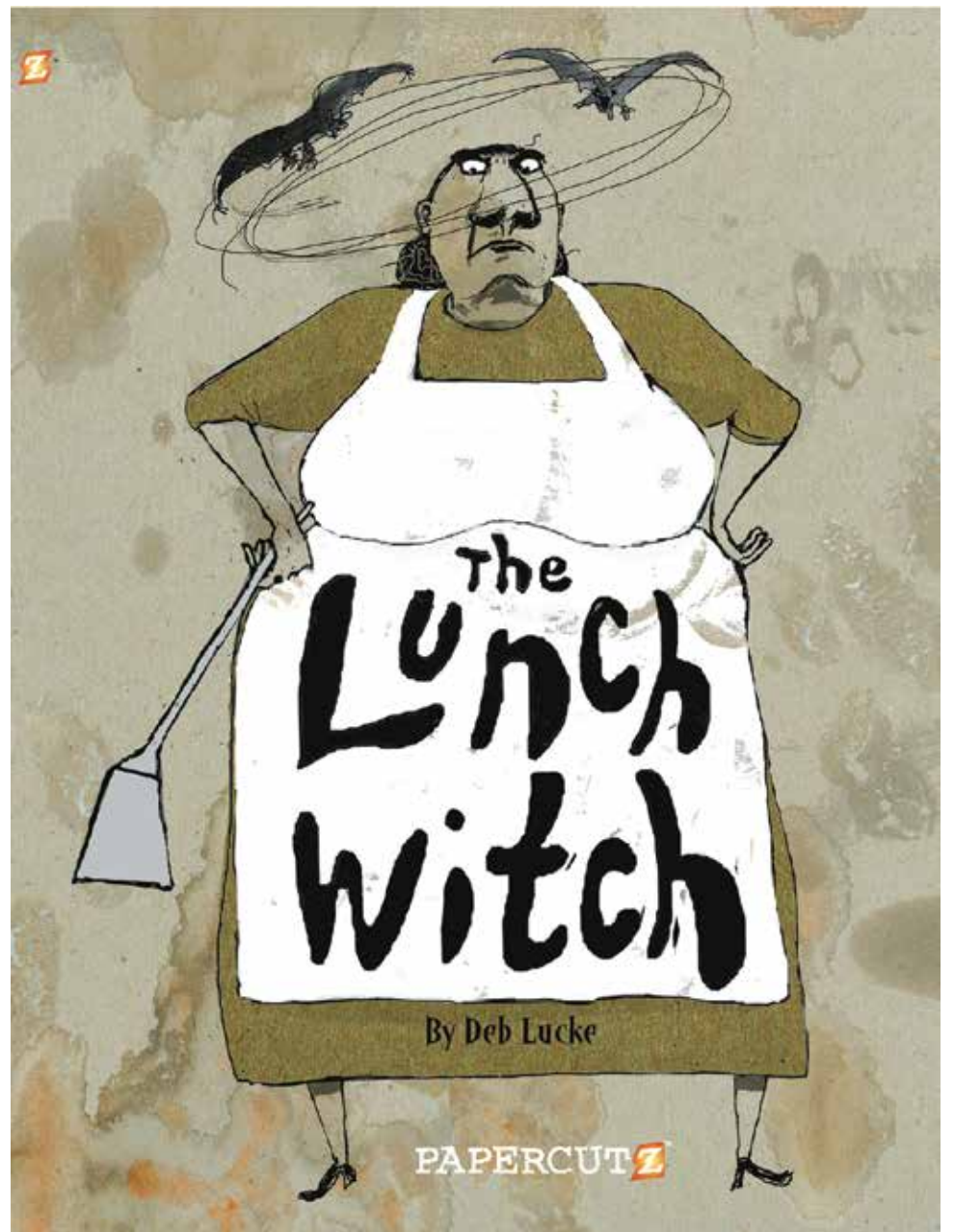
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that someone in the film industry described to her as "family friendly subversive." It tells the story of Grunhilda the Black Heart, who inherits the family cauldron and gets a job as a lunch lady. There she meets a student who, like herself, is an outsider. But, as a witch, she has no instinct for connection and helping others.

The second book in the series, *Lunch Witch: Knee-Deep In Niceness*, in which the witch loves her dog too much (at least for a witch) and even sometimes likes children, will be published on Oct. 25. A release party and nose-mask-making workshop is scheduled for Binnacle Books in Beacon at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15.

It's a heady time for the artist, who contributes to *The Current* and also teaches graphic novel classes at Compass Arts in Beacon (her course for 10- to 14-year-olds has openings; a class for adults begins in November). She studied graphic design at the University of Connecticut, where most of her classes were in drawing and painting. But she recalls that one of her professors made an indelible impression, telling the class, "You can't focus on the execution, just the ideas."

Although Lucke recalls being "almost fired for not being able to do mechanicals" at her first job in advertising, she escaped unscathed because clients loved her



The cover of the first book in the series

ideas. She also produced commercials and films. All these careers morphed easily into illustration, she says, because she learned what works visually. She says she now approaches her storytelling and art like a filmmaker, thinking of her characters as actors. "I do the backgrounds last," she says. "If I couldn't work at things in layers, there'd be problems."

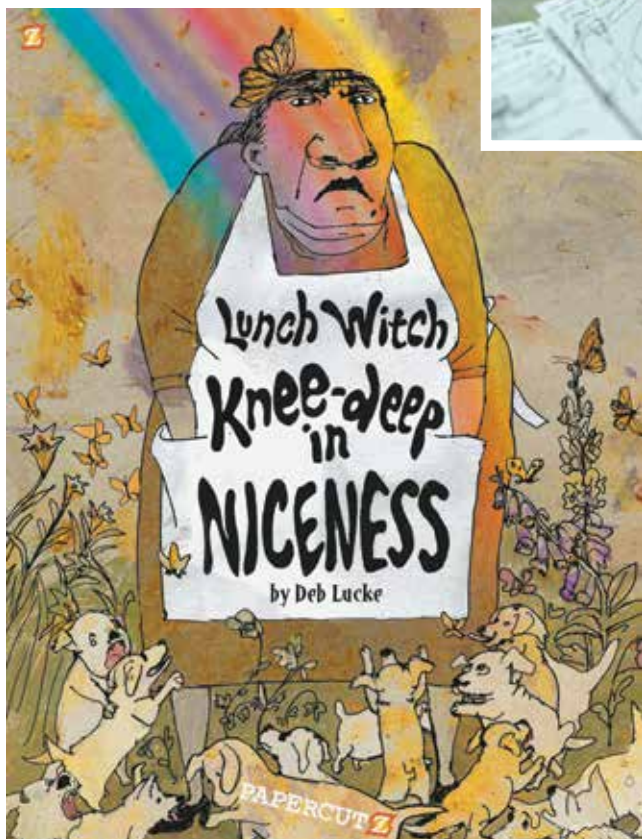
Beginning with a sketchbook, Lucke draws loosely, and "what interests me will start to evolve. I'll get an idea but not know where I'm going with it." She continues with a method of her own making: a long strip of paper bent and folded, accordion-style. On it she draws a "problem" on the first square, and a "therefore/ because" on the next.

