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## Hudson Cleanup Continues Its Long Slog

*GE asked to do more despite compliance with EPA decree*

By Kevin E. Foley

A number of public officials over the past few weeks have protested that a court-ordered, 13-year cleanup of the Hudson River by General Electric — declared complete under the terms of a 2005 agreement — has not removed nearly enough of the pollutants that the company dumped into the river decades ago that are still found in its water north of Albany and in fish spawning in the south, including near Beacon and Philipstown.

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) are a complex grouping of chemical compounds that have been linked to cancer and other health problems and were banned in manufacturing in 1976, about the same time New York state ordered GE to stop dumping them into the river at its two plants north of Albany.

Over the next quarter-century, various government agencies and environmental groups have done battle in court with GE over its responsibility for the pollution. In 2002 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated the Hudson River as a Superfund site and ordered GE to dredge 2.65 million

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Dumping dredged soil in 2014

EPA photo



A Happy Anniversary: Paul and Maryellen Miethner of Ossining were spotted dancing on Aug. 24 at the Cold Spring waterfront as *The Lovers' Waltz* by Jay Ungar and Molly Mason played from an iPod hooked up to speakers. It was their eighth anniversary. They met on a nearby bike trail and had their first date on the Cold Spring dock.

Photos by Anita Peltonen



## Legislature Will Weigh Butterfield Bond

*Six of nine legislators must approve on Sept. 6*

By Holly Toal

With both Putnam County's Physical Services and Audit committees approving a bond resolution

for \$800,000 for the creation of a senior center at the Butterfield property in Cold Spring, the question will now go before the full legislature on Sept. 6, where it must pass by two-thirds vote, or six of the nine legislators.

During the Aug. 29 Audit & Administration Committee meeting, legislator Carl Albano (R-Carmel) explained that the county had scaled back its plans for the proposed senior center after Roger and Elizabeth Ailes of Garrison withdrew a pledge to provide \$500,000 for the project. In a lease agreement approved but not yet signed by the legislature, the county plans to lease 6,000 square feet of space at the Lahey Pavilion at the Butterfield development in Cold Spring for 15 years.

"We asked for a revised estimate to tighten up the numbers, and we got that and that's what it's based on," Albano said of the \$800,000 bond resolution. "We've made a commitment to bring this project in for \$200,000 less [from \$1.5 million], and as a group that's what we've decided."

Barbara Scuccimarra (R-Philipstown) said the biggest change to the proposed senior center is a

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## Philipstown Judge Steps Down

*Complaints made about three points of conduct*

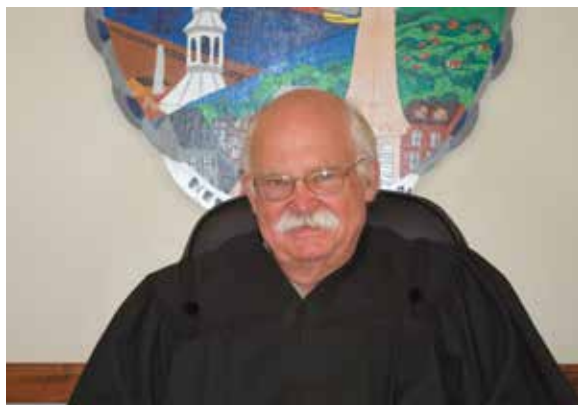
By Michael Turton

Alan Steiner will step down as a judge in the Philipstown Justice Court and acting justice in the Cold Spring Justice Court effective Sept. 20, following a ruling by the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct stemming from complaints it received about his conduct. Steiner, a Garrison resident, has served as a judge in the Philipstown court since 2000.

He had already chosen not to seek re-election this fall.

In its ruling, issued on Aug. 1, the commission stated that Steiner posted political statements on Facebook (judges are prohibited from being involved in politics to maintain the appearance, at least, of impartiality); delayed a small-claims decision for more than a year and failed to complete required continuing education courses in 2010, 2011 and 2014.

After Steiner removed the Facebook posts, resolved the small-claims case and completed the required training, the commission discontinued proceedings and closed the case. However, it stipulated that he step down and agree not to seek or ac-



Judge Alan Steiner

File photo by M. Turton

cept a judicial office any time in the future. Steiner, 71, can continue to practice law in New York, although he closed his private practice several years ago.

In a letter of resignation to Philipstown Town Supervisor Richard Shea dated July 23, Steiner indicated that "a number of circumstances" had

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**Cook On: 1 part chaos, 2 parts calm**

# Hearty Flowers

By Mary Ann Ebner

**A**rtichokes sprout a few thorns, but underneath all that armor, their tough leaves protect delicate, creamy flesh.

Harvested before they blossom with spiky flowers, artichokes are unopened buds from a type of thistle plant. The plants produce clusters of large buds not only tasty to eat but striking enough to use as a centerpiece. With many distant relatives in the daisy family of flowering plants, artichokes remind me of a stunning flower, the giant protea, with a cone-shaped appearance and tropical beauty. A bin of harvested artichoke globes draws more than a passing look at our local grocery, but a field of green artichoke plants with thick stems shooting up several feet toward the California sky can stop traffic, or perhaps prompt drivers to slow down to admire roadside fields.

Sometimes we all need to take a good look at what we're cooking and eating. Driving along California's Highway 1 through Castroville a few weeks ago, we stopped to check out the fields of artichoke plants. The small unincorporated town of Castroville touts itself as the world's artichoke capital, rich in fertile farmland with a cool coastal climate ideal for growing the plants as well as other crops like lettuce and strawberries. We've enjoyed shar-

ing artichokes around our table since my husband and I lived not far from Castroville nearly 20 years ago. Seeing again one of our favorite foods ready for har-

vest in this small community that is the big-time producer of the plant reminded us why we appreciate artichokes so much. Working through each layer of leaves to reach the prized heart allows time to linger over conversation.

I've found steaming rather than roasting or stuffing them the simplest way to celebrate a meal of artichokes, with one for each of us if they're small, served up with a warm, garlicky butter and toast. Prep includes nothing more than cutting off the stem and any tough lower leaves to flatten the bottom, trimming the thorniest top leaves with kitchen scissors, and placing them in a pot of salted water doused with a splash of olive oil and lemon juice.

After 20 minutes of steaming, when the leaves pull away easily, it's dipping time. We peel off each leaf to eat them one by one, gently pulling leaves through teeth for the buttery bite of the underside, and then carefully remove the fuzzy choke and slice the meaty bottom for the long-awaited honors of its center.

Anyone in a hurry should be banned from the table when the meal includes whole steamed artichokes. A diner who moves too quickly on the heart is often rewarded with a forkful of hairy choke.

Artichokes enhance so many recipes. One of my favored sauces is an artichoke-mushroom medley made with heavy cream.



Artichokes grow well in California's cool coastal climate in the Salinas Valley.



Steamed artichokes with aioli

Photos by M.A. Ebner

Spinach and artichoke quiche never fails for brunch, and fried artichokes make their case as the perfect appetizer. A friend and I recently shared a fine plate of fried baby artichokes — lightly crisped and served with a roasted garlic-olive tapenade aioli — on the airy patio at The Roundhouse in Bea-

con. Steamed, marinated, pickled or fried, artichokes can go solo or harmonize to finish a dish. Nothing beats fresh, but even frozen, jarred or canned artichokes add a little extra bloom to a meal. Steam your own to dip leaves in butter and slide across those teeth, toss marinated hearts in a leafy green salad or fry a batch of baby artichokes and savor them with garlic sauce.

## Artichokes (Fried or Steamed)

Serves 4

4 medium artichokes	salt
2 eggs, lightly beaten	pepper
1 cup corn meal	1 cup olive oil
1 cup bread crumbs	juice of half lemon (if needed)

**Fried:** Mix corn meal, bread crumbs, salt and pepper and set aside. Trim top and stem of artichoke with sharp knife. Peel away tough outer leaves to expose soft inner layers. Open the center using fingers to pull leaves apart and with a metal spoon remove fuzzy choke, or cut artichoke in half and spoon or cut away choke and surrounding purplish leaves. Cut in half again for quartered pieces. (If not using right away, place pieces in lemon water.) Dredge pieces in beaten eggs and dry mixture and fry in olive oil over medium heat until lightly golden. Remove fried pieces to paper towels to drain excess oil. Serve immediately.

**Steamed:** For the alternative steamed version, place cut pieces in a heavy pan with enough water to cover pan's bottom below steamer basket. Steam 15 minutes until tender and serve with lemon wedges, garlic butter or aioli.

### Aioli

(Makes 1 cup)

3 garlic cloves, peeled and minced	1 teaspoon lemon juice
3 egg yolks	1 teaspoon sriracha chili sauce (or any hot sauce)
1 cup extra virgin olive oil	½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon boiling water	

Mix garlic and egg yolks in bowl with whisk. Add salt and boiling water and mix thoroughly. Gradually beat in olive oil. Mix in lemon juice, sriracha and salt. Serve with prepared artichokes.



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led to his decision to step down. While he didn't mention the commission's investigation, he did allude to some of the issues it raised, along with a personal matter. "My main reason [for resigning] is that my wife had brain surgery last week and is facing, what we expect to be, a long period of recovery," he wrote. "In addition, I have found it to be a strain to render decisions in a timely fashion and to stay current with my Continuing Legal Education."

In an interview with *The Current*, Steiner said the commentary he posted on Facebook was solely about national politics, not local issues. "Technically that was a violation of the rules," he said, but "it is silly to think" having opinions about the presidential race or Congress would color his judgment on the bench.

Regarding his delay in concluding the small-claims case Steiner said, "it just slipped by me. I wasn't as diligent as I should have been." He said it was ironic that the plaintiff, who filed the complaint with the commission, in the end was "very happy with the decision. He thanked me."

