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Merchants Happy to See Seastreak Visitors

Crowds are a challenge

By **Michael Turton**

Cold Spring’s autumn economy is booming, and weekend cruises that bring hundreds of shoppers to Main Street are a big part of the surge in business. Last Saturday alone (Oct. 17), 800 passengers disembarked from two Seastreak catamarans that traveled up the Hudson River from Highland, New Jersey, and lower Manhattan. Another 500 came on Sunday.

Having several hundred people descend on Main Street presents challenges, especially for restaurants. But no one was complaining.

“The Columbus Day weekend was my best in 15 years,” said Caryn Cannova, owner of the Kismet gift shop. “The Seastreak is absolutely vital to fourth quarter sales, especially with no Cold Spring by Candlelight,” she said, referring to the popular annual tour of historic homes, traditionally held on the first weekend in December but cancelled for 2015.

Shops get a big boost

Craig Muraszewski, owner of the Cold Spring General Store, used the word “ecstatic” to describe his reaction to the Seastreak visits. “I’m thankful and blessed that they want to come to our little town,” he said.

Muraszewski noted the cruises have helped strengthen ties among local businesses. Last week Main Street business owners circulated emails to provide notice that 800 passengers would land on Saturday. That sort of cooperation, Muraszewski said, “is what really brings people together.”

Leonora Burton, who operates The Country Goose, said her sales have been “very good” as a result of the cruises. “The trip up (Continued on Page 14)



Sidewalks quickly filled as visitors poured into shops and restaurants.

Photo by M. Turton



Fall color near Garrison Dock

Photo by Lucy Freilich

Beacon Voters to Decide on Six City Council Seats

Entire council along with mayor on ballot

By **Jeffrey Simms**

Eleven candidates are vying for the six seats on the Beacon City Council. Voters will decide on Nov. 3 on races that—along with the mayoral contest between Randy Casale and Ron Ray — will set the agenda and tone for their city.

Council members are elected to two-year terms, and every seat is contested at the same time. One representative is elected from each of the city’s four wards, and two at-large members round out the council. In Wards 1 and 3, Democratic incumbents Margaret E. “Peggy” Ross and Pamela Wetherbee are defending against Republican challengers Diane Spiak-Pisanelli and William Irizarry, respectively. In Ward 4, Democratic incumbent Ali T. Muhammad is opposed by Samantha A. Tseng, who belongs to the Beacon Works party—while Ward 2 presents the most unusual race.

Democrat Omar Harper defeated longtime Ward 2 Councilman Charles P. Kelly in the September primary, so Harper is the official Democratic candidate. Harper, however, has also been endorsed by the Dutchess County Republican Committee and will be listed on the ballot as the Republican candidate. His opponent next month, once again, is Kelly — his name on the ballot now as the candidate for the Working Families and Green parties.

Republican Chris Olson is challenging the two Democratic at-large incumbents, Lee Kyriacou and George M. Mansfield.

During the coming term, the council will likely

County Faces Deadline on Ailes’ Money for Senior Center

Odell and Scuccimarra urge legislature to act

By **Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong**

While clearing another legislative hurdle, plans to create a Putnam County senior citizens center at the Butterfield redevelopment became ensnared in fresh complications this week. They included both fears of losing \$500,000 pledged by the Ailes family if the County Legislature fails to soon approve a Butterfield lease and expressions of both enthusiasm and doubt about locating the senior center in the existing Lahey pavilion, which currently

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Part of the old Butterfield Hospital awaits demolition. *Photo by L.S. Armstrong*

address the consolidation of Beacon’s three firehouses and police presence on city streets, among many other issues. To help readers familiarize themselves with the candidates and races, *The Paper* sent four questions to the 10 candidates. The questions and the candidates’ answers are printed below. Some answers were edited slightly due to space constraints, but every effort was made to retain the essence of the candidates’ responses.

1. (Ward candidates) If elected, what is the single biggest issue that you will address in your home ward?

1. (At-large candidates) Explain why the City Council has at-large members, and what, if anything, can they offer that a ward representative cannot?

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Margaret E. “Peggy” Ross



Diane Spiak-Pisanelli

Cook On:
1 part chaos, 2 parts calm

A Toast to France

By Mary Ann Ebner

A short but food-filled visit to see friends in France over the summer centered on art, architecture and history in Paris and Normandy, but the long days of trekking around with museum passes were sustained through meals of all sorts. Yes, Notre Dame ranks as a remarkable creation, but after checking out its wondrous attributes, our family of four was eager to step around the corner to sample Berthillon’s praised ice cream. Counting calories never seriously crossed my mind, and somewhere around 5,000 per day it seemed as if a translation issue could be used as an excuse to disregard any sense of keeping track. Whatever the calorie cost, from enjoying an assortment of delicate *macarons* or a fine coffee, proper protocol called for sampling with appreciation.

I can’t speak for the rest of my family, but the afterglow of France and its food and drink remains with me. Not long after our return home, we hosted a teen student from Paris for two weeks. Igor thanked us with an artisanal box of luxurious chocolate, classic pralines and silky truffles that tasted so rich and indulgent that I was tempted to sign up to host another student. And over the last few months, each bottle of wine that we’ve picked up as a hosting gift or to share at home seems to boast a French label.

Now that autumn has arrived, cool weather delivers the optimal climate to recreate the hearty dishes served with red wine that we discovered as affordable specials of the day in France. Artisan Wine Shop in Beacon offered several French wines and a lineup of California selections



Rich and creamy sliced potatoes

Photos by M.A. Ebner

at its October Second Saturday tasting, which prompted even more French-inspired cooking in my own kitchen. Shop owners Tim Buzinski and Mei Ying So stock more than a few French wines, and they poured several for tasters to try.

“The Mee Godard (Domaine Mee Godard Morgon AOC Grand Cras 2013 France) is from Morgon which is a Cru village in Beaujolais,” Buzinski explained. “This is the kind of gamay that’s not a guzzling wine. It’s sophisticated. You want to have it with food — a roast chicken or pork.”

At this time of year, selecting wines becomes food focused. Many wines stocked at Artisan will age well for a couple of years, but a high volume of bottles leav-



Artisan Wine Shop stocks a broad range of French wines.

ing the shop on Main Street now and in the weeks ahead will be ready to drink and won’t have a chance to age much.

“Most people buying right now are going to be drinking the wine in the next few weeks,” Buzinski said. For an occasion like Thanksgiving, with an array of food selections around most tables, guests will appreciate a wine with structure and character that will enable them

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to taste where a wine comes from.

Co-proprietor Mei Ying So, who along with Buzinski is a Culinary Institute of America graduate, developed an appreciation for French wine during their six weeks of mandatory wines course work at the Culinary Institute, but she credits her partiality to an even earlier experience.

“I got my degree in literary studies with a concentration in French literature and I spent my junior year in Paris,” she said. Though she dedicated far more time to studying in Paris than sampling wine, Mei Ying recalls her time in France fondly. “I do favor French wine in general, and once people taste our wines, they

love it. One of our best-selling reds is the L’effet Papillon. People come back for it.”

We sampled the L’effet Papillon at home and at a modest price it made a welcome companion to dinner, which mirrored one of our Paris meals — bistro fare with a 50-cl carafe of red. Along with a suggestion that Mei Ying recommended, a vegetarian shepherd’s pie loaded with tons of mushrooms, we’ve found a little comfort in a starchy serving that appeared on our plates

with roast duck at a restaurant near Normandy. It may be a distant cousin to your great aunt’s scalloped variation or *Gratin Dauphinois*, the paper-thin potato slices with a crusty baked finish championed by Julia Child. This dish is a simple stovetop preparation, perfect served as a side to just about anything but also so full of warmth that the creamy sauce and thick slices can stand alone as a main course — partnered with a glass of red wine.

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County Faces Deadline on Ailes’ Money for Senior Center *(from page 1)*

houses medical offices.

The legislature’s three-person Physical Services Committee called a special meeting in Carmel for Monday (Oct 19) to review the as-yet secret draft Butterfield lease. Shortly after convening, the committee, joined by the other six legislators, adjourned into a session closed to the press and public, including Butterfield developer Paul Guillaro and Pat Sheehy, director of the county’s Office for Senior Resources, which oversees county senior citizen programs.

The group emerged an hour later to discuss lease-related issues, including a memo received at 3:39 that afternoon. In it, County Executive MaryEllen Odell urged the committee to send the lease to a vote by the full legislature by Nov. 30 to save half a million dollars promised by Roger Ailes, Fox News executive and Garrison resident, and his wife Elizabeth, who publishes *The Putnam County News and Recorder*. “I implore the committee to move this initiative forward,” Odell said.

After debate, the committee granted her request, with two votes in favor and one abstention. The legislature’s next full session not devoted to the 2016 county budget is scheduled for Nov. 4.

\$500,000 endangered?

In her memo, Odell advised the legislature that “time is now running out” because of strictures on the Ailes contribution. “I have been informed by Elizabeth Ailes that the Ailes family not-for-profit corporation must disburse the Bradley Foundation prize money -- \$250,000 which was awarded in 2013 and which is going to be matched by a contribution directly from the Ailes family -- by Nov. 30, or they will be forced to forfeit the funds,” Odell wrote. “It is our fiscal and social responsibility to the people of Putnam County to move this project forward. It would be immensely imprudent to allow this enormous gift of funds to escape us.”

The Aileses said in December 2014 that the prize money must be used by the end of 2015 or it would disappear. Like other recipients, Roger Ailes won a Bradley Prize for individual achievements. In 2013, he explained that he had asked the Bradley Foundation to hold the award for him for use in the senior center.

Legislative input

Last May, when the legislature authorized lease negotiations for the senior center, it was envisioned as going in a new Butterfield structure. Legislator Kevin Wright, inquired why, after some 18 months of Butterfield discussions, “a couple of weeks ago there was this catastrophic failure of engineering” discovered in regard to using a new building. Wright, the committeeman who

abstained from the vote to move the Butterfield lease ahead to consideration by the full legislature, also discounted perceptions that legislators have delayed the project. “We had” a decision on the senior center and its location, he said, but then the preferred site abruptly changed.

Pat Sheehy said drawbacks to a new building became apparent in late summer when she reviewed drawings and realized that the buses transporting senior citizens would leave them at a lower level, forcing them to cross through the building and take an elevator upstairs to the senior facilities. “I became concerned and raised the issue,” she said. In contrast, the Lahey Pavilion, a single-story structure, “offers a tremendous amount of possibilities. We could almost move in there tomorrow,” except for upgrades such as a new kitchen, Sheehy said.

Legislator Roger Gross agreed that the Lahey building was the best choice. However, he observed that “we had a – I won’t say a threatening letter – but a letter saying ‘time is of interest’ and you’d better do it by Nov. 30 or else. I don’t like being put in that corner.” He proposed that the Ailes money go into an escrow account.

Legislator Dini LoBue, too, applauded the features of the Lahey Pavilion, including its spaciousness. Even so, she said, “I have questions about the lease. I have money questions.” She reminded her colleagues they are deeply immersed in budget-preparation. “Now,” she continued, “we’ve gotten a letter saying that all of a sudden the money is going to expire. I wish it had been sent a couple of months ago by the people that possess the money... . The timing is terrible. It’s the first time an issue of this magnitude has been squeezed in with the budget.”