"Something small on page one goes wrong, and then what happens?" she says. "I love having all these tiny little steps, and I always go back and tie up all of them," Lucke says. "The subplots are easy for me, the big plots harder."

Before she became a writer and illustrator, Lucke spent time illustrating greeting cards, taking screen-writing classes and trying to break into directing. After finding an agent, she focused on creating a book for tweens. "I'm in perfect sync with the 10- and 11-year-olds because my writing is full of gross things and slapstick," she says.

Inspired by a friend who landed a job, in her late 40s, as a lunch lady, Lucke wrote *The Lunch Witch* as a chapter book. "What got me

(Continued on Page 11)



The second book in the series



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121 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-809-5145 | busterlevigallery.com

**The Ephemeral (Opening)**  
6 – 8 p.m. Gallery 66 NY | 66 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-809-5838 | gallery66ny.com

**Army vs. Sacred Heart (Hockey)**  
7:05 p.m. Tate Rink, West Point  
845-938-2526 | goarmywestpoint.com

**Mountainside Dance Night**  
7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church  
50 Liberty St., Beacon | 845-831-5322

**To Hell and Black (AC/DC Tribute)**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St., Peekskill  
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

**SATURDAY, OCT. 8**

**Antiques Show & Flea Market**  
8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Stormville Airport  
428 Route 216, Stormville  
845-221-6561 | stormvilleairportfleamarket.com

**Fall Craft Fair and Bake Sale**  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cold Spring Methodist Church  
216 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-3365

**Shabbat Shuva Contemplative Hike**  
9:30 a.m. Little Story Point  
3011 Route 9D, Cold Spring  
845-831-2012 | beaonhebrewalliance.org

**Family Music Hootenanny**  
10 a.m. Beacon Music Factory  
333 Fishkill Ave., Beacon  
845-765-0472 | beaconmusicfactory.com

**HHLT Take-A-Hike: Castle to River**  
10 a.m. Castle Rock, Garrison  
845-424-3358 | hhlht.org

**Mid-Hudson Etsy Pop-Up Market**  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

**Culinary Crawl Tour**  
2 p.m. Main and Cross streets, Beacon  
845-249-6129 | hudsonvalleyfoodtours.com

**Open Blues Jam Session**  
4 p.m. Denning’s Point Distillery  
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**Artist-led Tour of Ecstatic Light**  
4 p.m. Manitoga | 584 Route 9D, Garrison  
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**Mysterious Stone Sites in the Hudson Valley (Talk)**  
4 p.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring | 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

**Sean Scully: Book (Artist Talk)**  
4 p.m. Garrison Art Center  
23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

**Breast Cancer Awareness Event**  
6 – 9 p.m. Lorraine Tyne Boutique  
161 Main St., Beacon  
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**Vic DiBitto (Comedy)**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
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**Dia:Beacon**  
11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Free admission  
11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Robert Morris Exhibit Opens  
2:30 p.m. Jeffrey Weiss on Robert Morris  
3 Beekman St., Beacon  
845-440-0100 | diabeacon.org

**Rick Gedney: New Work**  
5 – 8 p.m. RiverWinds Gallery  
172 Main St., Beacon  
845-838-2880 | riverwindsgallery.com

**Three Masters of Hudson Valley Painting**  
5 – 7 p.m. Bannerman Island Gallery  
250 Main St., Beacon  
845-416-8342 | bannermancastle.org

**Andrew Lattimore & His Students**  
6 – 8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-765-3012 | howlandculturalcenter.org

**Carl Van Brunt: Blue Sky Mind**  
6 – 8 p.m. Theo Ganz Gallery  
149 Main St., Beacon  
917-318-2239 | theoganzstudio.com

**Hats Off to the Beacon Historical Society**  
6 – 9 p.m. Beacon Bath & Bubble  
458 Main St., Beacon  
info@beaconhistorical.org | 845-440-6782

**Scott Daniel Ellison: Skull-Ring Necklace**  
6 – 9 p.m. Matteawan Gallery  
436 Main St., Beacon  
845-440-7901 | matteawan.com

**SUNDAY, OCT. 9**

**Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body**  
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403, Garrison  
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

**Common Ground Farm Harvest Dinner**  
3 – 7 p.m. Obercreek Farm  
89 New Hamburg Road, Hughsonville  
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4 – 8:30 p.m. St. Luke’s Parish House  
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**MONDAY, OCT. 10**

**Dirt Day**  
1 – 3 p.m. Glynwood Farm  
362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring  
845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

**Fall Foliage Hike**  
1 – 4 p.m. Storm King Mountain  
hnhm.org | 845-534-5506 x204

**League of Women Voters Candidate Forum**  
6 p.m. Mahopac Library  
686 Route 6, Mahopac | lwv.org

**Garrison Fire District Budget Workshop**  
7 p.m. Garrison Fire Company | 1616 Route 9, Garrison | 845-424-4406 | garrisonfd.org

**TUESDAY, OCT. 11**

**Boscobel Open for Artists**  
9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. 1601 Route 9D  
No public admission.

**Howland Public Library**  
10 a.m. Knitting Club  
11 a.m. Baby & Me Story Time  
4:15 p.m. Crazy 8s Math Club (First Session)  
6 p.m. Coloring Books for Adults | 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**Haldane Sports**  
4:30 p.m. Girls’ Soccer vs. Westlake  
6 p.m. Volleyball vs. Arlington  
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring  
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

**Kol Nidrei Service**  
6 p.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance  
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon  
845-831-2012 | beaonhebrewalliance.org

**Beacon School Board**  
7 p.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon  
845-838-6900 | beaoncityk12.org

**Conservation Board**  
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Town Hall  
238 Main St., Cold Spring | philipstown.com

**Yom Kippur Service**  
8 p.m. St. Mary’s Parish House  
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
845-265-8011 | philipstownreformsynagogue.org

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12**

**Leaf and Yard Debris Pickup**  
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

**Beacon Hebrew Alliance**  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Yom Kippur Service  
3:30 p.m. Meditation  
4:30 – 9 p.m. Mincha, Ne’ilah, Ma’ariv and Break  
Fast + Dance Party | See details under Tuesday.