Steiner also recently came under scrutiny for his involvement in the Preservation Company, a Peekskill non-profit that provides grants to low- to moderate-income residents for home improvements and first-time home purchases. The organization, which Steiner chairs, also helps residents find housing and deal with issues such as evictions and overdue rent.

Earlier this year, Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina filed a complaint against Steiner with the commission over the Preserva-

tion Company's awarding of \$45,000 in grants to Drew Claxton, Peekskill's deputy mayor, and her son, for improvements to a home they co-own. Elected officials are generally not permitted to receive such grants. The commission dismissed the complaint as being "without merit."

Steiner told *The Current* that elected officials can receive grant funds in some cases but that a waiver must be approved beforehand. "If we had known that [a waiver was required], we would have applied for it and I'm confident it would have been approved," he said.

Steiner said that when the error was discovered as part of a routine audit, the Preservation Company returned the grant and that the Claxtons are reimbursing the Preservation Company. The Claxtons, he

### Next week:

### The candidates to succeed Judge Steiner

said, were not aware that a waiver was required.

Steiner said that his priority now will be to care for his wife, Glenn, who continues to recover from surgery.

The Philipstown Town Board has yet to name an interim justice to replace Steiner, leaving Stephen Tomann as the lone town judge until after the November election. Democrats Camille Linson and Luke Hilpert will face off in a primary election on Sept. 13, and the winner will face Republican Faye Thorpe on Nov. 8 in the race to fill Steiner's seat.

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cubic yards of PCB-contaminated sediment from a 40-mile section of the upper Hudson. In 2005, GE agreed to undertake the monumental task.

Ten years later, in the fall of 2015, GE completed the EPA-supervised dredging, two years ahead of schedule. The company says the cleanup cost \$1 billion. In 2014, at a forum at Marist College, an EPA representative said it was unlikely his agency would require GE to do further dredging and that he doubted GE would volunteer to keep going. The EPA is conducting a review of the operation, with its conclusions expected in spring of 2017.

### Not enough?

In a press conference on Aug. 24 at Upper Landing Park in Poughkeepsie, U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney called on the EPA to compel GE to continue dredging. He said there are still "too many of the PCBs in the fish, that means the people that depend on the river for food and for recreation and commerce are all hurt by the failure to finish the work." Many environmental groups have also said GE should continue the work, including Scenic Hudson, Riverkeeper, the Sierra Club, Clearwater and the Natural Resources Defense Council, and the state of New York appears not to be satisfied. In a letter to the EPA, Basil Seggos, commissioner of the Department of Environmental

Conservation (DEC) wrote that, "with the significant amount of contamination left behind, it is likely the state can no longer concur that the remedy is effective."

That seems to be a change of heart. In 2014, when environmental groups and municipal governments first began to protest that parts of the river not covered by the EPA/GE dredging agreement also had significant PCB pollution, the administration of Gov. Andrew Cuomo showed little enthusiasm for the campaign. At the time the governor was courting GE to relocate its corporate headquarters to Westchester from Connecticut, which was not successful.

### Making waves

Feeding the present call to pressure GE is a report released in March by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that concluded the concentration of PCBs remains higher than what the EPA had forecast they would be when the cleanup began. The report suggested it would be decades before fish taken from the river are safe to eat.

However, the agency conceded that its use of a predictive model not as data rich as that used by the EPA made the exact rate of decay of PCBs in the river "highly uncertain" — a point not acknowledged by the groups now calling for more work by GE but one that no doubt will be debated should the NOAA report lead to formal

proceedings over GE's liability.

Under the elaborate 2005 agreement, the NOAA, DEC and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service serve as trustees of the cleanup plan. While the EPA will determine what, if anything, GE still needs to do, these three agencies will calculate the damage done to river communities, with the bill ultimately sent to GE. The trustee agencies will also oversee restoration projects.

### GE quiet

In October, GE Chairman and CEO Jeff Immelt said in a statement that the company had fulfilled its obligations. "Our goal was to perform this work as safely and effectively as possible in full compliance

with the rigorous standards and timetable set by EPA," he said. "We brought world-class GE engineering and technology to the task, and we met every obligation on the Hudson, and will continue to do so. I am proud of the work of our GE team and confident that the dredging project will benefit the Hudson for generations to come." He promised that GE would "restore underwater vegetation to areas of the river that have been dredged and will monitor environmental conditions in the river for the foreseeable future."

GE has not responded to the more recent demands that its dredging work continue.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Camille Linson for Town Justice

None of us expects to come before the Town Justice, or any judge for that matter. But maybe we will one day on our own behalf or in support of another. If I do, I hope that Camille Linson is the presiding justice because I know that she will be fair, well-prepared and impartial in her judgment, no matter what the particular case involves.

The pedigree of her education and the breadth of her legal experience speak for themselves: her impartiality, diligence and moral code I can attest to, having worked with her when we both were officers of a venerable local non-profit association. We had some tough calls during that time and Camille led the rest of us in making the right one by listening closely,

doing the necessary research and weighing the arguments without bias towards either side.

Camille is a dedicated individual who will do all that is required of being a judge, including keeping up with that continuing judicial education that the law calls for. She will serve us well in this sensitive and important position. We are fortunate that she is running.

Please vote for Camille Linson for Philipstown Town Justice. You can do so twice. First in the Democratic primary on Sept. 13 and then on Election Day on Nov. 8.

Nat Prentice, *Garrison*

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### Parking on the river

From the editor: As Brian PJ Cronin reported in our July 15 issue, the U.S. Coast Guard is considering creating 10 overnight barge parking lots, called anchorage grounds, on the Hudson River, including in an area between Beacon and Newburgh for up to five barges. (There are presently two anchorage grounds, at Yonkers and Hyde Park; the proposal would add 43 more berths.) The Coast Guard is accepting public comments on the proposal until Wednesday, Sept. 7 (search for "USCG-2016-0132" at regulations.gov).

In a letter to the Coast Guard, the American Waterways Operators argued that current anchorage space is "woefully inadequate" and said that while the in-

dustrial is willing to make accommodations, "Coast Guard policy must not be driven by aesthetics but by safe usage of the waterways." The Maritime Association of the Port of New York/New Jersey said it anticipates increased barge traffic, and the need for more anchorage, due to the lifting in December of the 40-year ban on American crude oil exports.

Environmental groups have been organizing opposition. "This ill-conceived proposal ... is a throwback to the days when rivers like the Hudson were often treated as stagnant industrial canals," said Dave Conover, interim director at Hudson River Sloop Clearwater. Michelle Smith, director of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust,

wrote: "It is still early in the rule-making process and comments from river communities can be very influential on how this process evolves. In particular, it is important that the Coast Guard requires a full and complete environmental review."

As of press time, nearly 2,000 comments had been posted. Here are some excerpts:

#### Laurel Becker

My mother inspired me to love the Hudson River and to appreciate its beauty... The thought of returning our beautiful river to its former state rather than accepting stewardship for its continued progress is reprehensible.

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## Taking it to the Street

by Anita Peltonen

*What are your plans for the Labor Day weekend?*



"We'll go sit by the water, take the kids. It's going to be nice."  
~ Haisam Ghazali, Cold Spring



"Chill. I'm puppy-sitting Oliver for a week. I'm going to enjoy the central air conditioning. I was just in the Adirondacks."  
~ Joanne Murphy, Cold Spring



"Find other work. I worked as a truck driver for the Gap warehouse in Fishkill. After the fire August 29th, all workers lost their jobs."  
~ Eslam Hosny, Stormville



## Parking on the River *(from previous page)*

### Michael Gersh, River Pool at Beacon

The construction of anchorage sites threatens all these revitalization efforts and poses grave danger to public safety. First and foremost is the very real possibility of oil spills; well known to be all but irrecoverable, such spills devastate wildlife and otherwise poison water it has taken generations to clean. River towns along the Hudson are serviced by volunteer emergency crews, not full-time first responders. If and when an accident occurs, there is very little support to manage the catastrophic impact these spills can have.

### Matthew Robinson

We do not want the boats parked in Beacon or anywhere on the Hudson. I understand we use gas and it sounds like we are a bunch of hypocrites, but the river does not filter this stuff and it's not worth the risk. We should not make it easy to do business in fossil fuel. The future of oil is the same as cigarettes and the music industry and we will succeed in blocking the oil economy until these dirty compa-

nies buy into clean energy.

### James Malchow

While touting increased vessel safety for the commercial operators ... the proposed ... anchorage zones will undoubtedly compromise and come at the expense of the safety of the recreational boating public.

### Bill Wiemers

Other than perhaps under both sides of the George Washington Bridge [and other bridges such as the Tappan Zee and Newburgh-Beacon], leave the formerly nasty Hudson alone.

### Bryanne Figlia

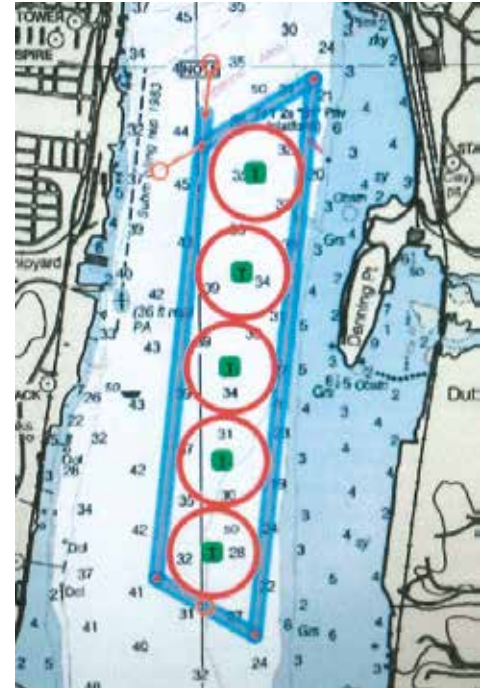
I live in Beacon, just across the river from a proposed anchorage site. Sharing a city with the late Pete Seeger has imbued me with a deep and abiding appreciation for our beautiful, historic Hudson River. We celebrate and gather as a community around the river. Our children swim there. These bright, noisy barges will disrupt our views and our peace. They will have a negative impact on our economy,

as tourism here is driven by the scenery as well as our Main Street. Dennings Point, a Hudson Highlands park, is a breeding site for our national symbol, the bald eagle. Hikers are not even permitted on this path during mating season for fear of disturbing the birds and threatening the population — and there's a possibility that there will be barges parked there?

