Happy New Year! Check out winter events on The Calendar, page 4.

Locals Continue Working Together on Hurricane Sandy Relief

Facebook donation event morphs into ongoing effort

By Alison Rooney and Jeanne Tao

Christine Peterson, who grew up in Cold Spring and recently moved to Beacon, got a call from a friend in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy on Oct. 29 about driving a truck full of supplies down to the hard-hit Rockaways in New York City. She had a quick thought, “If you’re going, maybe I can get some donations.” As speedily as she thought it, she posted on Facebook, telling people they could drop things off at her apartment. After many responses, she started a Facebook event “Donation Drive for Sandy Victims.” The page indicated that a run would be made to the Rockaways, departing on Saturday morning, Nov. 3. Since that first run, donations have continuously been collected in Newburgh, Beacon and Philipstown, and several trips to the city have brought supplies and volunteers to parts of the city devastated by Hurricane Sandy. They average two trips per week to areas hit hardest and still without power in the Rockaways and Breezy Point, to gut homes and work alongside Habitat for Humanity for long-term relief. They also collected a huge amount of pet supplies and brought a trailer down to Seer Farms in Jackson, N.J., which is a rescue setup to ensure Sandy victims’ pets have a safe place to reside while their owners work to regain their homes. (Continued on page 3)

Fresh-Air Fun Amidst the Cold

Local outdoor life offers winter’s best adventures

By Mary Ann Ebner

With or without a blanket of snow, winter’s fresh air and crisp breezes bring on a hunger to head outdoors. When you’re enjoying family time with children, or simply trying to accept the temptation to step away from work to refresh, winter presents pristine conditions to retreat and enjoy the outdoors.

For Paul Kuznia, director of the Taconic Outdoor Education Center and Fahnestock Winter Park (FWP) at Fahnestock Memorial State Park in Cold Spring, attracting people to the outdoors is his primary priority. “It’s all about linking people to the outdoors in a positive way,” Kuznia said. “Kids are less connected to the outdoors today, and we especially want to help them connect. It’s a quality-of-life issue for air and resources, fitness and mental health. It’s a big effort to link people to the outdoors in winter time.”

When forecasts promise snow, Kuznia looks forward to welcoming people to FWP (nysparks.com) to enjoy the local Nordic paradise that offers more than 9 miles (15 kilometers) of cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and tube sledding. Trail passes range from $6 to $9, and at modest rates, the facility rents equipment for its winter activities. Its rustic Acorn Café serves up soups, chili, and hot chocolate. The GPS address is 1570 Acorn Hill, Cold Spring, NY 10516. To stay informed on hours and trail conditions, call 845-225-3998 and follow FWP on Twitter @FWPupdates.

To make the most of an outdoor winter escape in Philipstown or across the region, it’s important to gear up before you head out. The key to gearing up hinges on staying safe and warm, maintaining equipment, and being prepared for unknowns that Mother Nature presents. A short trail hike, snowshoe trek, or even a winter picnic command presents. A short trail hike, snowshoe trek, or even a winter picnic command important planning, and prepping before an outing will maximize fresh air fun.

Jim Hall, executive director of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, said the winter season provides a great experience to visitors of its parks. Bear Mountain State Park, located just a few miles from Philipstown, offers winter park amenities to accommodate a wide range of ages and abilities.

“Winter is a great time to visit,” Hall said. “The biggest crowds at Bear Mountain are in the summer and Oktoberfest, and it’s not as crowded in winter. Bear Mountain and Harriman are connected, and you can go forever on more than 45,000 acres.” Visitors can go forever, but before hikers step on (Continued on page 8)

Stories of Community Spirit in 2012

What end the year reminding ourselves and our readers of the many ways local people make this town a special place. Go to our website to find links to the complete versions of the stories we collected.

From 10516 With Love: Hurricane Sandy Relief Concert

By Alison Rooney, Dec. 1

Cold Spring’s Raquel Vidal’s idea to hold a music benefit concert at Haldane School resulted in “From 10516 With Love: A Hurricane Sandy Relief Concert.” The Cold Spring Lions Club joined as sponsor, identifying a suitable charity: “Schools Helping Schools,” which designated East Rockaway School District as its beneficiary. Hosted by WHUD’s Mike Bennett, the 4-hour-long concert, which took place on Dec. 9, turned into a homegrown musical extravaganza, featuring some of the area’s top professional musicians as well as the talents of a number of Haldane students.

Vidal will play in another hurricane relief concert to benefit the Breezy Point volunteer fire department at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 12 at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon.