**Yom Kippur Service**  
10 a.m. & 4:15 p.m. St. Mary’s Parish House  
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
845-265-8011 | philipstownreformsynagogue.org

**Desmond-Fish Library**  
10:15 a.m. Music and Movement for Toddlers  
1:30 p.m. Story Time (ages 2-3)  
3:30 p.m. Lego Club  
472 Route 403, Garrison  
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

**THURSDAY, OCT. 13**

**Butterfield Library**  
10:30 a.m. Bouncing Babies  
11 a.m. Toddler Time | 12:30 p.m. Little Bookworms  
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring  
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

**Beacon vs. Putnam Valley (Volleyball)**  
4:30 p.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon  
845-838-6900 | beaoncityk12.org

**FRIDAY, OCT. 14**

**Rhyme Time by The Hudson (ages 1-5) (First Session)**  
9:30 a.m. Boscobel | See details under Sunday.

**Beacon High Sports**  
4:30 p.m. Volleyball vs. Peekskill  
4:45 p.m. Boys’ Soccer vs. Sleepy Hollow  
See details under Thursday.

**Haldane vs. North Salem (Boys’ Soccer)**  
4:30 p.m. Haldane School  
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring  
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

**Haldane School Foundation Fall Ball**  
7 p.m. Pamela’s Bird & Bottle  
1123 Old Albany Post Road, Garrison  
haldaneschoolfoundation.org

**Army vs. Sacred Heart (Hockey)**  
7:05 p.m. Tate Rink, West Point  
845-938-2526 | goarmywestpoint.com

**Curfew (Short Film) with Q&A**  
7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-765-3012 | howlandculturalcenter.org  
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## Family Friendly Subversive *(from Page 9)*

going was, What if the lunch lady had secrets?" she recalls. "My father had a cousin who was the head of the lunch ladies, so that played a part. It wasn't until I had written the whole book before I remembered I had worked in the cafeteria at college."

In the middle of writing the book, Lucke says she recognized "this one actually had legs. All the other ideas I had were one-offs." And yet it was a tough sell for publishers. "They weren't interested because the main character was an adult, which broke the rules" of books for tweens, she says. "I kept breaking the rules, maybe because I didn't know what they were!"

She revised the book by adding a sidekick: a child who is the adult's "problem to solve. She changes slowly over time and the kid becomes the

arc of the story; it's structured like a detective novel." Papercutz, a publisher of graphic novels for kids, offered to buy the book as the first in a series.

The book received enthusiastic reviews and became popular beyond its target audience of third- to seventh-graders. Lucke says she knows this from her fan mail and meeting readers at events. Many parents tell her they bought the book for an older child and a younger sibling loved it, too. "I think a lot of middle-aged women are liking the book too," she says with a laugh.

Both *Lunch Witch* books can be interpreted in darker and lighter ways. "I don't have terrible things happen, but there are deep seams underneath," Lucke explains. "Sometimes the younger readers don't know a word I've used, but they're able to figure out it isn't good."



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## Day Trip

## A Fall Drive to Three States

*The crowds are gone, and the colors have arrived*

By Michael Turton

Two eye-pleasing day trips or an overnight excursion lie less than 50 miles west of Beacon — with plenty of history thrown in. The fall color spectacle is starting to dab the landscape, and a week will make a big difference. Now is the time to plan your trip.

*The Current's* travel guru urges Beaconites and Philipstowners to consider two day trips to the same vicinity. The first is to High Point State Park, along with Milford, Penn., and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. The other begins at High Point and ventures a few miles north to explore the Upper Delaware River Scenic Byway. The trips could easily be combined for a weekend getaway.

#### The Peak of Jersey

The highest point in New Jersey — 1,803 feet above sea level — is at High Point State Park in Sussex. A 220-foot obelisk, built as a war memorial in 1930, adds to breath-

taking views of the Pocono Mountains, Catskill Mountains and Wallkill River Valley. The tower's formidable stairway closes after Columbus Day but the vistas at its base, overlooking parts of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York, are equally impressive.

Spread over 16,000 acres, High Point offers multi-purpose trails ranging from a half-mile to 18 miles that traverse white cedar swamp, panoramic mountaintops, forests, fields and wetlands. A picnic basket, camera and binoculars are recom-



The obelisk at High Point State Park



High Point offers stunning views of three states.

Photos by M. Turton

mended. There's no entrance fee after Labor Day.

#### Historic Milford

Milford, Penn., is 10 miles northwest of High Point as the crow flies. Founded in 1796, the village has fewer than 1,000 residents but boasts numerous historic buildings, including the Grey Towers National Historic Site, Jervis Gordon Grist Mill Historic District, Metz Ice Plant, Pike County Courthouse and Arisbe, the home of Charles S. Peirce (1839-1914), the scientist known as "the father of pragmatism."

Two hotels and their eateries also exude history. The Hotel Fauchere, which dates to 1852, was known for "innovative cuisine and stylish inn keeping," traditions that continue in its Delmonico Room, Bar Louis and Patisserie.

The Dimmick Inn opened in 1828 and

has been a hotel, boardinghouse, Chinese restaurant, Jewish delicatessen, bawdy-house and cabaret. Today it offers traditional American fare.

A wide range of other accommodations and restaurants are available, and Milford hosts a farmers' market on Sundays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. through Oct. 16.

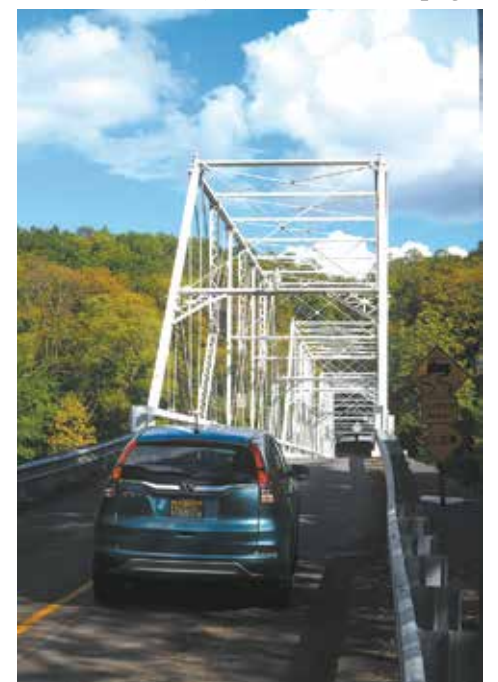
#### National Recreation Area

Milford is the southern gateway to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, a 70,000-acre protected area that straddles a 40-mile stretch of the Delaware River along the Pennsylvania-Delaware border. While the visitor center and park services are closed for the season, driving the length of the park along Route 209 is a very pleasant fall outing. With the crowds gone, it is one of the best times to enjoy the trails, tranquility and foliage.