I've enclosed a picture of my children and their grandmother enjoying Dennings Point just this afternoon. My seven-year-old daughter carries a bag on her arm to collect litter whenever we hike the trail, because she wants to leave our special place better than when we found it every time we go. She knows what matters. Please show her that you do, too.

### Scott Weiland

The fact that industrial barges are in motion and not parked makes the mix of natural public resource and industry work together. Parking barges would alter this balance and starts to tip the balance into all that comes with entrenched industry. Cold Spring has a Superfund site, which



A map of the five barge parking spots proposed between Beacon and Newburgh

many people do not realize, from when heavy industry was allowed to run rampant. Let's not do that again.

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reduced kitchen area. She said there had been plans for a teaching kitchen but "that whole section is gone."

Joseph Castellano (R-Southeast), one of three members of the Audit Committee with Albano and William Gouldman (R-Putnam Valley), laid out the financial plan to his colleagues. A month ago, he said, the county planned to spend \$1.5 million, with \$500,000 from the Ailes, \$500,000 from the state and a \$500,000 loan.

"The \$500,000 donation went away, so either we don't have enough money to do this, or we cut back," he said. The county is now planning a \$1.3 million project, with \$500,000 from the state and the \$800,000 bond. Castellano said if all went well, the project would cost less than \$1.3 million, "but we need that money if necessary. We're not going over the \$1.3 million."

The legislator noted the \$500,000 pledged collectively by Sen. Sue Serino (R-Hyde Park), and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) is still on the table but Scuccimarra pointed out that some of the hesitation by the state centered around a proposed agreement with Roger Ailes that gave him unusual control over the project,

including hiring contractors. Galef had suggested the state might not provide funds if Putnam County agreed to a lease in which Ailes, the former Fox News chief for whom the center was to be named, did not have to pay state-mandated minimum wages.

"That is no longer on the table, so that question is resolved," Scuccimarra said.

Still, legislators have faced criticism over the cost of the project. Castellano defended the expenditure.

"This is a senior center in part of the county that's been underserved," he said. "It's a great deal for the people on the other side of the county. I think it's a fair deal for Putnam County residents to pay for this. The seniors are well-deserving of this senior center. If we pull out there's not going to be a senior center there — not any time in the near future."

Dini LoBue (R-Mahopac Falls) reiterated her view that the \$4.3 million the county will pay to lease the space from the developer over 15 years is far too much, especially since the county owns its three existing senior centers.

"This is a rental," she said. "And the amount of money is absolutely ludicrous

and the setup of the contract is just unbelievable. It's obscene."

She also protested that she has not yet seen site plans for the revised project. "They were never presented at Physical Services," she said, adding that she would like to see "the actual plans of what the inside of the center would look like."

Further, LoBue argued that the center will be too much for too little. "You're talking about a very small population of seniors," she said. "Those seniors are very affluent and independent and they won't be going to this center."


Scuccimarra balked at that.

"That's not true," she said. "You don't know my constituents. Stop saying that you do know them. You don't."

Pat Sheehy, who runs the Office for Senior Resources, said the county anticipates a large number of seniors will use the center.

Ann Fanizzi, who lives in Southeast, said that if legislators were arguing that all residents of Putnam County should pay for a senior center based on the number of seniors who will use it, the same case could be made for Southeast.

"The Town of Southeast has this little center over in Lakeview that they sort of put together," she said. "So there are many areas with large populations that are truly underserved. When you come to looking at priorities as to the service that is provided to this county, we have been really shortchanged by the county in a great many respects, and the senior center is one of them."



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# N.Y. Supreme Court Orders DiFrancesco Case Sealed

*Cold Spring judge's ruling overturned*

By Michael Turton

An incident in Cold Spring in the early morning of Jan. 1, 2014, may have finally been put to rest, much to the relief of a restaurant owner who has waged a prolonged legal battle in his own defense.

Ray DiFrancesco, who along with family members operates Whistling Willie's American Grill in Cold Spring, was charged with assault, but in May 2015 the Putnam County district attorney recommended that the charges be dropped. When that

happens, records are typically sealed so that the case doesn't come up in routine background checks.

However, Cold Spring Judge Thomas Costello, for reasons that remain unclear, ordered that the charges be "withdrawn" rather than "dismissed," which he said kept them in the public record. It wasn't until July 13, 2016, when the New York State Supreme Court overruled Costello, that the records were sealed.

DiFrancesco was arrested and arraigned in the Cold Spring Justice Court on Feb. 12, 2014, where he was charged with third-degree assault, third-degree reckless endangerment and giving a false written statement, all Class A misdemeanors. The charges stemmed from events outside Whistling Willie's early on New Year's Day in which, according to a Cold Spring Police Department report, a man suffered a broken knee and was left outside on what was a bitterly cold night.

Fifteen months later, with no evidence having been presented after numerous court appearances and delays, the D.A. recommended the charges be dismissed. After DiFrancesco's lawyers asked that the case record be sealed, Costello wrote that the "withdrawal" of charges "does not constitute a termination of a criminal action or proceeding" and denied the request.

The move raised eyebrows in the legal community. In August 2015, Bennett Gershman, a professor at the Pace University



Ray DiFrancesco

Photo by M. Turton

School of Law, told the *Journal News* that a withdrawal by the prosecutor of charges "is clearly a basis for sealing. If the judge is looking for a hook to keep the defendant under a cloud of criminal suspicion, the judge is acting in complete bad faith and should be sanctioned for something like this."

In his ruling, Supreme Court Justice Paul Marx said the court clerk (who is Judge Costello's wife, Cathy) should have automatically sealed the records even without an order from the judge.

"We thought everything was over when we didn't go to trial," DiFrancesco told *The Current*. "But the court didn't want to hear that. Thank God [for] Judge Marx, who really paid attention to this case and

made the right decision. I don't know what anyone would do if they didn't have the means or the friends — my attorneys are my friends — to make this happen."

Putnam Valley attorney John Zarcone, Jr., who represented DiFrancesco with his partner Lawrence Silverman, praised Marx's ruling as "analytical, scholarly and eloquent." He said the circumstances of the case were unusual enough that Marx's decision was published on Aug. 9 in *The New York Law Journal*.

*The Current* emailed Judge Costello and Cathy Costello on Aug. 31 for comment but had not received a response by press time the next day.



Judge Thomas Costello

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## Butterfield Summer Reading Raffle Winner



Shaun Russell and an admirer

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Shaun Russell won the Butterfield Library's Summer Reading raffle and received a Kindle tablet. He qualified by reading more than 2,000 minutes (33 hours).

## Haldane Foundation Announces Grants

### *Distributes \$60K to schools for projects, trips*

The Haldane School Foundation announced \$60,340 in grants to fund 15 projects at the district's three schools:

- \$20,000 for Discover, Create, Innovate music lab (grades K-12)
- \$18,624 for 21st Century Library Learning Commons (grades 6-12)
- \$3,820 for Model UN Conferences (grades 10-12)
- \$3,300 for Chromebooks (grade 2)
- \$3,300 for iPad Workstation (grade 1)
- \$3,150 for Think Ahead chess program (grades 3-5)
- \$2,180 for drama program body microphones (grades 6-12)
- \$1,500 for See the Wish theater program (grade 4)
- \$1,000 for Discover, Create, Innovate materials (grades K-9)

- \$915 for presentation by Holocaust survivor Marion Lazan (grades 7-8)
- \$900 for Broadway trip (grade 7)
- \$528 for Teatown Reservation trip (grade 4)
- \$500 for Spanish-language play performance (grades 11-12)
- \$425 for Albany trip (grade 4)
- \$198 for ball chairs as sensing tools (grade 3)

"The money that funds these grants comes entirely from the generous individuals, families and businesses of our community," said HSF President Shannon Keegan, who also announced three new trustees have joined the organization's 17-member board: Liz Corio, Gary Hohenberger and Karen Kapoor.

## State School Tax Expert to Address Town Board

### *Invited after Continental Village residents expressed concerns*

John Wolham, a regional director for the state Office of Real Property Tax, will speak at the Philipstown Town Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Continental Village Firehouse. He will explain New York's complex school tax formula and take questions.

Wolham was invited to the meeting after residents of Continental Village appeared before the town board in May to express concerns about their school taxes. The

unincorporated village is part of Westchester County's Lakeland School District, rather than the Garrison district, and its residents pay a significantly higher property tax rate than they would otherwise. Board members also have discussed meeting with the town assessor regarding how the school tax rate is calculated in Continental Village. The firehouse is located at 12 Spy Pond Road.

Visit [highlandscurrent.com](http://highlandscurrent.com) for news updates and latest information.

## New Parking Lot at Haldane

### *25 spots created for seniors*

Following complaints earlier this year about traffic and parking congestion on streets around the Haldane campus in Cold Spring, the high school created a new lot behind its building with 25 spots for seniors in good academic standing. It opened on Sept. 1, the first day of school. Permits will be issued by lottery in the fall and spring.

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# Beacon Parents Protest Teacher Transfer

*Ask school board to reverse decision*

By Jeff Simms

For some Beacon parents, the unexpected transfer of a Sargent Elementary School physical education teacher has evoked memories of one year ago, when 27 teachers were transferred throughout the district just before school started.