She recommended a cost-benefit analysis for using the Lahey Pavilion versus a new building, a suggestion also made by Wright. Along with Wright and Gross, LoBue likewise recommended they explore putting the Ailes money into escrow.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, who represents Philipstown and has long backed a senior center at Butterfield, advocated action: “We’ve seen the numbers; we’ve seen the space. Let’s get this lease signed and then look into it and find out what the costs are. You know the

costs are going to be tremendously lower [with Lahey] than the ‘vanilla box’ we were getting” in a new building.

Scuccimarra also said the Aileses “came forward and graciously gave \$500,000 to our seniors because they’re so passionate that they want these seniors to have a wonderful facility. They’re like I am: It’s been so long. Government works so slow.”

Legislator Carl Albano, who chairs both the Physical Services Committee and the full legislature, said originally the county expected to spend \$700,000 to \$1 million on the senior center but that with the Lahey building, “we’re going to be spending a lot less.” With the lease signed, the county also can try to obtain grants, “a strong possibility,” he said. Albano promised input from engineering experts on the feasibility and costs associated with the Lahey Pavilion.

Earlier in the evening, Paul Guillaro told *The Paper* that upon learning of concerns about senior citizens’ access to a new building, he met with county officials in Carmel to find an alternative. He said he asked New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, which operates the Lahey Pavilion, about moving its medical offices to the new building and they were amenable.

State-level efforts

When presenting a draft county budget on Oct. 1, Odell mentioned assistance from state Sen. Sue Serino and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef to get New York State funds for the senior center.

Odell requested Serino, who chairs the state Senate Committee on Aging, for help in obtaining \$500,000 in state funds for the center. On Monday, Serino wrote Odell “to express my genuine support for the Butterfield redevelopment project” and senior center, but did not mention pursuit of the \$500,000 or suggest another amount.

Galef, who has led efforts to obtain \$250,000 in grants, said on Oct. 16 that the county must first submit details on utilizing the money, “so the Assembly and Dormitory Authority can properly evaluate” it.

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Sheriff’s Deputies Arrest Two People

One charged with larceny; the other with failure to appear

Putnam County Sheriff’s Department deputies on Oct. 4 arrested a Westchester County woman after a series of thefts at the Garrison Golf Club. Meghan Gilbert, 21, of Buchanan, has been charged with grand larceny in the fourth degree, a felony.

Authorities allege that over the course of three weeks, while employed in the pro shop at the club, located on Route 9, Gilbert stole \$1,150 from the register. She was arraigned before Town of Putnam Valley Justice Louis DiCarlo and released on her own recognizance pending an appearance in the Town of Philipstown Justice Court.

On Oct. 14 in Nelsonville, meanwhile, Deputy Brian Aisenstat made a traffic stop and recognized one of the passengers as a Brooklyn man wanted by Cold Spring police for failing to appear to answer felony drug charges. After being arraigned in Village of Cold Spring Justice Court, Kevin B. Sola, 21, posted a \$2,500 cash bail pending a Nov. 18 court date.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Robert Flaherty for Town Board

I would like to encourage my fellow residents of Philipstown to support Bob Flaherty in the upcoming Town Board election. I have known him and his extended family for more than 25 years and have seen him in a variety of roles that have had a positive impact on our community, and I'd like to thank him for that.

From Little League coach to vendor of \$1 hot dogs at Philipstown Soccer Club matches, Bob has repeatedly supported the youth in our community. His gift has been a willingness to listen, guide, pitch in and do the work. This willingness will be a continuing asset to the activities of our Town Board as it faces the many challenges that lie ahead. Please give Bob your support in this election. He's earned it.

Phil Heffernan, *Cold Spring*

Lithgow Osborne for County Legislator

Philipstown deserves strong representation at the county government in Carmel. We need Lithgow Osborne as our county legislator.

For as long as I can remember, our part of Putnam has been stuck with county legislators who simply act as a rubber stamp for the county executive and not as advocates for the needs of our community. Lithgow will change that.

When our current legislator was asked what she would do as county legislator, she replied that she intended to implement County Executive MaryEllen Odell's programs — which means a laser focus on Carmel and Odell's political backers — not on us.

Our tax money goes to pay for things like a golf course and other pet projects of the county executive instead of services for Philipstown. Our current legislator proudly talks about helping find space for a senior center, but does nothing about getting funding to staff it. She even failed to make certain the center has a kitchen. So the center will be bringing food from the outside.

When she ran for office, our current legislator vowed to bring back to Philipstown at least some of the sales tax revenue that our town's merchants send to the county each year – the practice of almost every county in New York (but not Putnam). When elected, her tune changed, because that is not something that her leader, Odell, wants. Odell wants to keep control of tax revenues because the less fiscally responsible towns in eastern Putnam use the taxes Philipstown sends to Carmel to fill in the shortfalls in those towns' budgets.

So, we are working for Carmel instead of Carmel working for us. That has to stop — and Lithgow is the one to stop it.

Margaret Yonco-Haines, *Garrison*

This senior will vote for Lithgow Osborne for county legislator. Lithgow understands what is of vital concern to us seniors: an ever-escalating tax burden that is the product of an irresponsible Republican majority in the county government. It is costing us more than \$150 million annually to run Putnam County! A growing burden on all of us, especially

on those of us on a fixed income.

Why is Putnam County's sales tax greater than Westchester County's?

Why do my taxes subsidize a County Golf Club? I don't understand why we taxpayers are in competition with private enterprise.

Osborne supports a senior center on this side of the county, but he questions the current proposal to enter into a long-term, expensive rental agreement with the developer of the Butterfield property. Wouldn't a more thoughtful and less expensive approach entail a partnership with our Philipstown Recreation Department?

This "old timer" knows that Lithgow Osborne is the man for the job. His efforts will save us seniors some real money.

John Benjamin, *Garrison*

Tina Merando for Town Clerk

Tina Merando is one of the most dedicated of all of our elected officials. I appreciate her openness to all of the people in our town. She has the experience, passion and knowledge to run Town Hall and does a great job. It is important to keep this transparent professionalism in the town clerk's office. I am proud to be voting for Tina M. Merando for Philipstown town clerk on Nov. 3.

As a reminder, without a presidential or high-profile race, many will not vote this year and people like Tina need your support If you really care, join me at the polls on Election Day.

Dorothy Jackson

Carl Frisenda for Highway Superintendent

I have been fortunate over the last several months to get to know Carl Frisenda, and I am so pleased he decided to run for Philipstown highway superintendent this year. As chair of the Philipstown Democrats, I can say that we don't randomly choose to back a candidate for office, we wait until we find someone who is well qualified and ready to step up to the job. Carl is both.

As a 34-year veteran of the Putnam County Highway Department, Carl knows roads. As a lifelong resident of Philipstown, he knows our roads. He has experience as both a manager and a worker. Carl is not a big talker, and he is certainly not someone who is comfortable blowing his own horn. As a result, he is someone who knows how to listen.

When it is time to make difficult decisions about how to maintain our many miles of road, it's important to have someone in the office of highway superintendent who is able to listen to what the people of the town want, and who has sufficient experience to make appropriate choices. Carl is the right person for this job. Please cast your vote for Carl Frisenda on Nov. 3.

Kim Conner, *Cold Spring*

I am writing to support Carl Frisenda as the next Town of Philipstown highway superintendent. I have known Carl for more than 45 years. Not only did we grow up in the same town, we have worked together over the years. We both worked for the County of Putnam over

several years during snowstorms. Carl has also worked for me as a truck driver when I have needed him.

Carl is a hardworking person and does his work well. He is not afraid of hard work and will make sure jobs are done and done right. Carl is always willing to work with others and help others whenever he can.

Carl is an honest man. I have trusted him driving my trucks and operating my machinery. Carl has years of experience with all different kinds of construction trucks and equipment. He knows how to maintain and rebuild roads.

Carl will make a great highway superintendent for the Town of Philipstown and I fully support him.

Ernest W. Lyons, *Cold Spring*

Craig Watters for Town Board

Without hesitation, I would openly like to declare my support of Craig Watters for the position of councilor on the Philipstown Town Board. I have spoken with Craig at length in regards to what he would bring to the table in order to benefit and best represent the women and men of Philipstown, and I have in every instance walked away with a sense of enlightenment on issues I care about most.

Environmentally, fiscally and socially speaking, Craig seems to have a very clear and executable vision for our community, and the intelligence and open-minded approach needed to see his and our vision reach fruition.

Craig epitomizes a hard work ethic, determination, fairness and compassion. Through these qualities Craig will be able to bring a new and much-needed voice and experience to the Philipstown Town Board. Vote for Craig on Nov. 3. He is what Philipstown politicians are lacking, and that is true integrity and full transparency.

Yes indeed, he is a thoughtful, bright, educated individual who truly thinks for himself, truly has the best interests of his Philipstown neighbors at heart, and isn't just another bobbleheaded bobblehead.

Russ Cusick, *Cold Spring*

I believe that the overwhelming majority of people in town on both sides of the aisle would agree that as long as things are done in a responsible way and use common sense that there is nothing wrong with being pro-business. That's why I believe that Craig Watters is a breath of fresh air for the current race for Town Board.

As an outsider to politics he brings good old-fashioned common sense to the table. Besides that, he is not from within the current "establishment." Would it be bad to have someone speak common sense and be from a different political party on the town council? I think not. That would go a long way in helping the rest of us feel like we had someone on the Town Board representing our values.

If you are a neighbor in Philipstown you should be concerned with what happens in your community. If "all politics is local," as a wise man once said, you should get out and vote for one of your fellow neighbors who is running for the town council. I'm voting for Craig Watters.

Rich Pepe, *Continental Village*

Shea Seeks Re-Election Because ‘I Still Have Work to Do’

Runs unopposed as Philipstown supervisor

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

First elected as Philipstown town supervisor in 2009, Richard Shea, a Democrat, seeks another, two-year term. *The Paper* interviewed him on Wednesday (Oct. 21). The questions and his answers follow, edited slightly for conciseness.

After six years as town supervisor, why do you want to continue in office?

I still have work to do. I still enjoy the work, so there are things I'd like to finish. The Fjord Trail is one thing I'm very excited about. The improvement to Town Hall is another thing I want to see through. I don't want to hand off these buildings, in the condition they're currently in, to the next person. Yes, the infrastructure projects are things I'd like to see accomplished. That's going to take more than myself, to take board members, everybody working together.

I think I have a good financial record with the town. I'm fiscally responsible and we've established fund balances and just done a lot of good work over the last six years to bring the town to rights.

What experiences in your time as supervisor qualify you for another term?

The real test by fire was Hurricane Irene. My first term we dealt with back-to-back disasters, Irene and, the following year, Sandy. They were devastating events. A lot of people lost property and houses and we were able to get our elected officials here on the ground quickly. We got Sen. Charles Schumer here. He brought the regional director of FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). And that sort of thing is not done through luck. It's done through perseverance. It made a huge difference to have him [Schumer] here. And we've been made whole again; we got a lot of FEMA funding. It was a lot of work to get the money, but he set it in motion.