The trails include the 31-mile McDade Trail which parallels the river and features forest, field and river views. With access points scattered along Route 209, its surface is suitable for mountain and hybrid bikes and hiking.

Many visitors drive over the Delaware and back on the historic bridge at Dingman's Ferry. Dating to the mid-18th century, it still provides an important link between Sussex and Pike counties. The \$1 toll seems to add to the bridge's appeal.

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The historic bridge at Dingman's Ferry

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## A Fall Drive to Three States *(from previous page)*

On Saturday, Oct. 22, Millbrook Village will host "Oactivities" from 2 to 7 p.m. with crafts for kids, a scavenger hunt and a lantern tour of historic buildings. For details, visit [milfordpa.us](http://milfordpa.us).

### Scenic Byway

The southern gateway to the Upper Delaware River Scenic Byway is 12 miles north of High Point. The byway winds along Route 97, a beautiful road that follows the meandering river for 70 miles between Port Jervis and Hancock.

Riverfront villages along the way include Barryville, Narrowsburg and Calicon. Each offers a variety of restaurants,

shops and points of historic interest. Fort Decker, a stone house built from the remains of a fort burned during the Revolutionary War, is located at the northern edge of Port Jervis. On Oct. 29 it will host the Navasink Long Rifle Re-enactors Encampment from 1 to 4 p.m.

The most spectacular views are just north of Port Jervis at Hawk's Nest. This dramatic, twisting section of the highway has been used by BMW, Saab, Cadillac and Honda in TV commercials.

Minisink Ford is home to the oldest existing wire cable suspension bridge in the U.S. Erected in 1847 as part of the Dela-



Hawk's Nest, just north of Port Jervis

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Grey Towers National Historic Site

ware Hudson Canal, it was designed by and built under the supervision of John Roebling, who later designed the Brooklyn Bridge.

The village of Hancock, named for John Hancock, marks the northern end of the byway. For many years the village produced Louisville Slugger baseball bats, including for Babe Ruth. Bluestone from the area was used in the construction of the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building. Today the village is a mecca for sport fishing.



Milford's Hotel Fauchere

The National Park Service operates the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Upper Delaware River Scenic byway. For details, visit [nps.gov/dewa](http://nps.gov/dewa) and [upperdelaware scenicbyway.org](http://upperdelaware scenicbyway.org).

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## The Second Fattest Housewife in Garrison *(from Page 1)*

feminine energy around, and I have different ideas on how to channel it. For instance, I asked one friend who was working out a lot then, 'Is this what you want to be doing with your life?' "

That Garrison friend, Doris Lee, inspired one of the sitcom's lead characters, also named Doris. Played by the comedian Ali Wong, she "evolved away from the real Doris quite a bit," Dunn says, "but she's still Korean and still great." Of the other characters in the show, Dunn will only say they may or may not resemble members of her family. She's written so much about her hus-



Doris Lee, right, with comedian Ali Wong, who plays a character named Doris on *American Housewife* inspired by Lee. The Garrison resident told *The Current* she is flattered by the tribute but wanted to "use this opportunity to officially deny everything in advance of the premiere."

*Photo provided*

band, who is a journalist, she says that "he's totally used to it" and "a very good sport."

Stevenson remained in Garrison with their children while Dunn relocated to Los Angeles to produce the pilot and, after the show was picked up, its first 13 episodes. She doesn't enjoy the city, she says, and was hoping the series could be filmed on the East Coast but winter weather got in the way. The show's first-season success will determine whether Dunn and her family remain in Garrison or move west.

Somewhere between the shooting of the pilot and its greenlighting as a series, after *The Second Fattest Housewife in Garrison* became *The Second Fattest Housewife in Westport*, its title was changed again to the generic *American Housewife*.

"I loved the old title, and it got a lot of attention and helped get the project picked up," says Dunn. "But after we shot the pilot, it felt like a limitation. I think of *American Housewife* now as a family sitcom where the mother [played by Katy Mixon] is the real, central character. She's a larger-than-life personality, and while she can be antagonistic, she also has to adapt. There are a lot of parenting stories."

In the pilot, the family has just moved to Westport, and the plot focuses on the mother's efforts to help her youngest child fit in while also steering the older two to fit in *less* with their affluent peers.

Mixon, best known for her role on the sitcom *Mike and Molly*, has described her character as "an authentic woman living



Katy Mixon, right, is shown in a scene from the *American Housewife* pilot.

*Photo by Adam Taylor/ABC*

in an inauthentic world, and she's trying the best that she can to be who she is. And sometimes she's fearless and sometimes she's got so many insecurities.... Whatever gender you are, whatever area you come from, [or] background, everybody can relate to insecurities."

On top of the hub-bub associated with the debut of a network series (for which she also serves as an executive producer), Dunn is about to publish her latest novel, *The Arrangement*. The publisher's deadline for the manuscript was days before the premiere of the show. Dunn describes the book, which will be published by Little, Brown in March, as being about "a happily married couple about to embark on an open marriage for six months." She quickly interjects that this an instance the plot does not echo her home life.

A pre-release summary may strike a familiar chord: "Lucy and Owen, ambitious, thor-

oughly-therapized New Yorkers, have taken the plunge, trading in their crazy life in a cramped apartment for Beekman, a bucolic Hudson Valley exurb. They've got a 200-year-old house, an autistic son obsessed with the

Titanic, and 17 chickens, at last count. It's the kind of paradise where stay-at-home moms team up to cook the school's 'hot lunch,' dads grill grass-fed burgers, and, as Lucy observes, 'chopping kale has become a certain kind of American housewife's

version of chopping wood.' "

When asked about her prolific writing, Dunn expresses surprise. "It looks like that now, but it didn't feel that way," she says. "When you're in charge of your kids, it's really hard to write. It's lucky that both of these projects have come out; it's almost as if I wrote two different versions of the story, and one was right for ABC and the other one most definitely was not."