While it is normal to see staff movement each summer as new hires are made

and posts open for various reasons, the transfer of Maryanne Cieriello to J.V. Forestal — after spending most of her 20+ year career at Sargent — seemed suspicious, parents say.

“This move feels similar to the 27 teacher transfers in one way: it’s not in the best interests of the kids,” Sargent parent Lori Merhige said. “Great teachers help build strong programs, and transfers driven by politics completely disregard the essential work these great teachers do.”

In August 2015, more than two dozen Beacon teachers were transferred, with many parents speculating that the moves were retaliatory.

Merhige said Wednesday that she and



Maryanne Cieriello

other Sargent parents believe the district “still has work to do” as far as “putting kids before politics.”

Cieriello “was always there after hours, working to make things better,” Merhige said. “She really was a dedicated member of the Sargent community, and this is a big loss for us.”

A day before the Aug. 29 school

board meeting, a group of Sargent parents created a petition at [ipetitions.com/petition/keep-ms-cieriello-at-sargent](http://ipetitions.com/petition/keep-ms-cieriello-at-sargent) protesting Cieriello’s transfer. More than 250 people had added their names by Sept. 1, of which nearly 70 left comments, including Cieriello’s husband, Ken, who posted on Aug. 31 that his wife had “put her heart and soul into Sargent” and not complained when transferred twice in the past to Rombout Middle School. But, he wrote, “three years from retirement to move her is a joke. I am sure the school board cares about money, not students. They took the easy way out here and they are punishing the best P.E. teacher they have .... This is [the] third time she has had to go some-

place to fix a problem.”

Cieriello, who began working at Sargent in 1995, spent the 2014-15 school year at Rombout.

A number of parents — as well as Cieriello herself — also appeared at the school board meeting, urging the board to reverse the transfer.

“This news has been a devastating blow to the Sargent community,” said Anna Sullivan, who addressed the board with six other parents

standing behind her. “Her dedication and commitment to our students is superlative, and she is deeply embedded in the fabric of Sargent life.”

Speaking a few minutes later, Cieriello said that she had hoped to finish her career at the school.

“I love all of our children like they’re my own,” she told the board. “It feels so good to know that the Sargent community feels this way about me. I really feel at home; I really feel like it would be wonderful to stay at Sargent — not just as a business proposition but for all of the people I love.”

The board discussed Cieriello’s transfer in an executive session following the meeting but did not take action, president Anthony White said.

“The board acknowledges that Maryanne Cieriello is a very good physical education teacher,” White told *The Current* on Wednesday, “and we feel that she’s

brought a lot to the district. We’re anticipating that she’s going to continue to contribute to the district.”

*“Great teachers help build strong programs, and transfers driven by politics completely disregard the essential work these great teachers do.”*

## Board candidates

The interviews of candidates for two open spots on the Beacon school board will now be conducted in public. Lacking any official guidelines from the New York State School Boards Association, board members have wrestled with how to fill the seats

vacated this summer by Jose Munoz and Frank Garnot.

After several discussions, they agreed two weeks ago to invite candidates to participate in a forum and make a statement at a board meeting. The seven members of the board would then interview candidates privately before voting on the appointments.

However, board member Antony Tseng introduced a motion at the Aug. 29 meeting to remove the “private” component of the procedure, citing a 2001 opinion by the New York Department of State Committee on Open Government that recommends public board appointments be made in public, not executive, session. His motion passed unanimously.

The application for the vacant board seats is posted at [beaconcityk12.org](http://beaconcityk12.org). The deadline is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7.



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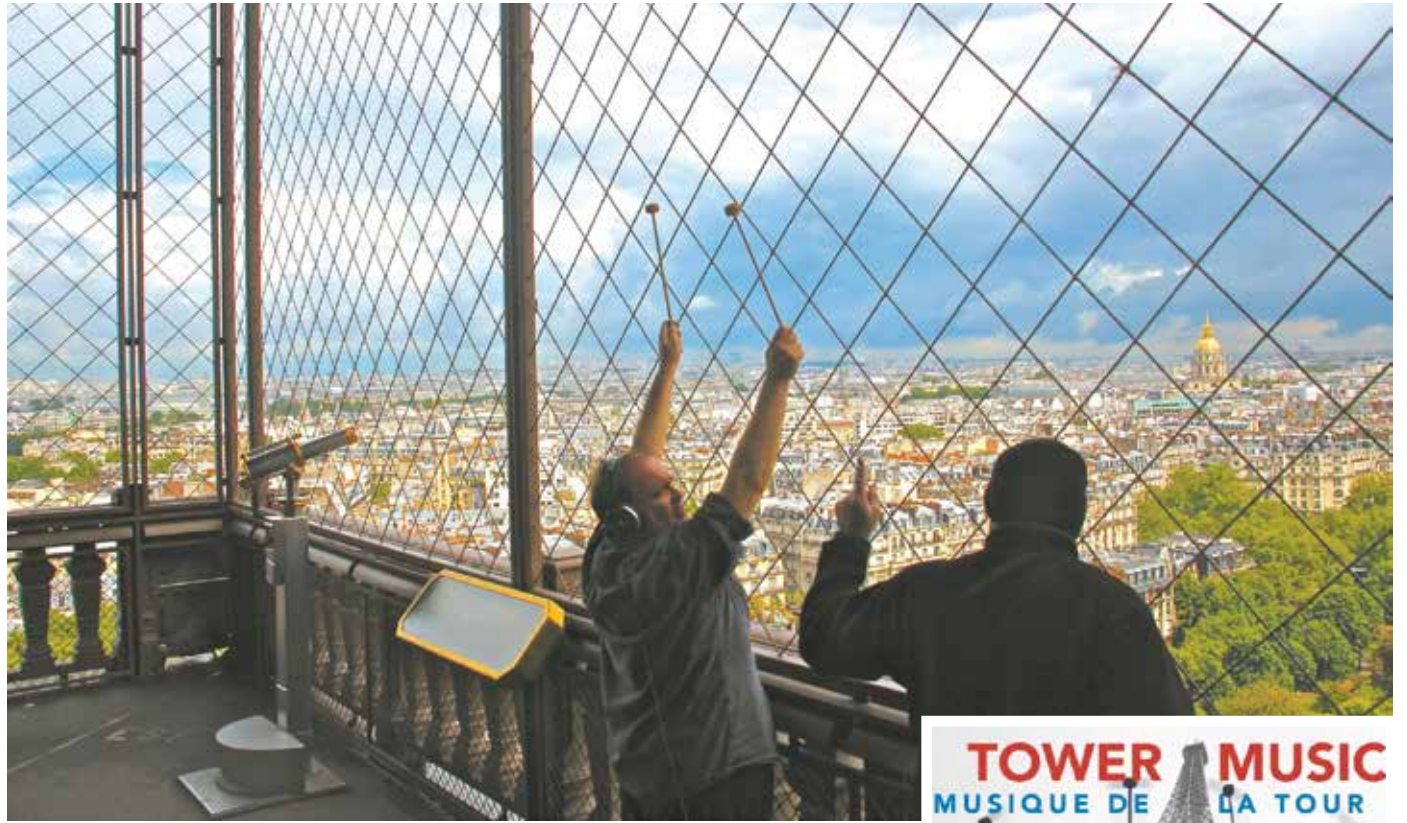




# The Calendar



Joseph Bertolozzi playing the Eiffel Tower with a log.



Above: Bertolozzi, left, and Joe Popp recording at the Eiffel Tower; at right, the album cover

Photos by Franc Palaia

## Playing the Eiffel Tower, With Mallets

*Beacon composer celebrates release of "Tower Music"*

By Brian PJ Cronin

It's common to be consumed by last-minute anxiety on the eve of an international trip. Will I understand what people are saying? Will I be able to work out the currency conversion? Can I figure out how to get around?

When Joseph Bertolozzi of Beacon

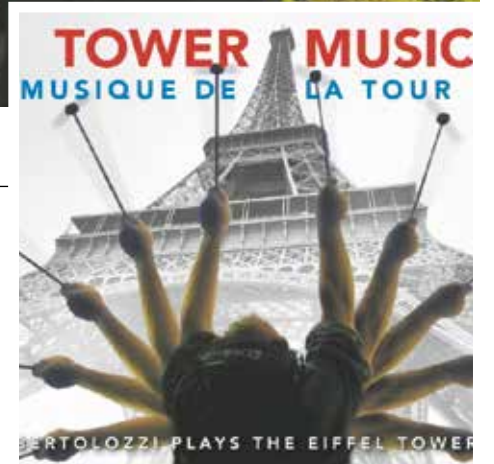
traveled to Paris in 2013, his concerns were unique.

"What if I get to the Eiffel Tower and it's just 500 different B flats?" he recalled asking himself.

Bertolozzi wasn't in the French capital to sightsee. He was there to "play" the Eiffel Tower: Banging its surfaces with implements, meticulously recording and cataloguing every thwack and using those sounds to create music. The results of this percussive experiment, *Tower Music/Musique de la Tour*, was released earlier

this year on innova, the label of the American Composers Forum. And now Beacon is throwing a soiree to celebrate.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., South Avenue will be closed from Beacon St. to Main for Paris on Hudson. Organized by the non-profit Rutigliano Group, the event will feature live music, French food, a 20-foot tall Eiffel Tower replica attached to Bank Square Coffeehouse, mimes, jugglers, strolling accordionists, free berets and a few surprises. "I wanted to throw a really cool record



party for my hometown," Bertolozzi said.