I've done infrastructure projects. I did the Garrison water district. I've done a comprehensive insurance review for the town that saved us over \$1 million over the past 10 years. I've been a great steward of the budget over the years. Every year the tax cap has been out, [and] the year prior to that, we've been under the cap. These are all experiences during tough economic times that give me the skill set to continue.

What are your priorities?

It's always going to be about taxpayer dollars ... trying to give the best service for the least amount of money.

What did you want to do in January 2010 that you'd still like to do?

A lot of the things we've set out to do we've done. We started with the [new] zoning. That was a big, heavy lift and was eventually passed with a lot of consensus. I think that goes a long way to preserving the things everybody values here.

We're not the kind of board that when an overwhelming majority of people have a bad feeling about something, we pursue it. One of the efforts we had recently was the mass-gathering law, this well-intentioned idea to try to help non-profits do some things they wouldn't normally be able to do. The public came out strongly against it. We got a lot of input and it just seemed like it was too problematic to pursue, so we didn't.

I saw someone calling it a "government over-reach." I don't know where they come up with this stuff. This is not

national politics; with a lot of these initiatives, it's just [something] on a local level. It leads to discussions among citizens and the Town Board and it either works and goes forth on its merits or it doesn't. When people start throwing around these national-level terms, I wonder what's driving that. It's politics: trying to create a sense of unease, or that something is wrong, or that the Town Board is doing something wrong, which is not true.

We don't have closed-door meetings. This is your local Town Board, somebody you can see at Foodtown. You can call them. You can come to a meeting. It's sort of the best form of government because you have direct access to your elected officials.

One of the things talked about in the past was a property re-valuation. Is that still on tap?

We've been chipping away at it. The assessor is collecting all the data. We're trying to set ourselves up so we save some money when we do it, because doing a re-val is really expensive. We do need to do it. But where do you come up with the \$250,000, when you have all these other priorities?

There was a hard look and change made in Continental Village to assist people in the Lakeland School District. People don't realize how much higher the Lakeland school taxes are than either Haldane or Garrison. We went in and re-assessed a whole block of homes and were able to drop their assessed value about 7 percent. That was wiped out in the following year's school budget. The assessed values there and the school tax bills are just outrageously high. We don't have a lot of control over school taxes.

New York State is pressuring local governments to share functions, run more efficiently, and consolidate. This has been discussed for years in Philipstown; yet little has happened. Why?

You can consolidate. It doesn't always lead to savings. People are saying: "Why don't we consolidate highway departments?" You could do that. I'm not against exploring the idea, but these things don't happen overnight. Just because you con-



Richard Shea Photo by L.S. Armstrong

solidate doesn't mean you're getting rid of personnel, equipment. Village streets still have to be taken care of. Town roads still have to be taken care of.

So I don't know how much of a savings you'd actually generate ... whether you'd realize any benefit at all. It's something that would have to be studied. We already share services for highways with the village when they need things we have. We share with the county - we loan them equipment, they loan us equipment. So there is some consolidation.

With the building departments, I think it would be an easier lift. We discussed it with the Village [of Cold Spring]. We made an offer; at that time they weren't ready to do it. Now our building inspector has taken over doing the inspections on Butterfield, so we're doing some consolidation there. We'll probably wind up this year doing something with Nelsonville.

I think the [justice] courts could pretty easily be consolidated. Maybe when the Butterfield project is done, everybody

can look at the potential for a courtroom there. But then there's the expense of setting up a courtroom. Even with the courts, I don't know that you'd see huge savings. I think it needs to be looked at: Will we actually yield some savings, or wind up with better service for the same amount of money? Those would be two reasons for doing it.

There's always talk of further consolidation [in emergency services]. That sort of thing has to come from the inside, sort of organically. You can't make these huge leaps overnight.

You are running unopposed again. Why do you think the Republicans and minor parties have stopped fielding candidates against you?

I can't speak for anybody except to say that perhaps people are satisfied with the job I'm doing. I just feel like there's this sense of "what is it that someone else would do differently or improve on?" It's a lot of work to run for office. It's a big toll. A lot of people don't want to take on the burden of the work, either. You see what happens.

We've gone through some meetings this year that were less than pleasant. I was a little surprised and disappointed at some of the discourse, things I'd not seen in the past. Some things said during this discussion of paving were just out-and-out wrong. You can't defame [someone's] character... It's not right. So it was a little discouraging.

Any other thoughts?

I still enjoy the job. It's an honor to work for the people of Philipstown. And it's been extremely rewarding to see things get done.



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Beacon Voters to Decide on Six City Council Seats *(from Page 1)*

2. What is the single biggest issue that the City Council must address?
3. (Incumbents) What initiative are you most proud of from your previous term?
3. (Challengers) What can you offer Beacon citizens that the incumbent has not?
4. What skills or experience qualifies you to serve as a council member?

Ward 1

Margaret E. “Peggy” Ross (D, incumbent)

1. The biggest issue facing Ward 1 is one that is going to be a challenge to the whole city. How do we best rezone the waterfront while ensuring broad public access and enjoyment, while maintaining its natural beauty and promoting its link to Main Street business and street life? We need to develop a plan that will ensure that Metro-North (and other projects) will develop within our borders as an asset and destination that serve Beacon’s best interests. We got started by zoning the linkage zone but now we need to finish the task.

2. It would be shortsighted to pick just one single issue since so many consequential issues are intertwined: Smart planning, development, parking and maintaining aging infrastructure while holding the line on taxes form a nexus of challenges that we need to consider as a whole. We have great talent in Beacon. In the past, the community has pooled resources in developing our comprehensive plan (due for updating) and rezoning. I would hope that we can engage talented citizens from all sectors of the Beacon community in planning and envisioning our future.

3. I’m proud that the initiatives that I’ve originated are on-going, future-oriented projects that will benefit Beacon in the long run. Among the initiatives I’ve founded or co-founded are PlanBeacon, SolarizeBeacon and other sustainably based initiatives. My hope and intention is that sustainable planning and renewable energy initiatives will continue whether I remain in office or not.

4. I have been a teacher, school principal and director of several non-profits and charitable foundations, including the Schwab Charitable Fund, which had \$100 million in assets when I left. I was the founding director of Principal for a Day, a citywide program that brought 1,000 civic and community leaders into the New York City public schools and then nurtured partnerships between businesses and schools. But equally important to running various large-scale programs, I am a grandparent and care deeply about our future and the future of our city, which may be my strongest qualification.

Diane Spiak-Pisanelli (R)

1. I feel the consolidating of the three firehouses and building a new one [is the biggest issue]. That has been what my ward is talking about on my campaign trail. The three firehouses need so much work done; we would only be throwing good money after bad. So with the thought of selling off the three buildings, getting them on the tax rolls to bring more revenue to the city, and then going ahead with a new firehouse. I still need to listen to what the other wards have to say before I would make a final decision on this.

2. The biggest issue is a continuing issue: we need to keep taxes down. Hold the line on spending. Smart growth. I am concerned that raising taxes will force people out of the city they love. Consolidating services with other municipalities would be a big help. Stop all the stalling on decision-making; council-

people are only on for a two-year term. I feel I was getting things moving in the right direction, then all Democrats were elected and seems like the same issues are on the table being discussed again. Time is wasted and time is money.

3. I can only answer this from what Ward 1 constituents have said to me, and they feel the incumbent made promises when she was running for office, but none of what was promised has been done. They feel she has not contributed much to the council at all.

4. I served on the City Council from 2012-2013, and my accomplishments during that time were as follows:

- Reduced city spending by \$250,000
- Settled three main city employee union contracts
- Hired a new police chief
- Hired a new fire chief
- Saved money on health insurance
- Rezoned central Main Street business district and linkage zone
- Launched the first dedicated bus line

I believe in getting things done and not having issues stalled for long periods of time. I got issues resolved to keep moving this great city forward. When I was on the City Council, I had an open door policy with my constituents. I took emails and phone calls and brought them forth to be discussed at council meetings and got them resolved. If I am elected once again my policy still stands: open door policy.

Ward 2

Omar Harper (D & R)



Omar Harper

1. My single biggest issue is the use of funds for updating parts of our ward that our youth use, namely the community center and riverfront basketball court. These present viable ways for our youth to use their time constructively and both of the facilities aren’t in use due to their condition.

2. Gentrification is becoming a huge issue in the city. Beacon has made some beautiful strides over the past five years, but it’s becoming an issue that people from here can’t live here any more. So, trying to temper our growth intelligently, so we can have a mix of newer residents as well as the residents who have been born and raised here.

3. I am someone who is in touch with the heart of the ward. I coach the youth of Beacon in two different sports, and many of them are in this ward. I spend hours with the parents and children of Beacon.

4. My personal mentorship of the youth in the community gives me an ear to a different point of view, as well as my in-depth understanding of the real estate market and the inner workings of it.

Charles P. Kelly (Working Families & Green, incumbent)

1. The biggest ward issue in this election is constituent advocacy. Due to my extensive experience as a professional negotiator, a labor union advocate, a professor of political science, a depart-



Charles P. Kelly

ment chairman, a political party committee chair, a community mediator, an employee/employer arbitrator, and my years as a city councilman, I have the skills to be an effective spokesperson for Ward 2 residents. When senior citizens and other public transit users asked me to get involved with securing a bus stop shelter in front of Forrestal Heights public housing, I was able, after surprising opposition, to get a bus stop shelter there as well as throughout the city. Similarly, when asked by a constituent why no restroom facility existed for the basketball league players and their fans at South Avenue Park, I lobbied on their behalf and secured them a portable restroom for the basketball league season.

When the niece of a former Ward 2 resident called to get guidance on how she could help a veteran who might become homeless if he did not get immediate attention, I called a friend in Veteran Affairs who found shelter and provided the necessary assistance. The ability to act as an effective spokesperson comes from years of professional training and many years of municipal government experience.

2. The single most important issue for city government is continuing our progress. Our positive future cannot be taken for granted. A critical issue in maintaining our past success is living within our collective means. The balance we have struck between the old and the new can only be maintained if we avoid taxing people out of their homes. We should shun using gimmicks that attempt to camouflage hidden taxation. The state government has placed a tax cap on municipalities to control runaway spending. Despite this cap there are ways around it. I led the fight against blindly approving an over-cap resolution as budget error insurance before we had our final budget review. I also effectively led the council opposition to the proposed garbage pick-up fee.

I voted against the new garage contracts because I believed we were over spending. I made it clear that I do not oppose a new garage but I am against spending too much money for one. The latest site potentially removes six acres from the tax rolls and returns the first site to New York State, which does not pay taxes. This \$3 million price tag, or 30 percent [of the] cost of the entire project, cannot be justified by the \$1 purchase price the city paid for swampland. The \$10 million price tag could mean a 6 percent increase in our taxes. The same sum has been associated with building an (unnecessary at this time) new firehouse. A 12 percent tax increase in 2017 could be crippling for many homeowners.

3. The initiative I am most proud of in my last term is ending the practice of blindly approving the over-cap resolution as budget error insurance. The city administration and council must be more disciplined in budget-making and the tax levy.