*Mixon plays "an authentic woman living in an inauthentic world, and she's trying the best that she can to be who she is. And sometimes she's fearless and sometimes she's got so many insecurities."*



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## Beacon Historical Society Finds New, Larger Home (from Page 1)

will reside for the month before expanding across the street to the Howland Center.

*Hats Off* celebrates both Beacon's hat industry and the society's 40th anniversary. The hat industry began in Beacon around the time of the Civil War and operated until 1960; at its height it was the second largest hat-making center in the country, after Danbury, Conn. Following in the tradition of Newburgh's Lightbulb project — a public art initiative now in its third year — *Hats Off* offers artists free rein to paint, decorate and interpret wooden, hat-shaped cut-outs that each measure two feet across.

More than 50 artists participated, and about half of the contributions are on display at Beacon Bath & Bubble. Many artists made inventive use of materials, such as one hat that depicts the Madam Brett

Homestead with small pieces of glass, another that used nails in an homage to the Tallix foundry, and a third honored the city clock and functions as a clock itself. Every contribution will be on view at the Howland Cultural Center at 477 Main St. from Saturday, Nov. 5, through Nov. 27. An open house is scheduled at the store on Second Saturday, Oct. 8, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Society is asking anyone who worked or had family members who worked at a Beacon hat factory and has a story to share to email [beaconhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:beaconhistorical@gmail.com) by Oct. 19 with "Hat Factory Story" in the subject line. Or stop by the Howland Center when the Society is open, 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday or 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, or call 845-831-0514.

In addition to the cut-outs, the *Hats Off* exhibition will include displays, each curated by a society trustee, on Beacon soldiers during World War I; banking; the Van Tine's Stationery Store; African-American stories; Alexander Hamilton's connection to Beacon; the Highland Hospital; and, of course, the hat industry. Admission is free. From 1 to 5 p.m. on Nov. 5, the hats and other goods and services donated by the community will



Samantha Beste's hat cut-out, *Hotel Homburg: Under Construction*

*Photo provided*



The new home of the Beacon Historical Society (left) at 17 South Ave. is the former rectory of the adjacent St. Andrew's Church.

*Photo: Google Maps*

be offered during a silent auction at the Howland Center. Successful art bidders will be able to retrieve their purchases at the end of the exhibit

later in the month.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, the society will conduct two Taste of History walking tours of the east end of Main Street. Departing at 1 and 2 p.m. from the Howland Center, guides will explore the people, buildings, factories and stories from when the east end was called the Village of Matteawan. Desserts will be served at the conclusion of the walk from the *Highland Hospital Cookbook*, published around 1900, a reprint of which can be purchased



*Isn't She Lovely*, a hat cut-out, designed by Jacqueline Weissner

*Photo provided*

from the society at its gift shop, open during its meetings and special events. Each tour costs \$30.

Another fundraiser, this one a social lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30, will take place at the Outback Steakhouse on Route 9 in Wappingers Falls.

Although its meetings are typically packed, and a core of about 20 people help out consistently, the society says it will need more volunteers for the move as well as for education programs, acting as docents, fundraising, painting — the works. The site search committee worked on finding a home, negotiating the lease, completing a site plan and will help to prepare the space. "The synergy on all of this is fantastic," Lapis said. "We just want more people to be a part of it."

For more information, email [info@beaconhistorical.org](mailto:info@beaconhistorical.org).



Hats designed by (from top) Jan Dolan, Cindy Gould, Michael Preolo and Kim King

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## Manitoga Concert Rescheduled

*Original date washed out*

Rainy weather on Oct. 1 caused a shift in dates for Manitoga's annual benefit concert featuring Ben Neill. Tickets for the rescheduled performance, which takes place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30, can be purchased at [visitmanitoga.org](http://visitmanitoga.org).

## Hear Poetry at Chapel Restoration

*Two genius grant winners to read*

The Sunset Reading Series at the Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring on Sunday, Oct. 16 will feature two poets who have been awarded MacArthur Foundation genius grants. Terrance Hayes, who has published five books of poetry and won the National Book Award, last year released his

most recent collection *How to be Drawn*. Edward Hirsch is the author of more than a dozen books of poetry and prose, including *Gabriel*, a book-length poem about his late son, and *A Poet's Glossary*.

The reading begins at 4 p.m. and will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. The event is free, but donations are welcome.

## St. Mary's Tag Sale

*Fundraiser set for Oct. 15*

Members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring have donated treasures and are baking goods for a fundraiser at the historic church on Saturday, Oct. 15. Bargain hunters can browse a selection of furniture, household items, books, toys and clothes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Dine and Learn at Glynwood

*Dinner will include talk on climate change and farming*

Glynwood continues its regular Farm Dinners on Thursday, Oct. 20 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., with a meal prepared by Chef Evan Hanczor, of the Brooklyn restaurant Egg, showcasing Glynwood's meat and produce. Laura Lengnick, the author of *Resilient Agriculture: Cultivating Systems for a Changing Climate*, will discuss her ideas about how to farm as the climate warms. Tickets start at \$75 and can be ordered at [glynwood.org](http://glynwood.org). Diners are asked to bring their own beverages.

## Museum Honors Hicks and Bells

At its annual gala on Sept. 25, the Putnam History Museum presented its Gen. Israel Putnam Trailblazer Award to longtime trustee Bill Hicks and the Historic



PHM Executive Director Mindy Krazmien, Board Chair Preston Pittman, Hicks and Palefsky.

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Family of Philipstown Award to Marilyn Palefsky on behalf of the Bell family.

## Need Seed?

*The birds will thank you*

The Putnam Highlands Audubon Society is holding its annual birdseed sale in preparation for winter feeding. There are 10 types of Blue Seal seed available, including sunflower, thistle and suet cakes. Orders must be placed by Monday, Oct. 17 and picked up at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Oct. 22. Download and print an order form at [putnamhighlandsaudubon.org](http://putnamhighlandsaudubon.org). Call 716-913-1641 with questions.

## "Softball with a Twist"

*Fundraiser honors Jim Cannon*

On Sunday, Oct. 16, friends and family of the late Jim Cannon, a Garrison resident and school board member who died earlier this year, will introduce CannonBall, or "softball with a twist," at the Garrison School softball field on Route 9D. The fast-paced game starts at 1 p.m. and ends when the last player leaves the field. Teams are as large as the crowd wants them to be, there are more turns to bat, innings move faster and players can exit the game whenever they want.