The composer's work is also the focus of a 16-minute documentary, *Bridge Music* by Andrew Porter, that will open the Beacon Independent Film Festival on Friday, Sept. 16. The film chronicles Bertolozzi's first epic percussive experiment, when in (Continued on Page 11)



## Cops and Rodders Draws 100 Classics



Larry Downey's 1923 Ford Depot Hack (left) and Tom Scuccimarra's 1958 Edsel

Photos by M. Turton

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Police Benevolent Association hosted its third annual Cops and Rod-

ders vintage car show on Aug. 27 at Mayor's Park, attracting more than 100 vehicles. Among the prizewinners were Tom Scuccimarra of Garrison, Phil (Continued on Page 12)



ONGOING

**Gallery Shows**  
highlandscurrent.com/galleries

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

**Group Show: wAteR waTer (Opening)**  
6 – 9 p.m. Gallery 66 NY  
66 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-809-5838 | gallery66ny.com

**Vincent Baldassano: Travel Inspirations (Opening)**  
6 – 8 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery  
121 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-809-5145 | busterlevigallery.com

**H.V. Renegades vs. Vermont**  
7:05 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium  
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls  
845-838-0094 | hvrenegades.com

**Bellissime**  
8 p.m. Chapel Restoration  
45 Market St., Cold Spring  
845-265-5537 | chapelrestoration.org

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

**Desmond-Fish Library closed**

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

**Free Admission at Boscobel**  
9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison  
hudsonrivervalleyramble.com  
Mention Ramble at front desk

**Beacon vs. Carmel (Girls' Soccer)**  
10 a.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon  
845-838-6900 | beaconcitk12.org

**Free Guided History Tour**  
11 a.m. West Point Foundry Preserve  
80 Kemble Ave., Cold Spring  
845-473-4440 x238 | scenichudson.org

**Public Canoe Trip**  
Noon. Constitution Marsh  
845-265-2601, ext.15 | hudsonrivervalleyramble.com

**StoryWalk Opening Day**  
Noon – 4 p.m. Wildlife Education Center  
25 Boulevard, Cornwall  
845-534-7781 | hhnaturemuseum.org

**Open House**  
12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Chapel Restoration  
45 Market St., Cold Spring  
845-265-5537 | chapelrestoration.org

Calendar Highlights

For upcoming events visit highlandscurrent.com

Send event listings to calendar@highlandscurrent.com

**Beacon Bourbon Release Party**  
1 – 9 p.m. Denning's Point Distillery  
10 N. Chestnut St., Beacon  
denningpointdistillery.com  
3 p.m. Blue in Green (jazz) | 6 p.m. Rhythm Rising

**Sharpie Marker Seashells for Adults**  
1 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**Beacon vs. Rye (Football)**  
1:30 p.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon  
845-838-6900 | beaconcitk12.org

**Citizen Science Sail – Microplastics**  
2 p.m. Beacon Dock  
clearwater.org/come-sailing/public-sail-schedule/

**Labor Day Picnic / Bonfire Country Jam**  
2 – 9:30 p.m. Fishkill Farms  
9 Fishkill Farm Road, Hopewell Junction  
845-897-4377 | fishkillfarms.com  
2 p.m. Picnic | 6 p.m. Jam | Rescheduled from July 30

**The Farm Show 2016 (Opening)**  
2 – 6 p.m. Saunders Farm  
853 Old Albany Post Rd., Garrison  
845-528-1797 | collaborativeconcepts.org  
2 - 4 p.m. Performance art

**Latin-American Artists of the Hudson Valley (Opening)**  
3 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-765-3012 | howlandculturalcenter.org

**Doansburg Chamber Ensemble**  
7 p.m. St. Mary's Church | 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
845-265-2539 | stmaryscoldspring.org

**H.V. Renegades vs. Vermont**  
7:05 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium  
See details under Friday.

**Labor Day Celebration**  
7:30 p.m. Trophy Point, West Point  
845-938-4159 | westpointband.com

**Coffee House**  
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center | 477 Main St., Beacon | 845-765-3012 | howlandculturalcenter.org

SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

Desmond-Fish Library closed

**Antiques Show & Flea Market**  
8 a.m – 4 p.m. Stormville Airport  
See details under Saturday.

**Denning's Point Kayak Tour**  
10:30 a.m. Long Dock Park, Beacon  
hudsonrivervalleyramble.com

**Army vs. Depaul (Women's Soccer)**  
1:30 p.m. Clinton Field, West Point  
845-938-2526 | goarmysports.com

**HVSF: So Please You**  
2 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St., Peekskill  
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

**CSFS: Fantastic Mr. Fox / The Matrix**  
8 p.m. Dockside Park, Cold Spring  
coldspringfilm.org

**Snehasish Mozumder (Double-neck Mandolin)**  
9 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-8065 | quinnbeacon.com

MONDAY, SEPT. 5

**Labor Day**

**Cruise to Bannerman Island**  
Noon. Departs Beacon Institute dock  
800-979-3370 | bannermancastle.org

**House, Studio & Landscape Tour**  
11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Manitoaga | 584 Route 9D, Garrison | 845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.org

**Yoga with a View**  
6 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

**Geoff Vidal/Derrick James Quartet (Jazz)**  
9 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-8065 | quinnbeacon.com

TUESDAY, SEPT. 6

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

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

**Putnam County Legislature**  
7 p.m. Historic Courthouse | 44 Gleneida Ave., Carmel | 845-208-7800 | putnamcountyny.com

**Haldane School Board**  
7 p.m. Haldane School (Music Room)  
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring  
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

**Amateur Radio Club**  
7 p.m. East Fishkill Library  
348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction  
914-582-3744 | qsysociety.org

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7

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

**Haldane vs. Fox Lane (Girls' Soccer)**  
4:30 p.m. Haldane School | Details under Tuesday

**Beacon vs. Harrison (Girls' Soccer)**  
4:45 p.m. Beacon High School  
See details under Saturday.

**Arts Grant Writing Workshop**  
6 p.m. Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art  
1701 Main St., Peekskill | artswestchester.org

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

**Howland Public Library**  
10 a.m. Brain Games for Seniors  
3:30 p.m. Lego/Tech Club  
6:30 p.m. Janet Ruhe-Schoen: *Champions of Oneness* (Talk and Signing) | 313 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**Haldane vs. Beacon (Volleyball)**  
6 p.m. Haldane School | Details under Tuesday

**Lost Amusement Parks of the Hudson Valley**  
7:30 p.m. American Legion  
7 Spring St., Wappingers Falls | 845-297-5032

**Town Board Meeting**  
7:30 p.m. Continental Village Firehouse | 12 Spy Pond Road, Garrison | 845-265-3329 | philipstown.com

**Robert Cray Band**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
See details under Sunday.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9

**Haldane PTA Welcome Back Picnic**  
3:30 p.m. Haldane School  
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring  
845-265-9254 | haldaneppta.org

**Beacon High School**  
4:30 p.m. vs. Eastchester (Girls' Tennis)  
4:45 p.m. vs. Peekskill (Girls' Swimming)  
See details under Saturday.

**Car Club Cruise Night**  
5 – 8 p.m. Beacon Elks Club | 900 Wolcott Ave., Beacon | 845-831-9746 | dutchesscruisers.org

**Artist-Led Tour of Constellation**  
6:30 p.m. Departs Beacon Institute dock  
347-244-3044 | melissamcgillconstellation.com

**Design Lecture: Susanna Salk**  
6:30 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring  
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

**Mehmet Polat Trio**  
7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center | 477 Main St., Beacon | 845-765-3012 | howlandculturalcenter.org

**Calling All Poets**  
8 p.m. Center for Creative Education | 464 Main St., Beacon | 914-474-7758 | callingallpoets.net

**Laughter on the 23rd Floor**  
8 p.m. County Players | 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls | 845-298-1491 | countyplayers.org

**Martin Sexton**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
See details under Sunday.



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## Playing the Eiffel Tower, With Mallets *(from Page 9)*

2004 he turned the Mid-Hudson Bridge in Poughkeepsie into the largest percussive instrument in the world.

Bertolozzi says the inspiration to play the Eiffel Tower came before he thought of playing the Mid-Hudson Bridge. "I just never thought I'd ever get permission to play the Eiffel Tower," he said. "But I knew it was a cool concept so I thought, 'Where else could I do this?' Gustave Eiffel was a bridge builder, and at the time the quadricentennial of Henry Hudson's trip up the Hudson [in 1609] was five years away, so I thought I'd do it on a bridge over the Hudson."

A year after *Bridge Music* came out, Bertolozzi worked up the nerve to write to the mayor of Paris for permission to play the Eiffel Tower, citing his album as evidence he could pull it off. Five years later, he was in Paris.

"It took a total of 12 years to create *Bridge Music* and *Tower Music*, and only a year and a half of that was actually spent composing," he said. "The rest of the time was letter writing, phone calls, fundraising and dead ends."

Both pieces were recorded by attaching contact microphones to various surfaces, rather than holding a microphone close to the surface. Bertolozzi chose to record that way to isolate the sounds of the structures without picking up extraneous noise such as seagull calls and car horns. But he soon discovered that the sounds the contact mics record-

ed were different than what he heard while "playing" the structures, since the sounds changed as they travelled through the air to his ears. It's why he cautions listeners that, should they start banging away at the Mid-Hudson Bridge with a rubber mallet, it's not going to sound the same as the recordings.

Each structure presented its own challenges. "The Eiffel Tower had more melodic notes, a wider range of melody notes to draw from, but it was weak in deep, bass tones," he said. "The bridge has those vertical suspension cables, which act like a bass guitar, which is why most of the melodic thrust of those pieces are this deep bass sound. There are high pitches too, but they're unrelated to the bass strings. I couldn't really connect them."

"Both instruments, the tower and the bridge, they're both incomplete. But the task was to make them sound as if they weren't missing anything. It's like comparing a violin to a piano. A violin only has four strings, while a piano has 88 strings, more even, since the strings are doubled and tripled. But when you hear a piece that was composed for a solo violin, it doesn't sound like it's missing anything."