4. My experience, skills in conflict reso-

lution and time served on council qualify me for re-election. One needs to listen attentively, think critically and act diplomatically to be an effective councilman. My record working with three mayors (Republicans as well as Democrat) demonstrates that I can work constructively and achieve what I believe is best for Beacon.

Ward 3

William Irizarry (R) (No response)

Pamela Wetherbee (D, incumbent)



Pamela Wetherbee

1. It is hard to come up with one single issue for this ward. I can sum it up that I will continue to address the concerns of the residents of Ward 3. The majority of complaints are quality of life issues; future housing construction; and vehicles issues, such as speeding, wrong-way drivers and ATVs.

2. Smart growth throughout the city. This includes our firehouse consolidation, parking issues and future construction.

3. I pushed for the City Council to address the Beacon Pool. I am happy to report that the pool was opened this summer after years of being closed and being filled with dirty water. This summer our residents and neighbors enjoyed a wonderful pool season and we look forward to many more.

4. I have been a resident of Beacon for almost 30 years. I got involved in politics after being my neighborhood advocate for quality of life issues. I am a Certified Financial Planner® and have worked in the financial securities industry for over 20 years.

Ward 4

Ali T. Muhammad (D, incumbent)



Ali T. Muhammad

1. When re-elected, I intend to focus on specific traffic and safety issues facing Ward 4. After listening to many constituents’ ideas regarding this issue, I feel confident working with Beacon’s city administrator, the Safety and Traffic Committee, and any volunteers willing to commit to developing achievable solutions.

2. The single biggest issue facing Beacon is traffic and safety. I will continue to work with the community to develop achievable solutions. *(Continued on next page)*

con’s City Council is bridging the divide within our community. The City Council must encourage the collaboration between longstanding and newer residents. More specifically, engaging longstanding members of the Beacon community in Main Street businesses whilst educating newer residents on the traditions of our historic community as they continue to revitalize our neighborhoods. Tourists often come to Beacon to visit DIA and hike Mount Beacon but overlook the attractions and businesses on our Main Street. Our council needs to reconsider the use of Airbnb, develop a linkage zone committee, promote and advertise programs, forums, businesses, and organizations better.

3. I’m most proud of what transpired after a candlelit vigil I organized in Beacon during the turbulent community/police relations our nation was facing last fall. Mayor Casale saw my initiative and took a proactive approach, setting a meeting with religious and community leaders. That meeting resulted in a group called Beacon Speaks Out, which has not only improved our city’s community/police relations but also gave residents an opportunity to utilize their voices, allowing leaders and organizers to develop achievable solutions to such a sensitive issue.

4. I’ve been volunteering and active in the Beacon community since I was 14. I consider human service the most valuable thing I can do. I have the intangibles of a leader. My communication skills make me accountable and available but also allow me to capably represent constituents.

Samantha A. Tseng (Beacon Works)



Samantha A. Tseng

1. A profound issue in Ward 4 that I want to address is the current sense of constituent priority. There are many concerns within Ward 4 that have not been addressed. One resident had an issue that they wanted to report for three months that went unnoticed until I reported the issue myself. My ward deserves a representative who is willing to invest more time and attention in their constituents and develop new ways to improve our political landscape. More outlets need to be established so that Ward 4 residents can communicate more effectively with their representative and resolve concerns. I have started to address this issue by creating a website for Ward 4 called www.Beaconward4.com and a website with the details of my platform on www.BeaconWorks.org. I plan to establish outlets online and offline that residents can access to ensure better communication and information.

2. Beacon needs a more open and progressive local government. We need to involve our residents in decisions more often and approach politics in a different way. We need to not only provide more opportunities and outlets for residents to voice their concerns, but ensure that we have answered them. It is very easy to just tell us what we can’t do. Let’s have a conversation about what we can do and see where it takes us. This campaign season demonstrates our current

weaknesses. Voters have not been given many chances to meet and question candidates. I have witnessed many voters expressing frustration and feeling that they are being deprived. They are absolutely right. Newspaper articles are helpful, but they are released very close to election day. Palm cards and flyers are vague and often don’t address key issues. I feel that voters deserve a fair timeframe to make their choice, as their votes will impact them for years after. I plan to improve [the] campaign season for voters of all affiliations so that they are more informed and the political process is a more positive experience for them.

3. My opposition has mentored local children in the past; however, I have not seen any changes in Ward 4 since his term as councilman began in 2013. As the candidate with life-long knowledge of Ward 4, I know our youth need much more than mentoring to succeed. Our youth deserve a leader willing to push for youth programs beyond athletics, who will promote opportunities that contribute to quality of life, and who has a passion for improving and contributing to local education outside of politics. As a younger candidate of 19 years and recent Beacon High School graduate, I can also relate to local youth. Additionally, I am dedicated to not only being involved with local youth, the arts, and education, but also to preserving Beacon’s history, paying more attention to our elderly residents, encouraging more volunteerism, and ensuring our people are not only heard, but listened to. Our youth, arts, education, history, elderly, and volunteerism are just some parts of Beacon’s identity. It is vital that we preserve our past as we move forward, as well as provide the next generation with the tools needed to thrive.

4. As a resident of Beacon and Ward 4 resident since age 4, a volunteer for local organizations since age 12, and a Fashion Institute of Technology honors student, I know I can bring new ideas and solutions to local issues that have yet to be addressed. My current full-time commuting and working student status shows that I can multitask effectively, have perseverance, and a good work ethic. I have a strong civic mind and intend to take \$10,000 of my two-year salary and donate it to benefit my ward.

At-large

Lee Kyriacou (D, incumbent)



Lee Kyriacou

1. At-large members provide constituents with more than a single ward council member to represent them and help with problems. Ward seats provide newcomers an opportunity to run for office without running citywide, thereby improving diversity of representation and viewpoints on the council.

2. Sound community-involved planning to proactively manage our rapid redevelopment — for parking and traffic on our dense and crowded Main Street, for community-supported development on our waterfront/train station, for access, and traffic for our large creekside projects.

3. The level of scrutiny of plans and budgets (I do planning and budgeting for my career) has risen measurably with my return to [the] City Council. As a single example, the council stopped automatically voting to override the property tax cap, which it had done in all prior years of the tax cap.

4. Seven terms on [the] City Council, beginning in 1993 when Beacon was still declining as a community. I led council efforts in 1990s and 2000s to preserve single-family neighborhoods, phase out ground floor Main Street apartments and eliminate [the] city incinerator on the Hudson River. Head of planning and budgeting at two major financial institutions; graduate degrees from Yale in law and economics.

George M. Mansfield (D, incumbent)



George M. Mansfield

1. Having served six years as a city councilman, I have found that the at-large position allows for a broader focus on the issues and challenges our city faces. The position also allows for greater accessibility for my constituents. Everyone knows they can come to me with suggestions, concerns and complaints, regardless of their ward. With two at-large and one ward representative, all residents of Beacon have three advocates to address their immediate needs on [the] council.

2. The single biggest issue facing our city today is affordability and gentrification. We enjoy today the many fruits of sound planning, active community involvement and some luck to have become a jewel of the Hudson Valley. But our successes may come at a cost we don’t anticipate. As we see taxes rise by increments, cost of services increase and housing demands begin to outweigh supply, we may find that those most vulnerable in our community can no longer afford to call it home. I believe it is the responsibility of an elected official to serve not only our current residents but also the residents of our future. We must remain vigilant of the hidden impacts of hyper-growth and constantly review what we truly value as a community. We must legislate and plan according to those values. I believe the key to our future as a compassionate and sustainable community lies, in part, at our waterfront. It is the final area listed in our comprehensive plan to be rezoned in our city. Zoned correctly, it has the potential to create many jobs, reduce the tax burden of current residents and become a destination for businesses and tourists alike. I will advocate strongly for a commercial zone that would expand our tax base while having minor impacts on our services.

3. After three terms in office, the thing I am most proud of is the renewed attention being paid to our aging infrastructure. It is never easy to spend significant sums on things unseen, but left ignored we risk jeopardizing all that is. The willingness of recent administrations to invest in what is essentially our foundation will provide a sound footing for our future growth.

Though it gave me great pleasure to see the smiling faces at our recently opened pool this summer, I smile widest knowing that our sewage no longer empties into the Hudson or floods the homes of our tax payers. There are countless ways to spend tax dollars. I am proud to be among those that understand the value and importance of balancing the long- and short-term needs of our community.

4. Besides my experience on the council and the two years I served on the Beacon Planning Board, I have been self-employed for most of my adult life. Until opening my restaurant, Dogwood, three years ago, I was a carpenter and general contractor. I’ve learned many things from the precarious life of the self-employed. I’ve learned to manage money in lean times, to work within a budget, and, most importantly, to value the wisdom of those with whom I work. Those lessons have served me well on [the] council. Additionally, I am a visual artist that pioneered many of the fringe neighborhoods in New York City, which today have become highly coveted. I have been at the forefront of gentrification and have seen its advantages and pitfalls. Places I called home are unrecognizable today. I do not wish to wake some day in Beacon to a town I no longer know. We must grow with intention, compassion, respect for our past and a sustainable vision for our future.

Chris Olson (R)



Chris Olson

1. Beacon is a great city and I’m running for City Council to be part of a new team. There are items we need to act on: firehouse consolidation, a new highway building, upgrading our aging infrastructure, and a plan on how to develop our city to accommodate more residents while keeping prices down for those that are here. That’s where we need to review our city charter. It’s time for change on the council. Some members have been there for decades. I am a fresh face with new ideas that embrace the past but look forward to the future. I can offer the help to individual ward representatives and offer my advice on issues that have to do with their ward.

2. I believe one big issue that the City of Beacon needs to address is its infrastructure. Our sewers and water pipes have been aging and we need to update those issues.

3. I am a fresh new face for Beacon residents to speak to. I have been a Beacon resident for 11 years and lived in the Hudson Valley for close to 20 years. I am a respected community volunteer with outstanding values and morals and can be a great asset to the citizens of Beacon.

4. I volunteer for the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps more than 14 hours a week. As an educator and administrator, I have become a great listener and will use that skill for the concerns of the City of Beacon. I have been in politics since the 1980s, when I started a Young Republican club in school and helped out various campaigns. Now I believe it is my time to help our citizens personally and professionally.



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The Calendar



Gabriel Fountain (right) and his service dog, Jem, who has been with him for two years.



The Weiner family, including Lucas (third from left, front row) with his service dog, Raphael.

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Nicky Mitrione (right), with his Guiding Eyes dog, Kelso. They have been together for two years.

Breeding and Training Service Dogs

GETFB now also offers autism assistance

By Alison Rooney

Teamwork is what it's all about at Guiding Eyes For the Blind (GEFTB). Partnerships not just between a visually-impaired person and a service

dog, but also partnerships of carefully selected breeding pairs, between volunteer puppy raisers and home socializers and from scientists to kennel volunteers who form one large team with one goal in mind. That goal described by Cold Spring's Seamus Carroll, a GEFTB board member, is "to breed guide dogs and train dog and human teams to work together. Historically this was for the

visually impaired."

More recently, along with their longstanding visually-impaired services, GEFTB has introduced programs pairing dogs trained in different ways, to work with those on the autism spectrum.