Organizers hope CannonBall will become an annual fundraiser for pancreatic cancer research and to assist patients' families with medical expenses.

## Garrison Residents Join Boards

*Volunteers for Scenic Hudson and HVSF*

Edward "Ned" Whitney has joined the Scenic Hudson board of directors. A retired investment banker, Whitney is a former board chair of American Rivers and director of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. He also is a member of the advisory board of the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary.

Lauri Sawyer and Steven Holley have joined the board of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. Sawyer is a partner at Jones Day, where her practice includes federal and state commercial litigation

and arbitration. Holley is a lawyer with Sullivan & Cromwell who focuses on antitrust counseling and litigation, bankruptcy, securities and tax litigation.

## Flu Vaccine Available

*Health Department in Garrison Oct. 19*

The Putnam County Health Department will offer flu shots on Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 2 to 6:30 p.m. at the Garrison Fire Department on Route 9. The shots are \$25 for county residents or free for anyone with a Medicare card or older than 65 years. A consent form can be downloaded at [putnamcountyny.com](http://putnamcountyny.com) or filled out on-site. Call 845-808-1390, ext. 43125, for more information.

## Hastings Center to Host Talk

*Ethical implications of genetic engineering*

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, The Hastings Center in Garrison will host a talk by Director of Research Josephine Johnston about the social and policy implications of altering the human genome. The free event begins with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by the lecture at 7 p.m. To RSVP, email Siofra Vizzi at [vizzis@thehastings-center.org](mailto:vizzis@thehastings-center.org) or call 845-424-4040, ext. 202. The center is located at 21 Malcolm Gordon Road off Route 9D.

## Hoots and Hard Cider

*Museum offers nature evening for adults*

Although it typically schedules weekend programs aimed at children, the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in Cornwall will host a party for adults starting at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15. While drinking Brooklyn Hard Cider, attendees will hear a presentation about how to make a yard more inviting to

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A screech owl

*Photo by Jim Ridley*

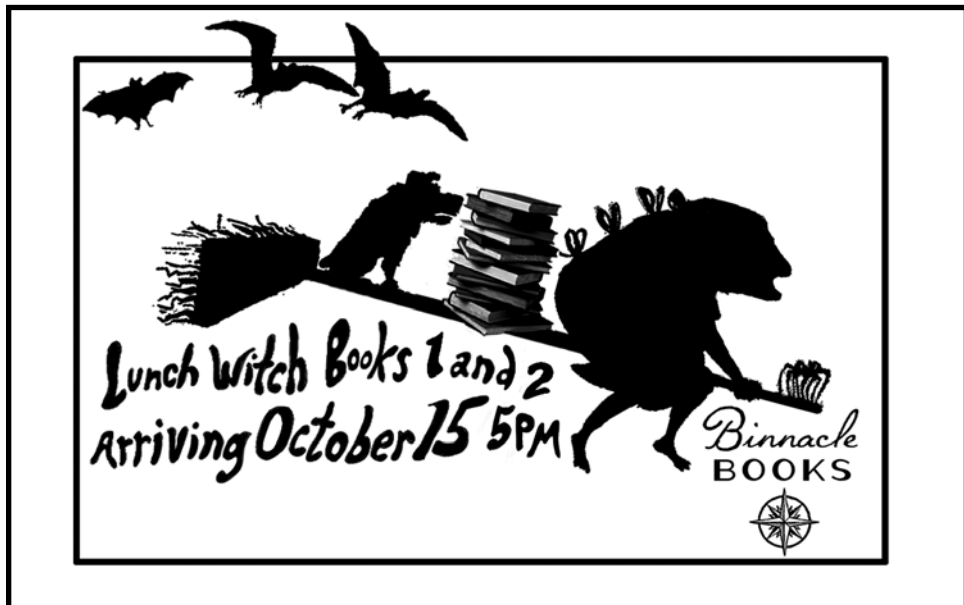


The poet Edward Hirsch

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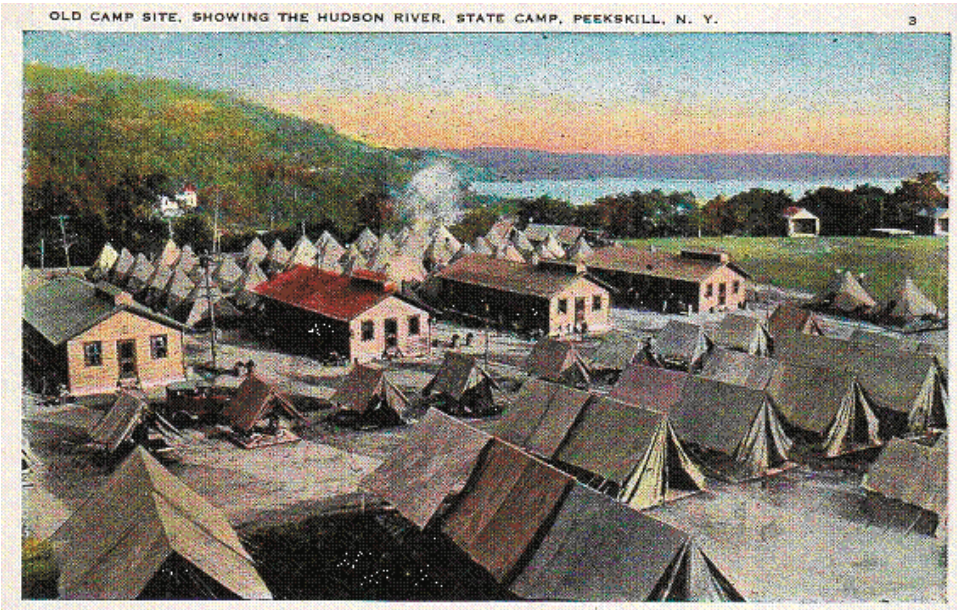


The poet Terrance Hayes





## COMMUNITY BRIEFS



An antique postcard of Camp Smith

owls, who play a valuable role in controlling rodents. Tickets are \$10 (or \$7 for members) at hhn.org.

