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 Cavena, owner of the Kismet gift shop. “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 cruisers.

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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 Working Families and Green parties.

Heavy campaigning this week. They included both fears of losing $500,000 pledged by the Ailes family if the County Legislature fails to approve a Butterfield lease and expressions of both enthusiasm and doubt about locating the senior center in the existing Lahey pavilion, which was still being built.

Senior Center

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 approve a Butterfield lease and expressions of both enthusiasm and doubt about locating the senior center in the existing Lahey pavilion, which was still being built.

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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.

By Mary Ann Ebner

Now that autumn has arrived, cool weather delivers the optimal climate to recreate the hearty dishes served with red wine — a roast chicken or pork. "At this time of year, selecting wines becomes food focused. Many wines stocked at 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 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 Leflet Papillon. People come back for it."

We sampled the Leflet 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 50-50 ratio 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 the starry 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 mandy. It may be a distant cousin to your favorite with roast duck at a restaurant near Normandy, but a high volume of bottles leaving 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.

Perfect Potatoes
Serves 6

3 pounds of potatoes
2 cups heavy cream
1/4 cup milk
1 clove garlic, diced
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

Place potatoes in pan and cover with cold water. Boil potatoes over medium heat until done to an almost-tender consistency. Drain and allow time to cool. When fully cooled, peel skin away and slice.

In heavy saucepan, cook cream, milk, butter, garlic and mustard over medium heat until just reaching a low boil. Fold in herbs. Gently layer in potatoes slices and add salt and pepper to taste. Cook 15 minutes over low heat. Top with chives.
houses medical offices.

The legislature's three-person Physi-

cal Services Committee met last week and

the committee, joined by the other six leg-

islators, adjourned into a session closed
to the press and public, including But-

terfield developer Paul Guillermo and Pat

Sheehy, director of the county’s Office for
Senior Resources, which oversees county

senior citizen programs.

The group spent an hour later to
discuss lease-related issues, including a
memo received at 3:39 that afternoon.

In it, County Executive McCallen 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, who publishes
garrison resident, and his wife Eliza-

beth, who publishes The Putnam County
News and Recorder. “I implore the com-
mmittee 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 legis-

lature that “time is now running out” be-
cause of strictures on the Ailes contribu-

tion. “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
being paid off by a contribu-
tion 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 for-
ward. It would be immensely imprudent

and responsible 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.

As other recipients, Roger Ailes won a Brad-
ley Prize for individual achievements. In
2013, he explained that he had asked the
Bradley Foundation to provide an alternative.

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Legislator Roger Gross agreed that the
Lahey building was the best choice. How-
ever, he observed that “we had a – I won’t
say a threatening letter – but a letter say-
ing ‘time is of interest and you’d better
do it by Nov. 30 or else. I don’t like being
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Legislator Dini Lolbe, too, applauded
the features of the Lahey Pavilion, in-
cluding 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 con-
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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 at that. It is important to keep this transparent professionalism in the town clerk’s office. I am proud to be voting for Tina Merando for Philipstown town clerk on Nov. 3.

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

Dorothea Jackson

Craig Watters for Town Board

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Without hesitation, I would openly like to declare my support of Craig Watters for the position of council 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 make sure jobs are done and done right. Carl is always willing to work with others and offers his knowledge to run Town Hall transparently.

Craig epitomizes a hard work ethic, determination and leadership. 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. As a citizen of Philipstown, Craig will 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 enlightened minds.

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

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

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

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, what 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 Fiori 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 text by fire was Hurricane Irene. Our first feeling was about something back-to-back disasters, Irene and, the following year, Sandy. They were devastating events. A lot of people lost property 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 cut, 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. I’m 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 gave a long path 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 nation-wide level terms, I wonder what’s going on. That’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 Footoed. 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-evaluation. Is that still on tap? We’ve been happening away at it. The assessor is collecting all the data. We’re trying to set ourselves up so we can 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 tax costs.

New York State is pressuring local governments to share functions, run more efficiently, and consolidate. This has been discussed for years in Philipstown; why isn’t it happening? 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 it. I’m not exploring the idea, but these things don’t happen overnight. Just because you consolidate 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 service 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 that, the cost and 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 less money 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 those 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 lot of pill. A lot of people don’t want to take on the burden of the work, either. You see what happens.

We’ve moved 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. 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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2. What is the single biggest issue that the City Council must address? (Continued)

3. (Incumbents) What initiative are you most proud of from your previous term?

4. (Challengers) What can you offer Beacon citizens that the incumbent has not?