Philipstown Fire Departments Form Rope Team

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong, July 23

Nearly six years after the beginning of work on a far-reaching plan for Cold Spring land use, preservation of village and historic character, economic development, waterfront revitalization, and more, the village formally adopted its Comprehensive Plan in January. The project involved thousands of hours by volunteers, numerous meetings by the Special Board for a Comprehensive Plan, Village Board, and other panels, assistance from state officials, and dozens of public forums to gain input from village residents, “stakeholders” such as local merchants, non-profit and other (Continued on page 2)
Community Day Festivities Make for Smiles and Sparkles
By Christine Simek, July 2
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Even by its halfway point, the Cold Spring Film Society’s 2012 season was already a success. Goonies, Casablanca and Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, the first three offerings in the Summer Film Series held at Dockside Park on Cold Spring’s waterfront, averaged 370 viewers. A survey conducted in August yielded results that auger well for the future of the series — as an event that serves both local residents and visitors and is a boon to local businesses.

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Tony Moore, Cold Spring Open Studios participant, firing his Hybrid Anagama-Noborigama Kiln
Photo by Tom Loggia

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Cold Spring Struts Mutts for Heeling Autism
By Jeannie Tao, Nov. 11

On Saturday, Nov. 3, the Cold Spring Lions Club held a Strut Your Pup event to raise awareness about autism and Heeling Autism, a program at Guiding Eyes for the Blind, which has facilities in Yorktown Heights and Patterson to train guide dogs. The highly trained pups that do not become guide dogs can still be trained as service dogs for children with autism and their families, who, once qualified and trained, receive service dogs at no charge. Eileen Muniz, a mother of three children all on the autism spectrum, spoke about the enormous changes that her son Vincent's service dog, Randy, has brought to their family. Tethered to Vincent, Randy provides him with the constant comfort and companionship that children with autism need, and Vincent's dangerous impulses have decreased dramatically. Muniz concluded by saying that Randy "accomplished what no person could," showing them that happiness is a possibility every day.

Free Range Cats Get Second Chance at Sanctuary
By Jeannie Tao, Sept. 4

Michael Hudson Animal Aid (MHAA) in Beacon, also known as the Esie Dabrins Cat Sanctuary, is a no-kill, free-range cat shelter. The sanctuary's policy is to give as many cats a chance to be adopted as possible, deciding to keep cats that many other shelters would deem unadoptable. Most shelters would usually euthanize those testing positive for feline leukemia and for FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus), but cats with these two issues have their own areas at MHAA, because they can still live long, healthy lives and are still adoptable.

On Friday, Oct. 12, a crew from The Home Depot spent the day volunteering at MHAA to fix up the building, replacing doors and floors, installing new fencing on the porch, putting in shelves, and more. Other volunteers from the community helped paint, clean, and move the cats around while The Home Depot crew worked on different rooms.

Along with an amazing donation collection, Gerelli Insurance gave an enormous monetary donation for the cause. On Dec. 21 they went to Breezy Point to provide hot meals to those still working daily in the cold gutting their destroyed homes. Over the past month, the team has taken on the name of E-7 (Elite 7) and is in the process of setting up a fundraiser aimed at funding the needs of those affected at the Cold Spring waterfront and other Hudson Valley residents who have suffered losses. The venue, bands and raffles are all donated. There will still be trips to the city with volunteer manpower, and they have spent a few days at the Cold Spring waterfront with manpower as well. Valley Village Board Ralph Falcon has helped organize that work.

Donations still needed at this point are contractor bags and cleaning supplies, but monetary donations at the fundraiser will be used in the immediate area. Any who can't attend but would still like to help are encouraged to contact an E-7 member, (Peterson, Steve Smith, Ryan Barkman, Laurie Marigliano, Steve Burke or Kristin DeMarco.) Businesses wishing to donate to the raffle can also email Peterson at christinemarie1229@gmail.com.

See the original story, “Philipstown and Its Neighbors Help a City in Need” by Alison Rooney (Nov. 6), at philipstown.info.

Communities Work for Hurricane Relief
(from page 1)

The Putnam History Museum proudly presents a lecture by Jessica DuLong on her critically acclaimed book, My River Chronicles: Rediscovering the Work that Built America: A Personal and Historical Journey

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Friday to Sunday through Jan 6
3 - 8 P.M. Friday, Noon - 6 P.M. Saturday and Sunday | BEACON ARTIST UNION (BAU)
506 Main St., Beacon 845-440-7594 | bauartunion@gmail.com

As the Crow Flies
Daily through March 2
9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Monday to Thursday
11 A.M. - 5 P.M. Saturday - Noon, 5 - P.M. Sunday | BEACON CONVENTION CENTER | 100 Main St., Beacon 845-838-1600 | bin.org/events