Although the structures sound different via contact mics than they do if you're standing next to Bertolozzi as he plays, the composer says the sounds weren't manipulated in any way: no effects, pitch shifts, time changes or modulations. "The idea was to play the



Joseph Bertolozzi bowing a cross frame of the Mid-Hudson Bridge *Photo provided*

tower, so that you hear the tower," he said. "I didn't want to create something that was only possible via studio tricks."

Bertolozzi said he assembled and composed his pieces on a computer not to create sounds that weren't there but to compensate for the fact that he didn't have a band of musicians banging on the structures simultaneously.

Not yet, anyway.

"This was always intended to be a live event, not just a spacey concept," he said. "It would be very simple. All you need is a lot of money."

How would it be done, technically? For both projects, Bertolozzi kept a meticulous log of where every mic was placed and never programmed any rhythmic sequence faster than a human could actually play. He even wrote out

sheet music. "Instead of saying 'violin, clarinet, flute,' it says 'suspension cable, spindle, estuary sign,'" he explained. "So you have live musicians playing using sheet music, standing at the exact spots we recorded. All the mics would have a mile or two of cable, running down the tower or bridge, and into an audio truck, which goes into a mixing board, and then out to loudspeakers on a soundstage with a JumboTron so you can watch live video of the performers."

Bertolozzi said that the operating company that runs the Eiffel Tower left the door open for a live performance. "They told me that it would be a whole different project and a whole different process," he said. "But they also said, 'You know how to get in touch with us now.'"

"I have no doubt that a live performance of *Tower Music* will happen one day," he said, "even if it's far in the future after I've kicked the bucket. But it would be cool to be around to see it."

### Where to find *Tower Music*

To watch a music video of Bertolozzi playing the tower, visit [josephbertolozzi.com/tower-music](http://josephbertolozzi.com/tower-music). His albums are available for download at iTunes and Amazon or on CD from Amazon and Barnes and Noble. *Tower Music* also can be streamed on Apple Music.

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## Cops and Rodders Draws 100 Classics *(from Page 9)*

D'Amato of Nelsonville and Tom Allen and Larry Downey, both of Cold Spring.

Scuccimarra's 1958 Edsel, one of 2,535 Citation models produced, features a 345-horsepower, 410-cubic-inch engine and push-button drive located in the center of the steering wheel.

Downey entered one of the oldest vehicles, a 1923 Ford Depot Hack, an early example of the motorized "station

wagons" that hotels used to transport guests to and from trains.

Joe Freda of Garrison purchased his 1948 Cadillac convertible coupe 35 years ago. "I like everything about it — the way it drives, the way it feels on the road," he said, pointing out that his Caddy gets a respectable 14 miles to the gallon.

Charles Merando of Cold Spring showed off his 1965 air-cooled, rear-engine Corvair that he bought 35 years ago for \$200.

CSPD Officer Tom Ciero said that the senior citizens' center being developed at the former Butterfield Hospital site will be one of the charities to benefit from the entry fees collected from car owners at the show.



Joe Freda with his 1948 Cadillac coupe

Photo by M. Turton



A double lightning strike on Aug. 13 on the Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie

Photo by Justin Farrisi/4EC Photography

## Lightning Lessons in Poughkeepsie Deaths

*The chances are remote, but results devastating*

by Anita Peltonen

Your lifetime odds of being zapped by lightning are one in 3,000 — way better than your odds of winning Lotto.

Most of the hits on humans happen on or near water, a caution for this river- and lake-rich region. Fifteen people were injured near Lake George the same week four other New Yorkers were fatally struck by lightning.

On Aug. 10, two adults died after a lightning strike at a Batavia cemetery. Two days later, five people were hit in Mansion Square Park in Poughkeepsie.

Richard Harbstreet, 50, died that night and Franklyn Mekeel, 46, died of his injuries 12 days later.

The strike in Poughkeepsie was indirect, having traveled from a tree through the ground to two benches. (Direct and indirect hits kill Americans in equal numbers.) The thunderstorm apparently came on fast and highly charged; it's unusual for lightning to affect so many people at the same time.

"Any amount of voltage can seriously damage the body," said John Nelson, a spokesperson for Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, where Harbstreet was pronounced dead.

These are the months to be vigilant, as there is still a lot of *(To next page)*

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## Lightning Lessons *(from previous page)*

good weather to lure people outside and, as in the Poughkeepsie event, electrical storms can charge in quickly and with little warning. Hurricane season continues into December, and that means more lightning to dodge. Some scientists believe warming seas increase lightning frequency.

**Tip 1:** If you can't get to indoor shelter, avoid trees or other objects and do not cluster in groups. Find open ground and crouch with hands on knees. Never lie down or put your head on the ground. If a car is your only option, avoid touching metal.

Heed nature's warnings. The mistake most people make is moving to shelter far

too slowly. Even though thunder growls like a hellhound and approaching lightning can make your hair stand on end (an indication of close proximity), some people stay to take a picture. The moment you hear a rumble ("brontide") of thunder, you are close enough to be hit. Thunder is a sound *caused* by lightning.

Don't wait to see the flashes. Thunderstorms pummel the earth's atmosphere thousands of times an hour, with land-speeds of 50 miles per hour or more. Lightning travels at hundreds of thousands of miles per hour and carries up to a billion volts. Males are at greater risk than females, in part because of their overrepre-

sentation in trades like construction and outdoor maintenance. When indoors, stay away from windows and electric and electronic devices. Avoid using the phone or showering. In rare cases, lightning can enter a home's electrical system and jump from one outlet to another.

This is not an enemy you should try to beat. Because even if you survive, getting hit by lightning is extremely painful. Most fatalities are caused by an overload of voltage on the heart, bringing on cardiac arrest; on the brain stem, bringing on respiratory failure; or catastrophic damage to the central nervous system, according to Dr. Dennis Chute, the Dutchess County

medical examiner, who investigated the two Poughkeepsie deaths.

**Tip 2:** Move away from bodies of water; lighting can bounce to shore. Water is a natural conductor of electricity, and most people killed by lightning are fishing, or near water. A conductor of electricity you might not suspect? A frozen lake.

From nightmarish burns to vision and hearing loss, lightning injuries can be gruesome. Eyewitnesses often see smoke coming off victims. The psychological scars are real, too, including memory loss and post traumatic stress.

This is not an enemy you want to try to beat.



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## Ramble On

*Hudson Valley events fill September weekends*

The 17th annual Hudson River Valley Ramble, which takes place over the four weekends of September, includes events in Philipstown and Beacon.

Boscobel House and Gardens in Garrison will offer free grounds admission for Ramble participants on Saturdays in September from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mention Ramble at the front desk.

Kayak tours of Denning's Point in Beacon will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 4 and Sept. 17. They will launch from Long Dock Park and paddle south around the tip of Den-

ning's Point into the mouth of Fishkill Creek.

Stony Kill Farm in Fishkill will host a Woodland Trail hike and scavenger hunt at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10. Meet at the Manor House parking lot and bring a lunch for an afternoon meal under the pavilion.

At 10 a.m. on Sept. 11, the Cary Institute in Millbrook will host a walk along the Wappinger Creek Trail led by Charles Canham, who will share the history of Dutchess County's forests from 1750 to present. Meet at the Cary East (Gifford House) parking area at 2917 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44) at 10 a.m. Reservations are required at [cary-forestwalk2016.eventbrite.com](http://cary-forestwalk2016.eventbrite.com).

The Volkssport Club at West Point will lead a three- or six-mile walk through Cold Spring on Sunday, Sept. 18. Meet at 9 a.m. at the small park near the Depot Restaurant at the foot of Main Street. The walk passes by many 19th-century buildings, antique shops and boutiques, as well as into the West Point Foundry Preserve and Nelsonville. For more on Volkssport, visit [ava.org](http://ava.org).

Manitoga will host a hike of its woodlands trail led by Landscape Manager Emily Phillips at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24. It will include Boulder Osio, Mossy Overlook, Lost Pond Osio and Chestnut Oak Osio.

The Mandeville House at 1005 Lower Station Road in Garrison will be open for tours on Saturday, Sept. 24, and Sunday, Sept. 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. Built in 1737 by Joseph Mandeville, it quartered many commanders during the Revolutionary War, including George Washington.

For a list of all Ramble events, visit [hudsonrivervalleyramble.com](http://hudsonrivervalleyramble.com).

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# Beacon to Revisit Fire Stations Merger

*Plus, another hearing coming on linkage zone*

By Jeff Simms

A year ago, one of the most talked-about issues during the Beacon City Council race was the possible consolidation of the city's three fire stations.

Because the existing stations are housed in aging buildings — two of them are more than 100 years old — the city has long considered building a new, central fire station and consolidating its operations into one site. After the election last November, however, the issue fell to the back burner as zoning and housing debates have taken center stage at council sessions.

City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero said on Aug. 31 that he expects the council to revisit the firehouse discussion in October. While a number of studies conducted over the last decade have supported consolidation, Ruggiero said the council could also decide to maintain the existing stations: the Lewis Tompkins Hose station on South Avenue, the Beacon Engine station on East Main and the Mase Hook and Ladder station at the Main Street headquarters.

However, the three buildings aren't as conducive to modern firefighting needs, he said. Newer buildings, for instance, are more horizontal than vertical. Two of the three Beacon buildings are several stories high.



Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 on Main Street in Beacon

Photo by Anita Peltonen

The system is operational, Ruggiero said, but "the fire program has changed. Some of the older [fire]houses were built for horse and buggy."

The most recent study commissioned by the city — in 2014 by TriData Division of Arlington, Va. — recommended building a 21,200-square-foot station at the city-owned Cannon Practice Field at the corner of Verplanck Ave. and Matteawan St at an estimated cost (at the time) of \$7.25 million. TriData suggested the Cannon Field site would afford the fire department four-minute coverage to all of the areas of highest population density with only slightly extended travel times to the very south of Beacon.