## History of Camp Smith

*Talk will focus on "facility on the hill"*

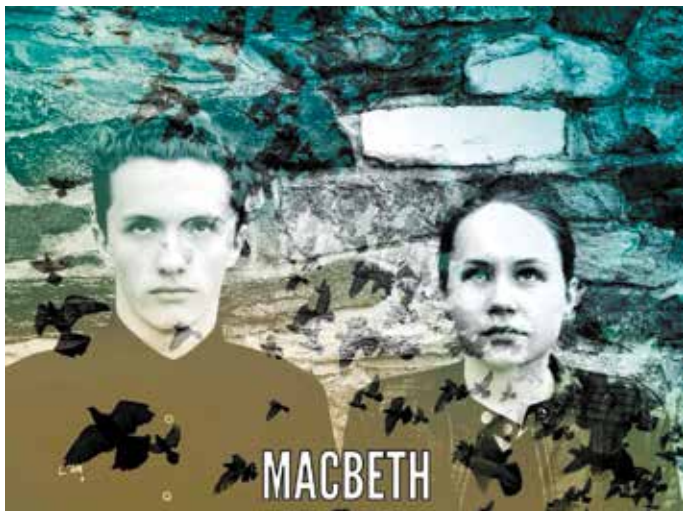
On Saturday, Oct. 8, at 10 a.m., military historian Paul R. Martin III will share the history of Camp Smith in Peekskill from its beginning near the end of the 19th century. The free lecture, presented by the Putnam Valley Historical Society as part of its ongoing *Our American History* series, will take place at the Putnam Valley Free Library at 30 Oscawana Lake Road.

## Beacon

### Macbeth at Beacon High

*Beacon Players to stage play Oct. 14, 15*

The high school drama and arts group known as the Beacon Players has formed a Shakespeare Project to study, discuss and perform the bard's work in small, intimate performances. At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15, the students will present a staging at Beacon High School's Seeger Theater of *Macbeth*. Admission is free but limited to 100 people. Donations are welcome. Email scotplay16@gmail.com to reserve tickets.



## Pumpkin Fest Set for Oct. 16

*Center for Folk Music also holds concert*

The Beacon Sloop Club and the American Center for Folk Music have both planned a day of activity and song on Sunday, Oct. 16. The sloop club's annual Pumpkin Festival takes place at Seeger Riverfront Park from noon to 5 p.m. with pie, cider, crafts, artisans and live music on two stages. The event is free and will be held rain or shine.

At 4 p.m. at Long Dock Park, the ACFM will celebrate its opening in the Scenic Hudson River House. John McCutcheon, Tom Chapin and Joe Louis Walker will perform. The event is free but donations are welcome. In the event of rain, the concert will be held at the Towne Crier Café on Main Street in Beacon.

## Open to the Sky

*Sukkah events begin Oct. 16*

The Beacon Hebrew Alliance and Beacon Arts will kick off the annual Beacon Sukkah Project on Sunday, Oct. 16 in Polhill Park. "A sukkah is a deliberately impermanent structure, with no ceiling or walls," explained Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek. "It is built to enclose, but not to last."

Free daily events are planned from Monday, Oct. 17 through Oct. 23. See beaconhebrewalliance.org/events.

## Navigating Medicare

*AARP expert to speak at Howland*

Medicare open enrollment begins Saturday, Oct. 15, and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Laura Palmer, associate director for AARP New York, will be at the Howland Library in Beacon to offer assistance and answer

questions. To register, call 845-219-5790. The program is sponsored by the In My Mother's House Resource Center.

## Scenes of the Valley

*Rick Gedney show opens at RiverWinds*

Cold Spring painter Rick Gedney takes inspiration from the Hudson River. Born and raised in the suburbs of New

York, he developed an early appreciation for the natural beauty of the Hudson Valley and studied at Franklin College in Indiana under the guidance of realist landscape artist Thomas Locker and abstract expressionist Luigi Crispino.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, the RiverWinds Gallery at 172 Main St. in Beacon will open an exhibit of his latest work with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. The gallery is open from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Monday.



Old Relics, Tarrytown, by Rick Gedney

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## Orleans to D.C.



Former U.S. Rep John Hall, shown here performing at Oblong Books in Rhinebeck on Sept. 22, has published a memoir, *Still the One: My Rock n' Roll Journey from Congress and Back*. A longtime member of the band Orleans, best known for its hits *Still the One* and *Dance With Me*, Hall represented New York's 19th District, which then included Philipstown and Beacon, for two terms before losing his re-election bid to Nan Hayworth in 2010. For more information, visit [johnhallmusic.com](http://johnhallmusic.com).

## Beacon Sells Land for New Affordable Housing *(from Page 6)*

than 30 percent of its gross income on housing costs, which include rent and utilities or a mortgage payment, utilities, insurance and taxes. Therefore, households earning within those ranges would be able to rent Kearney's units at a cost not exceeding 30 percent of their income.

Casale said on Oct. 3 that he expects to discuss with the council how the city will use the \$1.2 million from the sale. Infrastructure improvements might be first on the list of priorities, he said.

Once the sale is finalized, Kearney said he will seek funding from the state's Middle Income Housing Program, an initiative expected to offer \$70 million to affordable housing developments during the 2016-17 fiscal year. Kearney said that his Peekskill and Pough-

keepsie projects were two of the first funded by the highly competitive program "so we're looking to emulate our success there on this site" in Beacon.

The project will need approval from the Beacon Planning Board. The council's resolution only authorized the sale of the land.

When asked how a developer makes money building affordable, rather than market-rate, housing, Kearney said it isn't for everybody. "There are limited profit streams, but we've been able to stay busy for the last 12 years," he said. He said he is filling a "niche within a niche," adding that he built housing on East Main Street in 1989 and has long been interested in returning to the city to construct more.

## Haldane High Named Blue Ribbon School

The U.S. Department of Education has named Haldane High School a National Blue Ribbon School, one of 54 public high schools and 251 public schools across the country to be recognized this year for high performance. Haldane Elementary School received the honor in 1987 and the Garrison School in 2010.

To qualify, a high school must be nominated by the New York State Department of Education, score among the top 15 percent of all schools in the state on standardized tests, place in the top 40 percent among groups such as poor students, English-language learners and special education, and be among the top 15 percent of high schools in the state for graduation rates.

In early November, middle school Principal Julie Sniffen, former Haldane High School principal Brian



Haldane High School

File photo by Michael Turton

Alm, teacher Andrea McCue, who is president of the Haldane Faculty Association, and Superintendent Diana Bowers will travel to Washington, D.C. to accept the award.

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## Two Putnam Groups Receive Big Grants

The private, non-profit Putnam Family and Community Services in Carmel will receive \$1 million over the next five years from the New York State Office of Mental Health to expand programs for older adults facing mental health, substance use and aging-related issues. As lead agency of a partnership between the county Office for Senior Resources and the National Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies/Putnam, PFCS will oversee the mental health component of the new program.