Founded in 1954, GEFTB is one of the three largest breeding and training facilities in the U.S., with clients from across the country. It consists of two sites, the original training facility in Yorktown Heights, and a breeding and birthing center, the Canine Development Center, which, completely renovated and enhanced, re-opened this past September in Patterson, New York.

GEFTB is involved in the complete life cycle of their service dogs, which are mostly Labradors, along with a smaller group of German Shepherds. It begins with genetic planning, trying to bring out dogs with the best traits for the job they will be doing, meeting a rigorous standard.

These traits can be physical — working to eliminate hip dysplasia, certain cancers and other conditions which can affect the breed, or related to temperament, using selective breeding to work on bringing out needed qualities. "We do

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Last Saturday, GEFTB and the Heeling Autism program, specifically, were celebrated at the annual Strut Your Mutt program, co-sponsored by the Cold Spring Lions Club and held on the dog-dappled lawn in front of St. Mary's in Cold Spring. A special VIP guest was Wrangler, an GEFTB service dog whose journey from puppyhood through service is being spotlighted by the TODAY Show this year.

Photo by A. Rooney



New Jersey's Esposito family visits New York City, with Zach holding guide dog Don. They have been together for two years.

Spy Novelists to Share Secrets of Their Work

Benefit for The Paper promises to be a thriller

By Kevin E. Foley

Anyone who enjoys a good read wonders, sometimes right in the midst of the story, how is this happening, what are the individual elements and how do they work together to bring this tale to the point of such enjoyment? The Facts of the Fiction: Plotting the Modern Thriller is the title of an upcoming panel discussion with three prominent novelists to examine and have some fun with just how writers bake their pies for readers to savor.

Garrison resident Alex Berenson and Cold Spring's David Duffy, along with Joseph Kanon of New York (he has friends here), will appear at Winter Hill on Snake Hill Road in Garrison on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 3 p.m. to speak about the practice of their craft and its relation-



Thrillers by Berenson, Kanon and Duffy

Photo by K.E. Foley

ship to the dangerous world we all must live in. The dangerous world reference is because all three writers work within the

broad thriller genre with particular attention to the realms of espionage, terrorism, international crime, politics and history. They create stories that

probe more deeply into matters that so often dominate the headlines in our papers, news sites and social media feeds. And the journalistic reference is all the more relevant given the event is a fundraiser in support of this newspaper and its companion website Philipstown.info. The discussion will be moderated by Ru Rauch, a former Time magazine foreign correspondent with experiences of his own to color his questions about the craft of writing and the use of other cultures' locales as settings. Rauch reported from several foreign capitals, including Buenos Aires, Saigon, and Munich. He is board member of Philipstown Info, Inc., our nonprofit corporation. Rauch said he is interested in exploring several lines of inquiry with the authors. He is fascinated with their dexterity in dealing with foreign cultures and

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Paintings by Mary Flaherty (Opening)
6 – 8 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Haunted House
7 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Developing Your Intuition with Leslie Mott
7 p.m. Living Yoga Studios | 3182 Route 9, Cold Spring | 845-809-5900 | livingyogastudios.com

International Film Night: *My Old Lady* (UK, 2014)
7 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Tuesday.

Hudson Valley Fort vs. Brooklyn Bolts (Football)
7:05 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls | gofxfl.com

Jesus Christ Superstar
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison Landing, Garrison
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

Gino Vannelli
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St., Peekskill
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

The Fire Festival of Cuba (Documentary)
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Youth Basketball (First Sessions)
9 a.m. Age 3 | 10:15 a.m. Ages 4-5
Philipstown Community Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Wounded Warrior Project Fundraiser
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Across from Garrison Café,
Route 9D, Garrison

Letters to the Dead (Grieving Workshop)
10 a.m. RiverWinds Gallery | 172 Main St.,
Beacon | 845-838-2880 | riverwindsgallery.com

Boo at the Zoo
10:30 a.m. Trailside Zoo
3006 Seven Lakes Drive, Bear Mountain
845-786-2701 | trailsidezoo.org

Garrison PTA Fall Festival
Noon – 3 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D,
Garrison | 845-424-3689 | gufspta.org

Growing Shiitake Mushrooms
1 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange
128 Mill St., Putnam Valley
845-528-2565 | putnamvalleygrange.org

Haldane vs. Sullivan West (Football)
1 p.m. Haldane School | 15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring | 845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

22nd Annual Halloween Costume Parade
5:30 p.m. 9D and Main, Cold Spring
Rain date Oct. 25, 4:30 p.m.

Haunted House
7 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Community Center
See details under Friday.

Gospel Café: Souls United of the Hudson Valley
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
See details under Friday.

Calendar Highlights

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Muse 4Tet
7 p.m. Chapel Restoration | 45 Market St., Cold Spring | 845-265-5537 | chapelrestoration.org

Jesus Christ Superstar
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

MotherLode Trio
7:30 p.m. St. Philip’s Church | 1101 Route 9D,
Garrison | 845-424-3571 | stphilipshighlands.org

John Steinbeck’s *The Pearl* (Staged Reading)
8 p.m. The Beacon Theatre 445 Main St., Beacon
845-453-2978 | thebeacontheatre.org

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

Lower Hudson Valley LGBT Gathering
8 p.m. Silver Spoon Café
124 Main St., Cold Spring
meetup.com/Garrison-LGBT-Social-Group-Meetup

The Garcia Project
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Howl-o-ween Costume Contest
11:30 a.m. Beacon Barkery | 192 Main St.,
Beacon | 845-440-7652 | beaconbarkery.com

Fareground Community Pop-Up Café
Noon. Beacon Community Center | 23 W. Center St., Beacon | facebook.com/fareground

Art for Families: Clay Houses
2 – 4 p.m. Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art
1701 Main St., Peekskill
914-788-0100 | hvcca.org

Jesus Christ Superstar
2 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

John Steinbeck’s *The Pearl* (Staged Reading)
3 p.m. The Beacon Theatre
See details under Saturday.

Calidore String Quartet
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center | 477 Main St.,
Beacon | 845-765-3012 | howlandmusic.org

Haunted House
5 – 8 p.m. Philipstown Community Center
See details under Friday.

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

Herman’s Hermits Starring Peter Noone
7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

Organizing for New Parents (First Session)
7 p.m. Philipstown Community Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Putnam County Budget Public Hearing
7 p.m. Historic Courthouse | 44 Gleneida Ave., Carmel | 845-208-7800 | putnamcountynyny.com

Zoning Board of Appeals
7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3329 | philipstown.com

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Halloween Jamboree for Seniors
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Putnam County Golf Course
187 Hill St., Mahopac
845-808-1738 | putnamcountynyny.com

Early Literacy Story Time for Toddlers
1:30 p.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring | 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Old Time Radio Shows
2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Jack-o'-Lantern Carving
3 – 6 p.m. 8 Long Dock Road, Beacon
845-473-4440 x273 | scenichudson.org

Intro to Twitter Workshop
6:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
See details under Sunday.

Board of Trustees
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

The Beacon Theatre: Questions, Answers, Actions?
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Health Insurance Open Enrollment Seminar
Noon. Butterfield Library | Details under Tuesday

How to Be Happy and Free When the World is on Fire (Opens)
3 p.m. Garrison Institute | 14 Mary’s Way, Garrison
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Jack-o'-Lantern Carving
3 – 6 p.m. 8 Long Dock Road, Beacon
845-473-4440 x273 | scenichudson.org

John T. Reilly: The Dust Bowl (Talk)
3:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Tuesday.

BeaconArts Meet-Up
6:30 p.m. Beacon Pantry
328 Main St., Beacon | beaconarts.org

Recreation Commission
7 p.m. Philipstown Community Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

The Hitchhiker / Sorry, Wrong Number
7 p.m. Boscobel Mansion | 1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring | 845-265-3638 | hvshakespeare.org

Putnam County Legislature Budget Meeting
7 p.m. Historic Courthouse, Carmel
See details under Monday.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

New Moms & Infants Group
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
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Jack-o'-Lantern Carving
3 – 6 p.m. 8 Long Dock Road, Beacon
845-473-4440 x27 | scenichudson.org

Inclusive Playgroup (grades K-5) (First Session)
5 p.m. Philipstown Community Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Benefit Concert for PNW Women’s Resource Center Hosted by K.J. Denhert
6 – 10 p.m. 12 Grapes | 12 N. Division St., Peekskill | 914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com

The Hitchhiker / Sorry, Wrong Number
7 p.m. Boscobel Mansion | Details under Wednesday

A Tribute to B.B. King
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

Andy Stack and Art Labriola
8 p.m. Dogwood | 47 E. Main St., Beacon
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Pumpkins in the Park
3 – 6 p.m. Carving | 6 – 8 p.m. Lighting
8 Long Dock Road, Beacon
845-473-4440 x273 | scenichudson.org

An Evening with Poe
5 – 9 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Family Movie Night: *Casper*
5 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library | 472 Route 403,
Garrison | 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Teen Night Zombie Party (grades 6+)
6:30 – 9 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Thrills & Chills! (ages 8-12)
6:45 p.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St.,
Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Haunted House
7 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Community Center
See details under Oct. 23.

The Hitchhiker / Sorry, Wrong Number
7 p.m. Boscobel Mansion
See details under Wednesday.

Halloween Costume Ball
7 p.m. Anthony’s Lake Club
Christopher Columbus Ave., Danbury
845-278-7068 | puthumane.org
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Food Chains (Documentary, 2014)
7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church
50 Liberty St., Beacon
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Jesus Christ Superstar
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Oct. 23.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)
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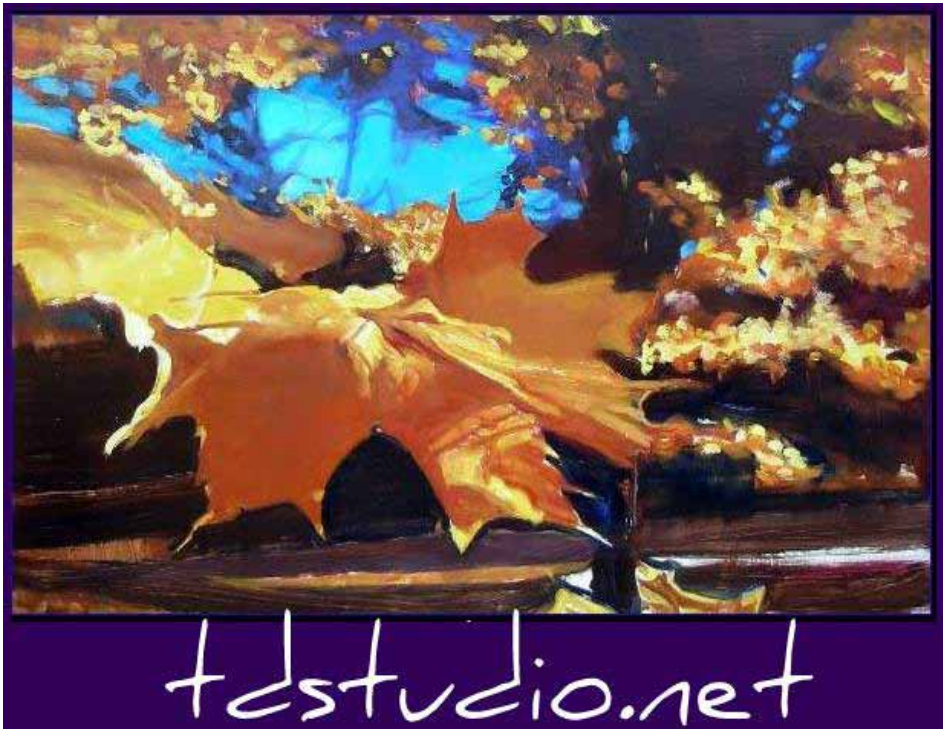
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3:15 - 4:30 p.m. Teen Yoga with Melia
7 - 8:15 p.m. Beginner Yoga with Michelle

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Breeding and Training Service Dogs (from page 9)

genetic selection exceptionally well at Guiding Eyes,” Carroll says. “We don’t see dysplasia any more in our breeding stock and we can breed specific types of dogs for specific students: larger, smaller, faster moving, slower.”