Blew Your Own Ornament
Daily through Jan 1
10 A.M. - 6 P.M. | 11 A.M. - 6 P.M. SUNDAY | HUDSON GLASS, 162 Main St., Beacon 845-440-0006 | hudonglass.com

Blue Collar Blues: Celebrating the Struggle and Satisfaction of Our Labor
Saturday and Sunday through Jan 27
1 - 5 P.M. in ART GALLERY 50 Liberty St., Beacon 845-835-5322 | beaconpresbychurch.com

Group Show
Friday to Sunday through Dec 30
Noon - 6 P.M. MARINA GALLERY 153 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-2204

Holiday House Tours
Wednesday to Monday through Dec 31
10 A.M. - 3 P.M. BOSCOBEL 1601 Route 9D, Garrison 845-265-3838 | boscobel.org

School Mini-Break Camp for Grades K-3
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2012 Seventh Grade History Contest
The Putnam History Museum’s 2012 Seventh Grade History Contest concluded on December 12 with a reception at the museum. We acknowledge the hard work of all the participants:

Nicolle Mitchell, “Myths and Legends of the Hudson Valley”
Max McGrath and Amelia Hall, “Under the Railroad”
Julian Van Dommele, “Appalachian Trail Travel Book”
Alex Shapm, “Murders in Putnam County”
Cameron Palikara and Henry Driscoll, “Philpstown and Little League Baseball”
David Hobgood and Hudson Heckler, “West Point and the Civil War”
Eric Schaeffer, “South and North Redoubt”
Derek Champi and Brian Kelly, “Bannerman Island”
Isabella Tooh, “Glywood”
Ray O’Flour, “Garrison Golf Club”
Kristin Sarrandt, “The Garrett Cannons”
Bridget Bavagnoli and Rose Lewisberg-Donnell, “The Depot Theater”
Alexa Angelopulos, “The Lenape”
Alexa Gagnon, “Red Cottage”
Joey Marcian and Hussein Goll, “Dick’s Castle”
Yunus Skooglu and Kekel Conversion, “Hudson River Pollution”
Alex Mancuso, “The Bear Mountain Bridge”
Guo Duperre, “Dutch Influence in New York”
Ned Flanagan and Frances Colanturo, “Castle Rock”
Lucinda Stolt and Dezi Young, “Garrison School History”
Josh Wimer, “The Flight of Benedict Arnold”
Christian Mayo, “Boscobel”
Ronay Timsley and George Leiter, “Bannerman’s Island”

- Third place winner: Kaelin Martin, “The Bird and Bottle Inn”
- Second place winner: Eddie – Joe Barry, “Fort Clinton”
- First place winner: George Weed and Elijah Derene, “The Clearwater”

The museum also wishes to thank the contest judges:
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Sunday, December 30

Kids & Community

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10 A.M. - 4 P.M. BOSCOBEL | Details under Friday.

Farmer’s Market
11 A.M. - 3 P.M. SCENE HUDSON’S RIVER CENTER
Long Dock Drive, Beacon
845-234-9325 | thebeaconfarmersmarket.com

Meet the Animals
1 & 2:30 p.m. WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER
See details under Friday.

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6:30 p.m. BEAR RUNNER CAFE
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Health, Sports & Outdoors

Hudson Valley Co-Ed Soccer
7:45 a.m. FISHKILL RECREATION CENTER
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845-265-3718 | ourladyoflorettocs.com

St. Mary’s Episcopal Church
8 & 10:30 a.m. 1 CHESTNUT ST., COLD SPRING
845-205-2529 | stmaryscoldspring.org

St. Philip’s Episcopal Church
8 & 10:30 a.m. 1101 ROUTE 9D, GARRISON
845-424-3571 | stphilipshighlands.org

Grace United Methodist
8:15 a.m. & 10 a.m.
337 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley
845-526-3788

St. Basil’s Academy Greek Orthodox Chapel
9:30 a.m. 216 MAIN ST., COLD SPRING
845-205-5816 | stbasilsacademy.org

Niagara Lutheran
9 a.m. 65 OSCAWANNA LAKE RD., PUTNAM VALLEY
845-526-8858 | stleaquinethamvalley.org

Buddhist Meditation
9 a.m. CHUNG YIN MONASTERY
2020 Route 301, Carmel | 845-228-4288 | buddism.org

First Presbyterian Church
9 a.m. ADULT BIBLE STUDY
10 a.m. SERVICE
10 Academy St., Cold Spring
845-265-3220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

South Highland Methodist Church
9:30 a.m. 19 SNAKE HILL ROAD, GARRISON
845-265-3365

Quaker Friends Worship
10 a.m. WHITT MINE
845-424-3525 | For details.