5. 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 better retain our waterfront while ensuring broad public access and enjoyment, while maintaining its natural beauty and promoting its link to our street businesses and Main 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 consequen-
tial issues are intertwined. Smart planning and infrastructure building and maintain-
ing aging infrastructure while holding the line on taxes form a nexus of challenges that we need to consider as a whole. We have great services and facilities here, but 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-ori-
ented projects that will benefit Beacon in the long run. Among the initiatives I’ve founded or co-founded are PlanBeacon, the founding director of Principal for a

4. My experience, skills in conflict reso-
lution and time served on council qualify me for re-election. One needs to listen atten-
tively, think critically and act diplom-
atically 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)

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 vehi-
cles 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 re-
port that the pool was opened this sum-
mer after years of being closed and being filled with dirty water. This summer our residents and neighbors enjoyed a won-
derful 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

Alli T. Muhammad (D, incumbent)

1. When re-elected, I intend to focus on specific traffic and safety issues facing this ward. After listening to many constitu-
ents’ ideas regarding this issue, I feel con-
fident working with Beacon’s city admin-
istrator, the Safety and Traffic Committee, and any volunteers willing to commit to developing achievable solutions.

2. The single biggest issue facing Bea-

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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.

2. Sound community-involved planning and ensuring our people are not only hearing, but also able to sufficiently represent constituents.

Samantha A. Tseng

1. 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 an accountable and available but also allow me to capably represent constituents.

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 for those not yet born. I believe 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 for rezoning our city. Zoned correctly, it has the potential to create many jobs, reduce the tax burden of our current residents and bring high density for business and tourists alike. I will advocate strongly for a commercial zone that would expand our tax base while maintaining our historic community character.

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Lee Kyriacou

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2. A mature civic mind and intent to take $10,000 of my two-year salary and donate it to benefit my ward.

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 automatic-ally voting to override the property tax cap, which it had done in all prior years of the tax cap.

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 unrecognized today. I do not wish to witness the damage that can be done. I have no longer know. We must grow with inten- tion, compassion, respect for our past and a sustainable vision for our future.

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: finishing the 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 here too long. 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 our infrastructure. Our sewers and water pipes have been aging and we need to update those issues.

3. I am a fresh face for Beacon residents to speak to. I have been a Bea -con resident for 15 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 believe the best way to serve the residents is to be involved in the community. I have been in politics since the 1980s, when I started a Young Republican club in school and helped out various cam-paigns. Now I believe it is my time to help our citizens personally and professionally.
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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 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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Calendar Highlights

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Paintings by Mary Flaherty (Opening) 6 – 8 p.m. Desmondfish Library

Howland Cultural Center 22nd Annual Halloween Costume Parade 7 p.m.

Jewish Cultural Center 1 p.m. Haldane School  |  15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring  |  845-424-3900 |  jcc@jewishcenter.org

Garrison Institute 3:30 p.m. Garrison Institute  |  14 Mary’s Way, Garrison  |  845-424-3300 |  garrisoninstitute.org

Haunted House 7 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center

Muse 40th 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.

Sisterucson Trio 7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Health Insurance Open Enrollment Seminar 7 p.m. Putnam County Office Building  |  85 Hill St., Mahopac  |  845-265-3611 |  coldspringgov.com

The Beacon Theatre: Questions, Answers, Actions? 7:30 p.m. Beavie Baron  |  291 Main St., Beacon  |  facebook.com/events/20401065818376

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

New Moms & Infants Group 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Desmondfish Library

472 Route 403, Garrison  |  845-424-3900 |  desmondfishlibrary.org

Jack-o’-Lantern Carving 3 – 6 p.m. Long Dock Road, Beacon  |  845-473-4440 x273 |  scenic Hudson.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 PWN 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  |  845-202-7500 |  dogwoodbar.com

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 |  scenic Hudson.org

An Evening with Poe 5 – 9 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St., Beacon  |  845-831-1134 |  howlandculturalcenter.org

Family Movie Night: Casper 5 p.m. Desmondfish Library  |  477 Main St., Beacon  |  845-424-3900 |  desmondfishlibrary.org

Teen Night Zombie Party (grades 6-12) 6:30 – 9 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring  |  845-265-3040 |  butterfieldlibrary.org

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

3rd Annual Putnam Human Service Society Food Chains (Documentary, 2014) 7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church 50 Liberty St., Beacon  |  845-202-7500 |  churchatthebeacon.org

The Hitchhiker / Sorry, Wrong Number 7 p.m. Boscobel Mansion  |  1605 Route 9D, Cold Spring  |  845-265-3638 |  boscobel.org

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

MEET & GREET with Bob Flaherty

JOIN ME AND MEET THE CANDIDATES

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Nancy Montgomery

Ann McGrath-Gallaher

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Litchgow Osborne

Tuesday October 27th, 8:00 – 10:00 pm

Whittingham Americas Grill, 184 Main Ave.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED/RSVPTW30@OPLUNETEXT
Two exhibitions of three late residents of Garrison, New York, whose creative and persistent work had a profound impact on design and craft of the 20th century.