In 2015 the Beacon Fire Department

responded to 1,607 emergency, medical and fire-related calls in an average of three minutes, the quickest response time of any department in Dutchess County.

## Linkage Hearing No. 4

Beacon planners are now working to create an entirely new zoning classification as the city tries to determine how much development to allow in its linkage zone.

The linkage debate began in February when a group of residents petitioned the city to rezone seven parcels within the zone, which was created three years ago to encourage increased residential development in the area between the west end of Main Street and the Hudson River. The petitioners argued that high-density linkage zoning would disrupt the neighborhoods surrounding the seven parcels, two of which are on South Avenue, with five others on Wolcott Avenue/Route 9D.

A hearing — which will be the fourth on the issue — had been scheduled for Sept. 19 but is expected to be postponed to introduce the new zoning proposal for Parcel L, the 2.8-acre site on Route 9D that combines three lots and has been a sticking point in the discussion.

Parcel L is owned by Beacon Ridge Associates and a builder, Unicorn Contracting, has proposed a 70-unit development called River Highlands for the site. The city's most recent proposal called for the site to be rezoned to a "medium density" of five to nine units per acre — a reduction from its present status but not the

low density of one to two units per acre requested by residents.

The zone to be created, discussed on Aug. 29 during a council work session, appears to be a compromise, likely allowing around 16 units on the site.

City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero said on Aug. 31 that it's not unheard of for a city to create a new zone as it grows. He cited the linkage zone itself, which did not exist prior to 2013.

"It doesn't happen every day, but it's not that unusual," he said. "Times change and municipalities change. That's why state law says you should look at your comprehensive plan every 10 years, so you can review how you want your municipality to be developed."

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## Red Cross Need Virtual Caseworkers

*Volunteers will assist flood victims by phone*

The American Red Cross of the Mid-Hudson Valley has an urgent need for volunteers to work as virtual caseworkers to assist flood victims in Louisiana by telephone. Four hours of online training is required, as well as a quiet work space, reliable phone and internet service and basic technology skills such as data entry into a spreadsheet.

The Red Cross needs volunteers who can commit to five consecutive days for one or both of two shifts: from 8:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. or from 1:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. For more information, email Kelly Formoso, Disaster Program Manager of the American Red Cross Mid-Hudson Valley, at [kelly.formoso@redcross.org](mailto:kelly.formoso@redcross.org).

## Open House at Chapel Restoration

*Public invited to visit on Sept. 3*

Following the free guided tour of West Point Foundry Preserve at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3, the historic Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring will open its doors to the public from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Located on a promontory overlooking the Hudson just west of the Cold Spring train station, the chapel is a 10-minute walk from the preserve and offers panoramic river views.

The Greek Revival Chapel was designed by a young immigrant architect and completed in 1834 to serve the West Point Foundry's Irish Catholic workers. The structure was expanded in the 1860s and 1870s and abandoned in 1907 when the congregation moved to Our Lady of Loretto in Cold Spring. Today the Chapel Restoration is a non-profit organization unaffiliated with any religion and maintained by a volunteer board.

## Composers Looking for River Video

*To be used in multimedia performance*

The composers Ben Neill and Mimi Goese have put out a call for short videos (less than a minute long) that feature the Hudson River — video shot after Hurricane Sandy is of particular interest, at any length — for a multimedia piece called *Fathom: Hudson River Data as Music*.

Neill and Goese are translating data collected by the Beacon Institute into electronic music. Each parameter chosen for *Fathom*, including barometric pressure and electrical conductivity (salinity), will become a different sound, instrument or vocal part.

Video specifications are available at [mimigoeseandbennneill.com](http://mimigoeseandbennneill.com). *Fathom* will debut on Nov. 17 at the Towne Crier Café. To reserve a seat, visit [bire.org/events](http://bire.org/events).



Mimi Goese and Ben Neill

Photo provided

## Muslim Journeys Returns to Library

*Desmond-Fish discussion series begins Sept. 15*

After the success of its Muslim Journeys reading and discussion group earlier this year, the Desmond-Fish library in Garrison has received a

second grant from the New York Council for the Humanities to repeat the program this fall.

An introductory session will take place on Sept. 15 led by Nathanael Shelley, a cultural historian of the Near East and Antiquity at Columbia University, followed by this schedule:

- Oct. 13: *Muhammad: A Very Short Introduction* by Jonathan A.C. Brown
- Oct. 20: *The House of Wisdom* by Jim Al-Khalili
- Nov. 3: *The Ornament of the World* by Maria Rosa Menocal
- Nov. 10: *Dreams of Trespass* by Fatima Mernissi
- Dec. 1: *Acts of Faith* by Eboo Patel
- Dec. 8: *In an Antique Land* by Amitav Ghosh

To register, call the library: 845-424-3020.



Krystal Ford at Constitution Marsh

Photo provided

## Hike and Yoga

*Classes at Foundry Preserve, Marsh*

Krystal Ford of Mountain River Yoga will lead a 90-minute hike and yoga class at West Point Foundry Preserve on Saturday, Sept. 17, and Oct. 15, and at Constitution Marsh on Saturday, Sept. 10 and Oct. 1. Each class begins at 10 a.m. and includes walking meditation, yoga, hiking, nature therapy and socializing.

The cost for each class is \$20 per person and must be paid in advance. To buy tickets, visit [eventbrite.com/e/hike-and-yoga-west-point-foundry-preserve-tickets-26904389754](http://eventbrite.com/e/hike-and-yoga-west-point-foundry-preserve-tickets-26904389754).

## Group to Present Free Workshops

*Designed to help older adults and those with disabilities eat better*

Putnam Independent Living Services, based in Brewster, will present free workshops at the Philipstown Recreation Center for older adults and adults with disabilities.

The first program, "It's Your Health," begins at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, and

runs each week on Thursday until Sept. 29. The program is designed to teach participants the basics of healthy eating, stress reduction and adding more physical activity to the day.

On Thursday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m., a dietitian will lead "It's Your Grocery Bag, Eating for Optimal Aging" to discuss how eating well can enrich your life and support the natural process of aging.

Registration is required; call Cecily at 845-424-4618 or email [cecily@philipstownrecreation.com](mailto:cecily@philipstownrecreation.com). The Rec Center is located at 107 Glynclyffe Drive in Garrison, off Route 9D.

## Glynwood to Host Farm Dance Gala

*Benefit will honor Hudson Valley Seed Library*

Glynwood Farm will host its Annual Farm Dance Gala beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, and present its Harvest Award, given each year to farmers and organizations who demonstrate innovation and leadership in sustainable agriculture.

The 2016 award will be presented to Hudson Valley Seed Library in Accord to recognize its devotion to cultivating, breeding and saving heirloom and open-pollinated seeds for vegetable, flower and herb varieties, and for marketing its utility to home gardeners. Founded by Ken Greene in 2004, the Seed Library began in the Gardiner public library when Greene began to add heirloom seeds to the catalog so patrons could "check them out," grow them and return saved seed.

The gala showcases locally sourced food, including that offered by Fishkill Farms, The Dow Corporation (Glynwood raw honey), Marbled Meats/Stock Up (Cold Spring/Beacon) and Vera's Marketplace & Garden Center (Cold Spring). Music will be provided by the Edith & Bennett Band, and there will also be an auction at 5:30 p.m.

To purchase tickets, which are \$275 each, visit [glynwood.org/event/farm-dance-gala-2016](http://glynwood.org/event/farm-dance-gala-2016) or call Anita Barber at 845-265-3338.

## Foundation Distributes \$35K for Children

*Money from sale of weather calendar*

The H.O.P.E. for Youth Foundation, which over the past 31 years has distributed nearly \$3.2 million to charity, has so far this year approved grants totaling \$35,000 to seven organizations that offer programs to children and teens in Putnam, Dutchess and Westchester counties.

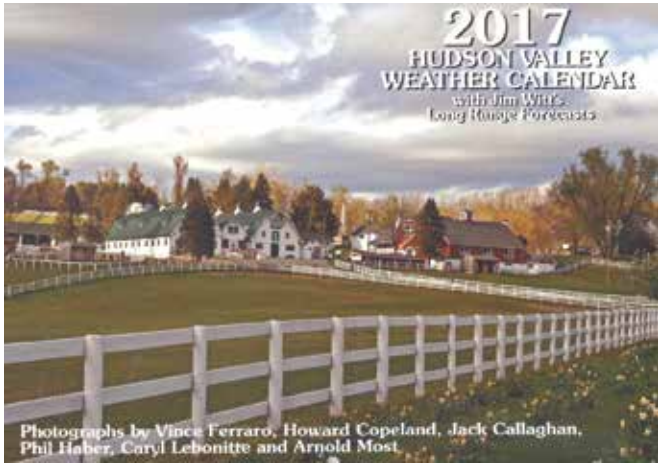
Founded in 1986 by Gary B. Pease and Jim Witt, the foundation raises money through the sale of the Hudson Valley Long-Range Forecast Calendar and other fundraisers. Last year it raised \$130,000.



A painting of the Chapel from the 1830s



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS



To date in 2016, the foundation has presented grants to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Gilda's Club, The Friends Network, Hospice Care in Westchester & Putnam, Careers for People with Disabilities, the Putnam Valley Central School District and Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

The weather calendar can be purchased at hfyf.org or at retailers such as C&E Hardware and Foodtown in Cold Spring, the Red Line Diner in Fishkill and Viscount Wines & Liquors in Wappingers Falls.

## Free Narcan Training

*Sen. Serino to host session in Wappingers Falls*

Sen. Sue Serino, who represents Philipstown and Beacon in the state assembly, will host a free training session in the administration of the heroin overdose antidote Narcan at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Wappinger Town Hall.

The Wappinger Town Hall is located at 20 Middlebush Road in Wappingers Falls. Participants will receive an overdose prevention kit provided by the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health. To take part, RSVP by Sept. 7 by calling 845-229-0106.