All potential dogs are screened thoroughly with all steps applying to puppies born at the facility and for dogs born elsewhere who are identified through a potential candidate database. About a third of the dogs evaluated become GEFTB breeders. Using a combination of canine genetics, breeding technology and behavioral development, GEFTB has been able to maximize the qualities required for a working dog and to minimize health problems.

Currently, about half of the 450 puppies bred each year become working guide dogs and GEFTB graduates about 150 to 160 teams a year. “The percentage that makes it through keeps going up as our genetic process gets better,” Carol said. ... “We export genetic materials around the world and also take in from other places, exchanging genetic material.” Carroll added that their new facility, with its enlarged genetics lab, provides a major upgrade to the breeding capabilities.

Pups deemed potential service dog candidates begin their training by placement in homes with carefully trained volunteers, whose job is to introduce a variety of socialization elements into the pups’ daily lives, anything from stair climbing to leash walking, crate sitting and experiencing the clatter of pots and pans. Families usually are given two pups for four to seven days at a time. The pups then rotate through several families. Families, as part of their commitment to GEFTB, are expected to host puppies five or six times a year. This is how Carroll and his family became involved. In 2009, under pressure from his daughters to get a dog, but concerned about the amount of travel he and his wife had to do, they discovered this program and got involved. By now he figures they have hosted and helped train more than 60 dogs, some of which they have been able to see go through the whole training process and “graduate” with their human partner, something Carroll says “made the girls very proud.”

Volunteers wishing to work with puppies for a more extended time period can train to become “puppy raisers.” They receive a pup at around 8 weeks of age and keep it until the dog is 16 months old.

Cold Spring role

Volunteers come from all types of living situations and can range from seniors to families with children. There are pre-placement classes to attend, then group classes taken with the dog, and quarterly assessments. Puppy raisers and their dogs can often be spotted in Cold Spring, which Carroll says is a prime location for training because of a walkable Main Street with pedestrians and a stoplight to encounter. Towards the end of its time with a puppy raiser, the dog is tested, and, if it passes, it then goes into formal training to become a guide dog; that training takes about six months, at the training center. It is at that point that the visually-impaired student comes in and is paired with a particular service dog. They undergo three to four weeks of training together. Once they are deemed



Cold Spring’s Sylvia Wallin, a member of the Lions Club and dog owner, helped her charges strut their stuff at Saturday’s event. Photo by A. Rooney

ready to go, a staff member goes home with the new pair, and spends several days living with them, getting things up and running.

Those dogs which don’t become guide dogs go on to purposeful lives. Many assist in police work, doing drug sniffing and bomb detection work; a small number go out as pets — for which there is a very long waiting list. The normal working life for a guide dog is six or seven years.

As Carroll explains it, working with those with “autism is a new application for the dogs. The most important trait for these dogs is patience. With the many different levels on the autism spectrum, the dogs can provide unique things to each. Some autistic kids tend to bolt. A harness can attach the child to the dog, in a way that is fun for the child. Once attached, the dog is an 80-pound anchor, and once the child bonds with the dog the tendency to bolt is dramatically reduced. It’s also common for autistic children not to sleep well. The dog winds up sleeping with the child,

and the child sleeps calmly, wakes up rested and as a result family life is more pleasant and the entire family is impacted in a positive way. Before, families were often afraid to go out in public and now the child is much more malleable and comfortable going around. The families that get these dogs say the dogs have transformed their lives.” As with their visually impaired program, GEFTB covers all costs, which include, specifically for this program, an extensive in-the-home training program, which is available to those living within two hours of their facility.

Right now, as the program is new, there are about 12 “autism-trained” dogs per year, a number which Carroll says they hope increases to 18 shortly.

Mary Jo Jacobs, mother of Andrew, who was diagnosed with autism at age five, described her family’s experience with the program and their dog Iota:

“We were fortunate to become a Heeling Autism family when Andrew was nine. Iota slept with him, and you could see how much Andrew relaxed. Andrew communicates his emotion through the dog. I’ll tell him, ‘I love you.’ He’ll answer ‘I love my dog.’ It’s beautiful. He walks the dog, feeds him, he’s his friend. Andrew is quite verbal now and is in mainstream classes. I know dogs will be part of his life the rest of his life. He has made friends along the way, doing his dog walks, giving him a rich social life outside the home. He told me, ‘My dog does a lot of good things for me just by being there. He makes me happy.’

GEFTB offers a host of volunteer opportunities, both at each of their facilities and in private homes, and they are always in need. If interested, it is probably best to read through their comprehensive website, guidingeyes.org, first, and determine what might be possible for you.

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Merchants Happy to See Seastreak Visitors

(from page 1)

here is good,” she said. “And it’s a great village; it takes people back to a time that’s been lost. People really enjoy the eclectic mix of shops.”

Burton said she has noticed a large number of first-time visitors from New Jersey, as well as an increase in tourists from Europe and Asia. She added that her “Welcome Seastreak Passengers” window poster not only attracts cruise participants but prompts others to drop in to find out what the “Seastreak” is.

Repeat customers

Other merchants have started noticing familiar faces. “I’m seeing a lot of customers who came up on the Seastreak previously,” said Vintage Finds’ owner Scott Shourek. Many visitors buy small items that are easy to carry, he noted, “but I’m also selling a lot of sets of dishes, I just make sure I pack them really well.”

Glassware, tools and even lamps have been popular items at Fountain Square Antiques, according to owner Walt Carmichael. He estimates the cruises have increased his sales by 15 percent. Like Shourek, he has noticed return customers as well as visitors who came on the Seastreak earlier this fall and came back by car to make larger purchases.

Too much of a good thing?

If Main Street restaurants have anything close to a complaint, it would be that their seats fill too quickly. Within minutes of *Seastreak’s* arrival on Saturday, restaurants and cafes were filled to capacity, with lines of hungry visitors waiting outside. When every seat fills suddenly, the kitchen and wait staff must handle an onslaught of simultaneous orders.

And it wasn’t as if the streets were empty before the Seastreak passengers arrived. “When you include those who come up here by car or train, plus hikers, plus 800 people on the boat — it’s more



Tourists fill sidewalks on Main Street, Cold Spring.

Photo by M. Turton

than [the village] can handle,” said Doug Price, owner of Doug’s Pretty Good Pub. It was a half-hearted complaint. Asked if he has run out of food on the busiest weekends, he responded, “No, I just keep restocking.”

Like Price, other restaurant owners seem to be taking the crush in stride. “It’s all good, overall,” said Bob Hayes, co-owner of Hudson Hil’s Cafe and Market. All good with the possible exception of the thermometer. “It was cold last weekend. No one wanted to sit outside,” he said. With the loss of outdoor seating, fewer customers could be served. “And when we’re full like that, our hands are tied.”

According to Hayes, customers were more patient on Sunday than Saturday. Tracy Kimber, manager of the Hudson House, said the Saturday crowd was “edgy” because, passengers told her, the Seastreak had run out of coffee very early in the trip. They also said the ship was crowded.

Hungry and deprived of their morning cup of Joe, some passengers were frustrated to find they had to wait up to an

hour for a table. “Some people were definitely not happy,” Kember said, recalling that one woman commented she “would never do this again.” Others complimented staff on how well it coped with the rush. “It’s a crazy day” when the boats come, Kimber said. “We make sure we are very prepared and it actually runs pretty smoothly. We get tables turned

around as quickly as we can.”

The Depot Restaurant has had a less than perfect October. Its liquor license renewal application was not filed on time and as a result no alcohol has been served for the past few weeks. Despite that, Greg Pagones, a partner in the restaurant with long-time owner Tom Rolston, said, “We’ve been full when the boats have come in. It’s definitely been good for business.” He and Rolston said they are hopeful that the liquor license will be reinstated soon, possibly by the weekend.

Visitors don’t venture off Main

While Main Street is enjoying a week-end boom, businesses along Chestnut Street appear to be too far off the beaten path to reap the benefits. Kevin Lahey, owner of the Main Course, said he has seen no increase in business from boat passengers. “They don’t turn the corner after walking up Main Street,” he said. Kamel Jamal, owner of Angelina’s Restaurant, said he too doesn’t see customers from the boats. “Seastreak is great for the village though,” he said, “and I’m glad Main Street businesses are doing well.”

Challenges and solutions

A number of restaurant owners and managers pro- (Continued on next page)



Village restaurants filled quickly after the Seastreak arrived.

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Haldane Considers Timing of School Day

Board member Peter Henderson resigns

by Pamela Doan

Sleep-deprived teenagers have been in the news. Both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control have weighed in with research showing that early school start times are part of the problem. Studies show that teens needs 8.5-9.5 hours of sleep per night and the U.S. average is seven. Because of the way their bodies and brains function, they don't do well until 8 a.m., according to the CDC report published in August. Lack of sleep is linked to a range of health issues, including obesity, depression, anxiety and mood disorders and Type-2 diabetes.

Haldane middle school and high school students begin their day at 7:33 a.m. currently and are done with school at 2:15 p.m. That leaves time in the afternoon and early evening for an extra period of academic assistance, extracurricular activities like clubs or music, jobs,

homework, and sports. The elementary school students attend from 8:45 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.

At the Haldane Board of Education meeting on Oct. 20, emphasizing the seriousness of the problem, Superintendent Diana Bowers and Principal Brian Alm made a presentation about the issue with three possible scenarios for adjusting school start times. There are challenges, sacrifices and more resources attached to each.

Haldane students share teachers, classroom space, athletic fields, gyms and transportation across the three levels on a single campus. This allows the district to save money and resources, but it does make any schedule changes a complicated puzzle. There are five cafeteria periods to accommodate all the students, for example. Buses make two runs each morning and afternoon carrying older students first and then elementary students.

Synchronizing the schedules for all grades would mean adding buses, physical education space, music classroom space, PE and music teachers, and new contract terms with the staff. Athletes

would have to forfeit band or chorus and the extra period of academic help when they had to play a game. All of this would create a significant enough budget increase that Alm said, "We would have to override the tax cap."

Districts are only allowed to ask voters to approve a budget increase that falls within their allotment as determined by a formula from the state Department of Education. This is called the tax levy limit and referred to commonly as the "tax cap." To ask the taxpayers for a larger increase requires a supermajority approval from 60 percent of voters.