St. Joseph’s Chapel
10:15 a.m. 74 UPPER STATION ROAD, GARRISON
845-265-3718 | ourladyoflorettocs.com

Fourth Unitarian Society
10:30 a.m. 1698 STRAWBERRY ROAD
MOHICAN LAKE | 914-528-7135
fourthau.org

Church on the Hill
10:30 a.m. 245 MAIN ST., COLD SPRING
845-265-2022 | coldspringchurchonthhill.org

United Methodist Church
11 A.M. 216 MAIN ST., COLD SPRING
845-265-3365

Music

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Cost: $75 per person
10 p.m. THE LIVING ROOM
103 Main St., Cold Spring
845-270-8210 | coldspringlivingroom.com
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I am committed to providing a memorial onsite that will honor Julia Butterfield. I am looking forward to making this project a genuine source of great pride for the Cold Spring community for the next century.

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Winterfest Announced for 2013

Winterfest returns to Philipstown from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13 at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center in Cold Spring. In celebration of National Winter Trails Day, the event includes interactive programs and demonstrations and is open to the public.

Paul Kuznia, director of the Taconic Outdoor Education Center and Fahnstock-Winter Park (FWP) at Fahnstock Memorial State Park, said this year’s program will be filled with winter activities with or without snow.

“We’ve been doing Winterfest since 1995,” Kuznia said. “It lets us reach people in our local community and around the region. It’s a one-day event, with or without snow, and if the pond is frozen, we’ll have some ice skating and broom ball. We’ll also present demonstrations from ice fishermen, and Hudson Valley Outfitters will come out with their staff so that people can try snowshoes. One of our highlights is also a wildlife educational piece.”

Winterfest will also incorporate tubing and crafts and will feature a selection of food and beverages anchored by the center’s Winterfest chili, available in vegetarian and meat varieties. Suggested donation for the event is $2 for adults and $1 for children. The Taconic Outdoor Education Center is located at 75 Mountain Laurel Lane, Cold Spring. For more information, call 845-265-3773 or see the website of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation at nysparks.com.

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Fresh Air Fun (from page 1)

Your own skates and a lock for a locker,

as well as paved walking path around Hessian Lake. While it’s important to dress properly for cool and wet weather conditions, visitors should also read trail maps, follow blaze markers, and begin a hike to allow ample daylight time on the return leg down the trail.

Bear Mountain’s winter park amenities also include cross-country skiing when snow covers the massive stretch of parkland, as well as winter strolling along the Trailside Zoo, and ice skating on its outdoor rink, enhanced by the park’s majestic backdrop.

Skating remains affordable, and with your own skates, you can budget $5 or less per person to skate at Bear Mountain, though the park currently charges $8 per vehicle for weekend visits (bearmountainicerink.com). If you don’t have skates, you can rent them at the rink ($4). If you’re dusting off skates that haven’t been used recently, stop by the skate-sharpening shop for a blade assessment ($5 per pair for sharpening). You’ll pack more pleasure into your outdoor experience when equipment is maintained.

When catching up with friends and family throughout the region, take a spin around a rink near your destination. If you’re going the blanket route, pack a moisture-resistant camping tarp. With a little planning, winter picnics can include precooked savory selections of warm soup, chili and stew. Pass a loaf of crusty bread around your circle, and call it a feast.

As for cooking out-door, some parks may be equipped with grills while others allow visitors to bring small grills and portable stoves. Check your park’s guidelines before you plan your menu.

“There are no restrictions on grills at Bear Mountain right now,” Hall said, “but we’d still like people to try our own grill.”

Bear Mountain provides trash cans, but many parks are carry-in/carry-out facilities. To embellish the fresh air, tote camping mugs and utensils to minimize waste. Bring heated water or milk in a thermal carafe, and let everyone mix their own hot chocolate.

To warm up their outdoor meals, local Girl Scouts have perfected their favorite Troop leader and community director of the Hudson Highlands Girl Scouts Deirdre Knapp of Cold Spring said that the scouts still love to make s’mores (the classic crispy treat prepared with graham crackers, marshmallows and chocolate), but the scouts have adopted bag tacos as their go-to outdoor meal.

“We make tacos in a bag,” Knapp said. “The girls squish up chips in a red bag of Doritos (Doritos Nacho Cheese Tortilla Chips large single-serve size) We cook the meat ahead of time, and everyone adds meat, shredded cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, and olives to their bags. We use a fork to eat the tacos right out of the bag, and the kids love it.”