Leading the initiative will be a licensed clinical social worker, care manager, and

recovery coach, as well as nursing and psychiatric supports. The program will identify and offer services to people aged 55 and older whose independence and involvement in the community may be compromised by behavioral health issues.

"This will be an exciting new model of care that will not only involve mobile services for this population, but will also employ telehealth monitoring units for our more fragile individuals," said Alison Carroll, a social worker and vice president of strategic initiatives at PFCS.

The program is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2017.

In Cold Spring, meanwhile, the Glynwood Center has received a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop educational and promotional programs to increase local food sales. The funds are coming from the federal Farmers Market Promotion Program.

### NY Alert

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## Building Code Updates

### State revises 2010 standards

On Monday, Oct. 3, New York State, and, by extension, the Village of Cold Spring, will put into effect updated building and fire codes. Applications filed before that date will be reviewed using the 2010 code. The revisions are mostly minor, although there is a new emphasis on energy conservation, says building inspector Bill Bujarski. He can be reached with questions at [building@coldspringny.gov](mailto:building@coldspringny.gov).

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# Sports

## High School Scoreboard

### Cross Country

Beacon @ Brewster Bear Invitational (5000m) Team finish: 16 of 17

- 24 Jayen Lare 17:11.75
- 81 Richard Kish 19:08.45
- 104 Matthew Dowd 20:09.80
- 111 Stevie Hulse 20:55.11
- 115 Ethan Burgos 21:41.55

### Football

Rye Neck 38, Haldane 21  
Although quarterback Brandon Twoguns threw for 193 yards and two touchdowns (to Thomas Percacciolo and Sean Gannon) and ran for a third, the Blue Devils fell at Rye Neck to drop to 0-4. Next: Oct. 8 at Woodlands.  
Eastchester 20, Beacon 19  
Eastchester scored twice to start the game but the Bulldogs tied it before halftime on a 25-yard run by Andre Davis and a 40-yard interception return by Alex Benson, who returned another interception for a score in the second half. In the fourth quarter, Eastchester drove 90 yards for a TD and hit the extra point to take the lead. The Bulldogs drove to the Eastchester 20-yard line, but Benson's 39-yard field goal attempt with 50 seconds left was wide right. Beacon (2-3) travels to Lincoln on Oct. 8.

### Boys' Soccer

Beacon 1, Lourdes 0  
Beacon 6, Peekskill 3  
Goals: Devin Lambe (2); Assists: Matt Wyant (3)

Putnam Valley 1, Haldane 0  
Coach Stephen Schweikhart: "This was just a great high school soccer game. Both teams played very well in trying weather conditions. Putnam Valley scored with 1 second left in the first half, and we couldn't manage the equalizer."  
Beacon 4, Sleepy Hollow 1  
Beacon 4, Putnam Valley 1  
Haldane 1, Lourdes 1 (2 OT)  
Goal by Kyle Zimmerman on assist from Aidan Siegal  
Beacon 1, Lourdes 0

### Girls' Soccer

Haldane 2, North Salem 0  
Haldane 1, Beacon 0  
Goal: Robin Ben Adi  
Beacon 1, Lakeland 0  
Beacon 4, Peekskill 0  
Haldane 2, Irvington 2 (OT)  
Beacon 3, Lourdes 2 (OT)

### Girls' Tennis

Beacon 4, Pawling 1  
Haldane 5, Beacon 0

### Volleyball

Pawling 3, Haldane 1  
Beacon 3, Somers 1  
Sydney Dexter: 14 assists, 4 aces  
Lourdes 3, Beacon 0  
Henry Hudson 3, Beacon 1  
Kajal Kohl: 12 kills  
Haldane 3, Ketcham 0  
Beacon 3, Sleepy Hollow 0  
Shania Bellamy: 5 aces, 6 digs



Beacon's Dania Gillins, top, and Kaitlyn Bierce compete at the John Jay Cross River meet on Sept. 28.

Photos by Allison Bierce

## Youth Movement for Beacon Swim

The Beacon High School swim team, with 28 girls, is young — very young. The varsity has only two seniors, Amber Butler and Lauren Hernandez. The rest of the team are underclassmen, including eight middle-schoolers. The Bulldogs have struggled, with losses in its first seven meets, but the seniors, juniors Amanda Spadafino and Adrianna

Bonnes and sophomore Cassandra Ruffy have consistently finished first or second in events at several meets and/or established personal bests.

Beacon, which is coached by Sharifa Collins, finishes its season at Ketcham on Oct. 7, at Peekskill on Oct. 14 and at home against Cornwall on Oct. 17.

### Beacon Swim Results (Season)

Peekskill 95, Beacon 79  
Cassandra Ruffy won 100 meter breaststroke in 1:20.37; Claire Wood won 50 freestyle in 29.16.  
Brewster 94, Beacon 76  
Amanda Spadafino, Ruffy, Adrianna Bonnes, Amber Butler won 200 medley relay in 2:14.31. Spadafino won 50 freestyle in 27.72, Jolene Lagunda won 500 freestyle in 6:50.00. Spadafino won 100 backstroke in 1:11.09.  
Lourdes 95, Beacon 67  
Spadafino won 100 backstroke in 1:16.34.

Ardley 87, Beacon 74  
Croton-Harmon/Henry Hudson/Somers 121, Beacon 50  
Natalie Negron, Hanna Burch and Kiara Lambe (eighth graders) swam the 200 individual medley. Spadafino second in 100 backstroke with personal best of 1:11.50.  
John Jay Cross River 90, Beacon 72  
Lauren Hernandez won 500 freestyle in 6:44.22; Ruffy personal best in 100 breaststroke in 1:19.22.  
Lakeland-Panas 92, Beacon 78  
Bonnes personal best in 100 butterfly in 1:19.87.



Tray Murphy (9) of the Philipstown Hawks looks for the end zone during the K-2 flag game on Oct. 1. The Hawks fell to Armonk, 28-21, the third-fourth grade tackle team lost to Ossining, 19-8 and the fifth-sixth grade team fell to Bronxville, 30-6.

Photo by Sheila Williams

## Philipstown Soccer Club Results (Week 4)

### Boys

U16 Chargers 2, Beacon 1  
Latinos de Pok Deportivo Sol 7, U14 Warriors 0  
Rhinebeck 2, U13 Arsenal 1

U11 Strikers 8, Liberty Diablos 1  
U9 Force 5, East Fishkill 0  
Beekman 5, U8 Storm 0

### Girls

Red Hook 5, U12 Phoenix 1

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