Shifting the start times would bring the high school and middle school students in at 8 a.m. and the elementary students in at 9 a.m. The school day would end at 2:45 and 3:30 p.m., respectively. Extracurricular activities and games would start and end later. Students who go off campus to access training and classes at BOCES would miss part of their lunch period. Alm said that they couldn't share a music teacher across the grades in this case and would need to add a part-time teacher.

Swapping start times had even more challenges and would bring elementary students in at 8 a.m. with upper grades starting at 8:45 a.m. All of the same difficulties occur from the shifting start times scenario, as well as late start times for games and inability to coordinate band and chorus. The full presentation is available on the district's website. The board asked the administration to continue working and come back with a recommendation. They want to have a course of action before they have to prepare their 2016-17 budget.

Henderson resignation

Peter Henderson, who was elected in May to a two-year term, announced that

he is vacating his seat as of Nov. 19 but will leave sooner if the board finds his replacement before then. He cited personal reasons and said, "I'll try to elaborate at the next meeting but am reluctant to go into any detail before then. I announced my intention to resign when I did in order to give the board adequate time to plan for my replacement."

The board has four options: leave the position vacant and operate as a four-member board until the election in May; appoint a replacement; conduct an open search and interview interested candidates before appointing someone; hold a new election. Due to the cost of an election, they ruled out that option first. They intend to seek out interested parties but agreed that they were not obligated to interview everyone who applies. Interviews have to be done publicly.

Merchants Happy to See Seastreak *(from previous page)*

posed asking Seastreak to stagger departures and arrivals when more than one boat is used. (Currently both boats arrive at the same time.) There were also suggestions that food trucks be allowed to operate on weekends to help handle the overflow of lunch customers.

Brett Chamberlain, marketing director for *Seastreak*, said the company "would be more than happy to meet with village officials or business owners at any time to discuss any possible feedback or concerns."

Some Main Street shopkeepers also said *Seastreak* passengers complained

about a shortage of public restrooms. The General Store's Muraszewski experienced the problem first hand, recalling one customer who "literally begged" him to use the store's non-public, tiny bathroom that also serves as a storage area. Worse yet, he also reported seeing a desperate female visitor urinate outside between his store and the Foundry Café.

Seastreak began its schedule of weekend trips to Cold Spring on Sept 26. The last fall cruise will dock on Nov 14. Passengers arrive at the village by 11:30 am and depart about four hours later.

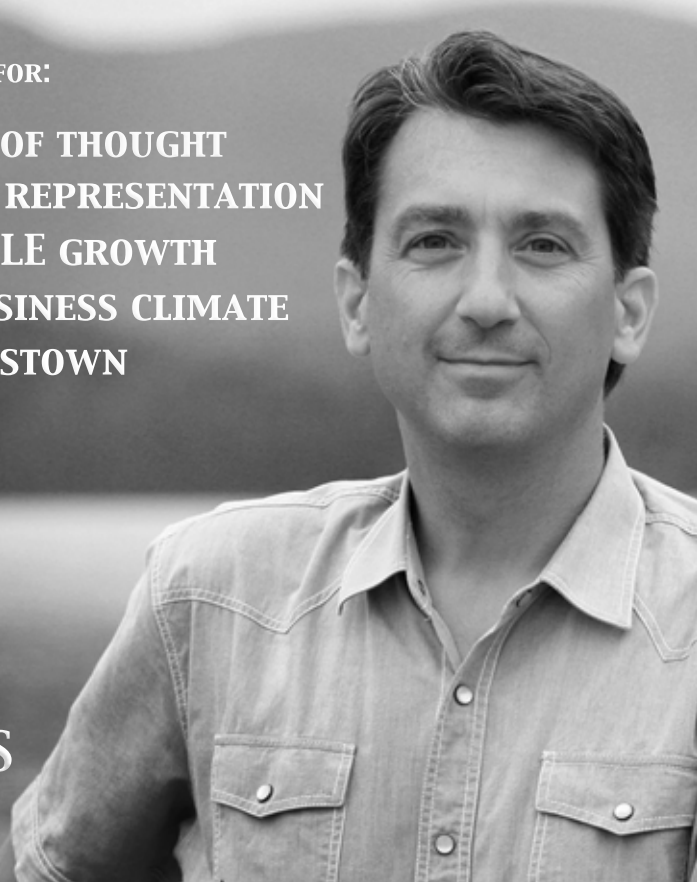
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Volunteers Needed to Blaze Trail on Oct. 24

New path to be added to Watergrass Sanctuary

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust and Putnam Highlands Audubon Society has organized a volunteer trail-building day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 on property recently added to the Watergrass Sanctuary.

Water and snacks will be provided but volunteers are asked to bring gloves. The Watergrass Sanctuary trailhead is located at Fraser Road and Route 9, and parking is available on Fraser Road. No experience is necessary, and volunteers are welcome to work as long as they like. For more information, email matt.decker@hhlt.org or visit putnamhighlandsaudubon.org.

String Quartet to Premiere Gwen Laster Composition

Muse 4Tet will perform at Chapel Restoration on Oct. 24

Violinists Gwen Laster and Julianne Carney, violist Melanie Dyer and cellist Tomas Ulrich, collectively known as the Muse 4Tet, will perform a set of original compositions, including the premiere of Laster's "Cigarette: The Sandra Bland Story, *Black Lives Matter*" and music of Adam Rudolph and Jessie Montgomery at the Chapel Restoration at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The chapel is located at 45 Market St. in Cold Spring on the banks of the Hudson River. A donation of \$15 is suggested.

Restored Cupola Installed at Foundry Preserve

Crane hoists 5,000-pound structure into place

Scenic Hudson has reinstalled the 5,000-pound, 21-foot-tall cupola atop the historic Office Building at West Point Foundry Preserve and soon will add a replica of the original metal weathervane. A crane hoisted the six-sided wooden structure into place on the three-story bell tower, which is the only freestanding structure remaining from the foundry, which once filled the 87-acre site.

Southgate Steeplejacks of Barre, Vermont, restored the cupola, which was removed in 1998, and Sky Art Studios of Meriden, Connecticut, is fabricating the weathervane. Scenic Hudson plans to stabilize several walls and add a panel for Battery Pond, which provided water to power foundry machinery. The entire project cost \$750,000, with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation providing a \$375,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Fund and Scenic Hudson supplying the remainder.

The work site around the Office Building will remain closed until all construction is completed in December. However, the foundry is open for self-guided tours, and for a free guided tour scheduled for 11



The cupola is lifted into place.

Photo by Jason Taylor/Scenic Hudson

a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7. The preserve is located at 68 Kemble Ave. in Cold Spring.

The brick Italianate Office Building was constructed in 1865 to reflect the substantial profits—estimated at \$40 million in today's dollars—the foundry made supplying the Union Army with cannons during the Civil War. West Point Foundry also manufactured some of America's first locomotives, steam engines, mill equipment and pipes for New York City's water system. Scenic Hudson purchased the foundry site in 1996. For more information, visit foundrytour.org.

Where to Add Color to Your Life

State prepares weekly foliage reports

Each Wednesday through the fall season, New York State issues a "Color Report" with reports from observers on expected color conditions for the coming weekend. For instance, this coming weekend spotters expect "peak colors" throughout the Hudson Valley. Columbia County spotters in Hudson expect 90 percent color change and bright shades of yellow, orange and red. Dutchess County will be at peak with 80 percent change and bright, vivid shades of gold, orange and yellow. There will be more color near the Taconic Parkway but less near the Hudson River. Spotters at Bear Mountain forecast peak colors to hold on through the weekend with 90 percent change and bright red, orange and yellow leaves.

For the latest report and a color map, visit iloveny.com/seasons/fall/foliage-report.

Pumpkin Will Glow at Desmond-Fish

Sixth annual event set for Oct. 25.

The Friends of the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison will host its sixth annual Pumpkin Glow at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25 on the lawn at the library. Bring a carved pumpkin with a candle to add to the glow. Cider and doughnuts

will be served and spooky music provided by Stacy Labriola. For more information, call 845-424-3020.

Brother O'Hara's Photos on Exhibit at Graymoor

Focus on Pope Francis's encyclical on environment

The Graymoor Spiritual Life Center in Garrison is hosting an exhibit of photography by Brother John O'Hara, a Franciscan Friar of the Atonement. Titled *Laudato Si*, the exhibit was inspired by Pope Francis's recent "Laudato Si 'mi' Signore" encyclical on the environment.

O'Hara's photographs will be on view daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Dec. 7 in the Pope John XXIII Parlor on the fifth floor of the center.

O'Hara is a member of the Mission Support team for the Franciscan Friars and chaplain for Hudson Valley Hospice. He earned a bachelor's degree in photography from Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara California, and a master's in the theology from St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. In addition to advertising and corporate photography, he photographed images of the civil rights movement and focused on performance photography. He now specializes in decorative photography and lectures on the expression of spirituality through the photographic process.

The Graymoor Spiritual Life Center is located at 1320 Route 9 in Garrison. For more information, call 845-424-2111.



Brother John O'Hara

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Where the Legend Was Born

Sleepy Hollow offers Halloween frights

Because Washington Irving made it the setting for his classic tale, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, the town is a busy place around Halloween.

Two-hour lantern tours of the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery are offered from 7 to 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight every night of the week until Halloween, as well as

from 7 to 9 p.m. on November 1, 8, 15 and 21. Tickets are available at sleepyhollow-cemetery.org.

From Oct. 25 to 25 and Oct. 29 to Nov. 1, Philipsburg Manor will be transformed into Horseman's Hollow. Visitors are asked to walk a haunted trail, stumbling upon scenes of a town driven mad by the Headless Horseman. Heads will roll. The event is not suitable for small children. Tickets must be purchased in advance at hudsonvalley.org or call 914-366-6900.

Philipstown's Jonathan Kruk will perform *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* at the Old Dutch Church on Oct. 23 to 25 and Oct. 30 to Nov. 1, but all dates are sold out.

In Croton, the Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze at Van Cortlandt Manor, 525 South Riverside Ave., features more than 7,000 hard-carved pumpkins. Admission is by timed ticket only, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and tickets must be purchased in advance at hudsonvalley.org or by calling 914-336-6900. The event is sold out for Oct. 23 to 25 and on Oct. 30. It continues through Nov. 15.

Garrison PTA Festival

Event set for Oct. 24 at school

The Garrison School PTA will host a Fall Festival from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the school. The afternoon will include a sticky spider web, vertical rush, hippity hop, a chili cook-off, a cake walk, doughnuts, a sports challenge and crafts.

Veterans Dinner

Senators, Odell and Vet2Vet host event

The Veterans' Chow Down, a free dinner for veterans hosted by the Pfc. Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet Program with support from state senators Terrence Murphy and Sue Serino and Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell, takes place on Sunday, Nov. 1 at the Putnam County Golf Course at 187 Hill Street in Mahopac. There are two seating times, noon and 3 p.m., for veterans and their guests.

Entertainment will be provided by the USO and military vehicles dating from 1916 to 2012 will be available for viewing. The Chow Down also provides an opportunity for veterans to learn about local services available to them.