The Vision of One is a summation of the historic accomplishments of Aileen Osborn Webb (1892 – 1979), whose philanthropy, innovation, and unparalleled passion changed the Studio Craft Movement of the 20th century. From her early pursuit of establishing Putnam County Products, 1936, in Carmel, New York, to her founding of the Museum for Contemporary Crafts, 1956, in New York City—now the Museum of Arts and Design—Webb played a vital role in elevating the perception of craft across the nation.

The Power of Two is a presentation of the dynamic partnership between Mary Einstein Wright (1904–1952) and Russel Wright (1904 – 1976), their art work and their pioneering contribution to lifestyle marketing, which laid the groundwork for today’s astonishing level of lifestyle branding. In addition, the exhibition includes fine art drawings by Mary Wright from the early 1920s that have been seen by few and never exhibited, as well as stage and costume designs by Russel Wright from the same period, also not shown before.

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BREEDING AND TRAINING SERVICE DOGS

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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,” Carroll 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 clutter 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. 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 stroll-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 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.

All dogs which become part of a team are taken care of, financially, by GEFTB in terms of veterinary care and all training; there is no charge to their human partners.
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
ecclectic 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 custom-
ers who came up on the Seastreak previ-
ously,” 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 Car-
michael. He estimates the cruises have
increased his sales by 15 percent. Like
Shourek, he has noticed return custom-
ers 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 any-
ingthing close to a complaint, it would be that
their seats fill too quickly. Within minutes
of Seastreak’s arrival on Saturday, res-
taurants and cafes were filled to capac-
ity, 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

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.

Challenges and solutions

A number of restaurant owners and
managers pro- (Continued on next page)
Haldane Considers Timing of School Day

by Pamela Doan

S
leep-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 need 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 8:46 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. At the Haldane Board of Education meeting on Oct. 26, 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 change 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 2006-17 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.

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posed asking Seastreak to stagger departures and arrivals when more than one boat is used. (Currently both boats arrive and depart about four hours later.) There were also suggestions that food trucks be allowed to use the store’s non-public, tiny bathroom. (Currently both boats arrive last fall cruise will dock on Nov 14. Passengers arrive at the village at 9 a.m. and depart about four hours later.)

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Brett Chamberlain, marketing director for 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 Murawczewski 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 week-end trips to Cold Spring on Sept 26. The last fall cruise will dock on Nov 18. Passengers arrive at the village by 11:30 a.m. and depart about four hours later.
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. The project is 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 415 will perform at Chapel Restoration on Oct. 24

Violinist Gwen Laster and Julianne Carney, violinist Melody Dier and cellist Tomas Ulrich, collectively known as the Muse 415, will perform a suite 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 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 Building 9 at West Point Foundry Preserve and soon will add a replica of the original metal weather-vane. A concrete 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 Middletown, Connecticut, is fabricating the weathervane. Scenic Hudson plans to mount the tin weather-vane on the side of this large metal structure, which is the only freestanding structure remaining from the foundry, which once filled the 87-acre site.

Legend of Sleepy Hollow, the town is a...
Philipston's Recycling Center opens on Saturdays

The Town of Philipston Recycling Center will open on Saturday, Oct. 9, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Accept paper, computers and electronic equipment.

Oct. 10: Beacon Peace Awards

A Beacon Peace Awards presentation will take place at 7 p.m. in the historic Beacon Theatre on Main Street. The Beacon Peace Awards will be presented to two organizations for their work promoting peace and justice.

Oct. 10: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.

Oct. 11: Beacon Theatre to present The Pearl

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of "The Pearl" by John Steinbeck on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. The reading will be followed by a discussion and a Q&A session with the actors. The event is free and open to the public.

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Oct. 12: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.

Oct. 13: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.

Oct. 14: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.

Oct. 15: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.

Oct. 16: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

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Oct. 17: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.

Oct. 18: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

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Oct. 19: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

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Oct. 20: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

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Oct. 21: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.

Oct. 22: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

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Oct. 23: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.

Oct. 24: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.

Oct. 25: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.

Oct. 26: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.

Oct. 27: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.

Oct. 28: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.

Oct. 29: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.

Oct. 30: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.

Oct. 31: Movies That Matter Beacon presents Food Chains

The Beacon Theatre will present a staged reading of John Steinbeck's classic novel, "The Pearl" at 7 p.m. The reading is presented by Movies That Matter Beacon and will be followed by a discussion of the novel's themes of power, wealth, and injustice.
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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 today 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 Middle East. “I wonder which of their books our authors think will demonstrate prescience a hundred years from now.”

Given Rauch’s background interests in politics 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.

Tickets to the event are $50 each and may be purchased online at thriller.talk. brownpapertickets.com.

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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. (Photos by Peter Farrell)

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