The Vet2Vet Program, which is staffed by veterans, is a free, anonymous and confidential program that provides support, workshops, mentoring and training and development for veterans and current members of the Armed Forces and their families.

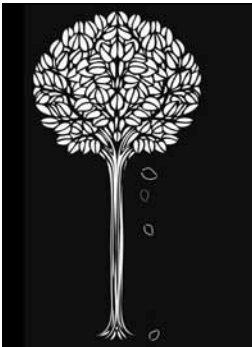
"It is rare that Veterans have an opportunity to be recognized and thanked by the public and by elected officials," said Karl Rohde, director of Putnam County's Veterans Service Agency. "What better way to do this than with a family-style meal where they can share the comradeship they cherished during their service."

Veterans are asked to RSVP at murphy.nysenate.gov or by calling 914-962-2624.

Nature Museum Offers Halloween Trail

Children challenged to find "spooky" signs of nature

The Outdoor Discovery Center at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in Cornwall will host an "I Spy" Halloween trail from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31 and Sunday, Nov. 1. Children are invited to search for objects, including animal artifacts such as bones and skulls, hidden along the trail. Those who locate them all will earn a prize. The center also will have snakes and spiders for



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Two adventurers on the I Spy Halloween Trail

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viewing and Halloween crafts.

The center is located on Muser Drive opposite 174 Angola Road. (For directions, visit hnnaturemuseum.org.) Trail admission is \$7 for children ages 2-14 (\$5 for museum members) and free for visitors age 15 and older. For more information, call 845-534-5506, ext. 204.

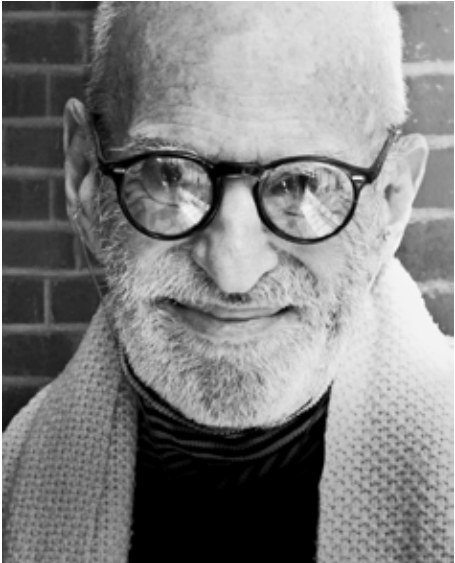
Playwright Larry Kramer to Speak at Vassar

AIDS activist and author will sign new novel

Playwright and author Larry Kramer will speak and sign his latest book, a satire called *The American People: Volume 1, Search for My Heart*, at Vassar College at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28. The free event takes place in the Martel Theater of the Vogelstein Center for Drama and Film.

Kramer wrote the Academy Award-nominated screenplay adaptation of D.H. Lawrence’s *Women in Love*. His groundbreaking play about the AIDS crisis, *The Normal Heart*, won the 2011 Tony Award for best revival. He is also known as a public health and gay rights advocate. A pioneering AIDS activist, he co-founded the Gay Men’s Health Crisis in 1982 and founded ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) in 1987.

The Vassar campus is located at 124 Raymond Ave. in Poughkeepsie. Directions are available at vassar.edu/directions.



Larry Kramer

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Bricks Available for Betty Budney Memorial

Town organizing area to remember former board member

The Philipstown Town Board plans to dedicate an area to the right of Town Hall on Main Street to the late Betty

Budney for her many years of work and dedication to Philipstown. The memorial will include a bench and patio area with pavers that can be engraved with the name of sponsors or loved ones. Donations start at \$100, and the bricks can hold from 3 to 10 lines of text. Custom logos are also available. An order form can be downloaded at philipstown.com/bettybudney.pdf.

Philipstown Recycling Center Open Saturdays

Accepts paper, computers and electronic equipment

The Town of Philipstown Recycling Center on Lane Gate Road near Route 9 is open for drop-offs every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It accepts paper and cardboard (including bundled newspapers, loose phone books, bundled magazines, junk mail and office paper). Cardboard should be bundled and foil and wax paper bags should be removed from inside food boxes. No plastic bags are accepted.

A permit is required to drop off any metal products and white goods such as washing machines, scrap metal, refrigerators (with doors removed) and freon-free air conditioners. To obtain a permit, visit Town Hall at 238 Main St. in Cold Spring. The fees are \$2 per carload or \$5 per truckload.

Computer and electronics items are also accepted, including cable boxes, cash registers, cellular phones, copiers, cords, DVD players, scanners, keyboards, monitors, printers, stereos and televisions, as are household items such as blenders, cameras, curling irons, fans, heaters, holiday lights, irons, metal tools, microwaves, radios and vacuum cleaners (without bags).

The recycling center does not accept items containing freon, light bulbs, household or lithium batteries, medical equipment or VHS cassette tapes.

Beacon

Group to Discuss Beacon Theatre Plans

Questions about proposed residential development

The historic Beacon Theatre on Main Street has changed ownership, and plans are being discussed for a 32-unit residential development. A group of concerned residents will gather at Beacon Beahive at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27 to discuss the plans and share thoughts and concerns. The Beacon Theatre: Questions, Answers, Actions? is organized by BeaconArts, the City of Beacon Arts and Cultural Development Committee and Beahive, which is located at 291 Main.

An Evening with Poe

Howland Center presents tarot and poetry readings

The Howland Cultural Center will present its annual reading of Edgar Allen Poe’s classic *The Raven* on Friday, Oct. 30. The poem will be read by Terry Sandler starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

Before the reading, starting at 5 p.m., Karen Finnegan will offer five 30-minute tarot readings at the White Willow Vardo (a gypsy caravan parked outside of the venue) at the cost of \$40 per reading. The cultural center’s doors open at 6 p.m. for shopping at booths set up by local merchants. It will provide light refreshments, and guests are welcome to

bring beer or wine.

Tickets can be purchased at eventbrite.com. Search for “An Evening with Poe.”



Multi-Faith Choir to Perform at Howland

Oct. 24 show part of Gospel Café

The monthly Gospel Café at the Howland Cultural Center on Saturday, Oct. 24, will feature Souls United of the Hudson Valley, a multi-faith choir that is celebrating its fifth year of performing. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

Most of the group’s members are from the Jewish, Christian and Baha’i faiths, although some express their spirituality without claiming a specific faith. The choir sings in celebration of the oneness of God and the oneness of humanity and will devote its performance to those who have lost their lives recently to racial violence.

The choir is composed of Goldee Green, Yaslyn D., Clyde Herring, Jan Mauras, Rose McCrea, Joanne Sollecito, Eileen Staffon and John Watson. It is directed by Tamara Bond-Williams and D. Jen Brown and accompanied by Chet Williams on keyboards and Chris Ruhe on guitar.

Tickets are available at the door for a \$10 donation. The Howland Cultural Center is located at 477 Main St. in Beacon. For more information, call 845-831-4988.

Movies That Matter to Screen Food Chains

Documentary examines human cost of food supply

Movies That Matter Beacon will screen the 2014 documentary *Food Chains* at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 in McKinley Hall at the First Presbyterian Church. The film follows a group of Florida farmworkers as they battle the \$4 trillion global supermarket industry through a Fair Food program that partners with growers and retailers to improve working conditions for U.S. farm laborers.

The film is co-sponsored by First Presbyterian, the Beacon Peace Awards Foundation, The Beacon Independent Film Festival and the Southern Dutchess NAACP. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Noelle Damico.

Admission is free. First Presbyterian is located 50 Liberty St. For more informa-

tion, call 845-838-2415 or email info@moviesthatmatterbeacon.org.

Beacon Theatre to Present *The Pearl*

Staged reading part of Big Read Program

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck’s *The Pearl* at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 and 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25 as part of the Poughkeepsie Library System’s Big Read Program. The performances are directed by Christine Vittorini.

Steinbeck’s inspiration for the story of pearl diver Kino was a Mexican folk tale from La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico, which he heard in a visit to the formerly pearl-rich region in 1940. It is one of his most popular books and has been widely used in high school classes.



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Spy Novelists to Share Secrets of Their Work (from page 9)

even languages because they risk their credibility with even the smallest mistake. “And then there’s the question of geography. I don’t know how Alex Berenson, for instance, deals with so many cities in such a knowledgeable way.”

He added: “How do they get their facts right? I imagine it’s easier these days with Google; on the other hand everyone is on Google checking you, so you’re held to a higher standard.”

The books often have dense plots, some of which traverse historical periods such as Kanon’s *Prodigal Spy*, which begins in the early 1950s and moves well into the 1970s.

“All this is really interesting to me,” Rauch said. “How do they organize all that material? Then there is the question of where does the big idea come from that allows them to get going? And then

where does David Duffy come up with Turbo Vlost, the former KGB agent?

“Then I wonder about how the whole genre has been changed by the changing of technology and how they acquired knowledge to manage their characters through the thicket of modern-day technology.”

“And there is the matter of historical prescience.” Rauch references British novelist John Buchan’s *Greenmantle*, which will have its 100th anniversary right around the time of the Nov. 22 discussion. The book chronicles British agents attempting to deal with a conspiracy to create a radical Muslim movement to establish a caliphate in the Mideast. “I wonder which of their books our authors think will demonstrate prescience a hundred years from now.”

Given Rauch’s background interests

(he has had his own encounters with the world of spying) and the breadth of the trios’ writing, the discussion could take any number of provocative and entertaining paths.

Alex Berenson (alexberenson.com) is a former *New York Times* reporter with nine books published. Almost all feature the same John Wells character, a former CIA agent of complex emotions, sharp intelligence, honed fighting skills, fierce patriotism along with critical perspective on the geopolitical challenges facing the country.

David Duffy (davidduffybooks.com) came to novel writing after a career advising global corporations on protecting and promoting their brands. His two

books, *Last to Fold* and *In for a Ruble*, feature protagonist Turbo Vlost, a former KGB agent who is now a U.S.-based private investigator who finds himself pulled back into his former world.

Joseph Kanon (josephkanon.com), a former book publishing executive, has seven novels to his credit, including the most recent, *Leaving Berlin*. His books revisit the history of the period after World War II and the implications for countries and individuals as the great powers contend for influence over the shape of world events.

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Sports



The Haldane field before the homecoming football game on Oct. 16; below, the Blue Devils faced off against the Pawling Tigers during the Haldane homecoming game under the lights. Haldane won, 24-14.

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Haldane midfielder Andre Van Dommele battles a Pleasantville defender as the Blue Devils fell at home, 4-0, on Oct. 19.



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Left, Lane Gate Road (Photo by Bridget Goldberg); right, Stonecrop Gardens (Photo by Marianne Sullivan); below, horses near Garrison (Photo by Michael Turton)



Autumn Photofest

The Paper is collecting high-resolution color images from local photographers of local autumn scenes and themes. We prefer pictures taken this year. The best photos (in our opinion) will be featured in *The Paper* on its color pages.

Limit: three photos weekly per person. Please retitle the image with your name and photo location (for example: JohnDoe-ColdSpringDock.jpg).

Send photos to: photofest@philipstown.info.



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