## Large Sculpture Meets Two-Ton Cow

*Outdoor exhibit returns to Saunders Farm in Garrison*

The outdoor sculpture show at Saunders Farm in Garrison, now in its 11th year, is about large sculptural art works with "a little cow on the side," say its organizers. The exhibit begins Saturday, Sept. 3 and continues through Oct. 29.

Collaborative Concepts each year



*Circles and Arcs by Jodi Carlson*

*Photo provided*

brings sculpture and installations by more than 50 artists to the rolling fields of the 140-acre farm at 853 Old Albany Post Road. Artists learn to be careful with the color red, the only color cows can see, because if it's fabric, they will eat it. A few years ago, the artist Cassandra Saulter had cows mesmerized with

her red nest in

a tree. Cows stood under the tree mooing a serenade to it. The next year a green nest warranted no reaction.

An opening reception is scheduled for 2 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 3, with music and performance art from 2 to 6 p.m. in the fields and music on the stage from 3:30 to 6 p.m. A mid-run reception will take place on Oct. 2. Admission is free, and the exhibit is open daily from 10 a.m. to dusk. For more information, visit collaborativeconcepts.org or call 845-528-1797.

## Boscobel Will Be Swinging

*Annual concert and picnic scheduled for Sept. 11*

Boscobel will hold its 16th annual Big Band Concert & Sunset Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 11. Visitors are invited to bring blankets and chairs and a picnic (or purchase food on-site from Phil's Grills and Pappi's Mediterranean) and enjoy an evening of swing music and dancing while the sun sets over the Hudson.

The Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Wappingers Falls will provide swing-dance demonstrations and The Big Band Sound

will recreate the swinging jazz of the era, including classics made famous by Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman and Count Basie. The 20-piece band, which consists of six saxophones, four trombones, four trumpets, guitar, bass, piano, drums and vocalists, first performed at Boscobel in 2001.

Admission is \$17 per person, but children ages 10 and younger are free. Tickets are available at boscobel.org or at the door. The gates open at 5 p.m. and the orchestra begins at 6 p.m. The rain date is Sept. 18.



*The Big Band Sound performs at Boscobel*

*Photo provided*

## Beacon

### Lego Learning at Howland

*Library hosts club every Thursday*

Beginning Sept. 8, the Howland Public Library in Beacon will host a Lego/Tech Club from 3:30 to 5 p.m. every Thursday through May. Elementary school children are invited to build Lego creations and tinker with STEM materials such as littleBits, Ozobots, Snap Circuits or robots. Adults with preschool children may build with Duplos/Legos in the children's area.

## Back in Action

The Matteawan Gallery at 436 Main St. in Beacon, which has been closed for vacation since Aug. 22, will reopen on Saturday, Sept. 10, when it hosts a reception

from 6 to 9 p.m. for its new exhibit by Janice Caswell, *Assembly Required*. The show continues through Oct. 2.



*Artwork by Janice Caswell*

*Image provided*

## Hear the Ud, Ney and Ngoni

As part of a 26-city tour of the U.S. and Canada, the Mehmet Polat Trio will perform in Beacon at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9, at the Howland Cultural Center. The band is composed of Polat, who plays the ud, Pelin Basar on the ney and Victor Sams on the ngoni and hand percussion. Tickets are \$20 at brownpapertickets.com/event/2582277.



*Victor Sams, Mehmet Polat and Pelin Basar*

*Photo provided*

## Hike the Cornish Estate

*Guided tour scheduled for Sept. 10*

The Putnam History Museum has organized a hike on the Cornish Estate led by Thom Johnson and Rob



*A photo of Northgate from the collection of Victoria Rasche, a descendant of the Cornish family. It is among the collection of the only photos of the estate known to exist.*

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Yasinsac for 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10. RSVP to rachel@putnamhistorymuseum.org or 845-265-4010, ext. 10. The group will meet at the parking lot opposite Little Stony Point on Route 9D in Cold Spring.



*The same view of the house, now in ruins*

*Photo by Rob Yasinsac*



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS (From previous page)

## The Spirit of Beacon

Denning's Point Distillery in Beacon will host an afternoon and evening of music and artisanal cocktails to release its new Beacon Bourbon from 1 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3. The Blue in Green jazz quartet will perform from 3 to 6 p.m. and Rhythm Rising from 6 to 9 p.m. The distillery is located at 10 N. Chestnut St. For more information, visit [denningspointdistillery.com](http://denningspointdistillery.com).



The newly released Beacon Bourbon

Photo provided

Visit [highlandscurrent.com](http://highlandscurrent.com) for news updates and latest information.



The performance space at BMF's new home

Photo provided

## New Space for BMF

The Beacon Music Factory has moved to 333 Fishkill Ave. and now has 11 rooms for classes, lessons and rehearsals, as well as a performance space with windows facing Memorial Park. It will hold a grand-opening party starting at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11. For more information about fall classes, visit [beaconmusicfactory.com](http://beaconmusicfactory.com).

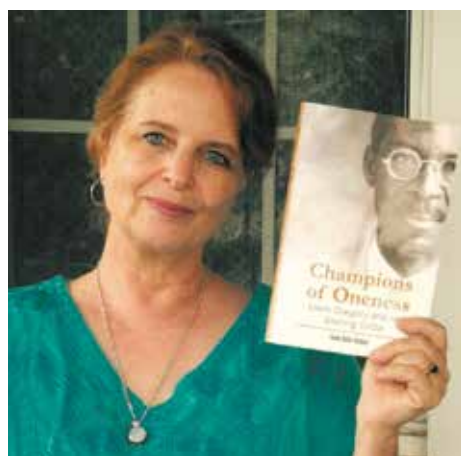
## Author to Discuss Life of Baha'i Pioneer

*Louis Gregory spread faith in Deep South*

Janet Ruhe-Schoen will speak at Howland Public Library at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, about her new biography, *Champions of Oneness: Louis Gregory and His Shining Circle*. It tells the sto-

ry of an African-American lawyer who pioneered the integration of the Baha'i community in the Deep South during the early years of the 20th century while spreading the faith of Bahauallah.

Books will be available for sale and signing. Ruhe-Schoen is also the author of *Rejoice in My Gladness: The Life of Tahiri*, a biography of Tahiri Qurratu'l-Ayn, the Iranian poet-mystic who unveiled herself before a gathering of men in 1848, and *A Love Which Does Not Wait*, a collection of profiles of Baha'i teachers. The Howland Public Library is located at 313 Main St.



Janet Ruhe-Schoen with her latest book

Photo provided



Lauren Magarelli

## New Yoga Center in Beacon

*Opens in transformed plumbing shop*

A new yoga center called beBhakti is scheduled to open in Beacon on Saturday, Sept. 10, and the owner, Lauren Magarelli, plans to offer free classes at 3 and 7 p.m., as well as host a reception. She will have another free class on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m.

Magarelli has transformed what was once a plumbing shop at 89 Dewindt St. into a center with two studios and a lounge. For more information, visit [facebook.com/bebhaktiyoga](http://facebook.com/bebhaktiyoga).

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Fall Schedule  
at Philipstown Recreation Center  
Download our fall course guide at [philipstownrecreation.com](http://philipstownrecreation.com).  
Call 845-424-4618 or 845-424-4662 to register  
R = Resident / NR = Non-Resident



EARLY EDUCATION

- HOOPSTERS (ages 4-5)  
Starts Oct. 29 (6 weeks)  
\$70 R / \$85 NR
- LITTLE KICKERS (age 3)  
Starts Sept. 10 (6 weeks)  
\$70 R / \$85 NR
- LITTLE SHOTS (age 3)  
Starts Oct. 29 (6 weeks)  
\$70 R / \$85 NR
- STRIKERS (ages 4-5)  
Starts Sept. 10 (6 weeks)  
\$70 R / \$85 NR
- GAMES AROUND THE WORLD (K-6)  
Starts Sept. 8 (8 weeks)  
\$65 R / \$80 NR
- INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUP (K-5)  
Starts Sept. 8 (6 weeks)  
Starts Oct. 27 (6 weeks)  
\$108 R / \$123 NR
- SWEET TREATS (K-6)  
Starts Sept. 6 (8 weeks)  
\$65 R / \$80 NR

SPORTS & MOVEMENT

- BEGINNING BALLET (K-1)  
Starts Sept. 13 (8 weeks)  
Starts Sept. 15 (8 weeks)  
\$85 R / \$100 NR
- BEGINNING BALLET (GRADES 2-3)  
Starts Sept. 15 (8 weeks)  
\$85 R / \$100 NR
- CO-ED SOCCER (GRADES 1-2)  
Starts Sept. 10 (8 weeks)  
\$55 R / \$70 NR
- BOX LACROSSE (GRADES 3-12)  
Starts Nov. 15 (8 weeks)  
\$42 R / 57 NR
- CO-ED SOCCER (Grades 3-6)  
Starts Sept. 10 (8 weeks)  
\$55 R / \$70 NR
- KNOCKAROUND SOCCER (K-6)  
Starts Sept. 7 (7 weeks)  
\$50 R / \$65 NR
- SPORTS SAMPLER (K-6)  
Starts September 12 (5 weeks)  
\$35 R / \$50 NR

CERAMICS

- ADULT  
Starts Sept. 13 (8 weeks)  
Starts Sept. 15 (8 weeks)  
\$360 R / \$375 NR

- AFTER SCHOOL (K-3)  
Starts Sept. 13 (8 weeks)  
Starts Sept. 14 (8 weeks)  
\$240 R / \$255 NR
- AFTER SCHOOL (Grades 4-6)  
Starts Sept. 15 (8 weeks)  
\$240 R / \$255 NR
- MUDBUNNIES (ages 3-5)  
Starts Sept. 14 (8 weeks)  
\$180 R / \$195 NR

SENIORS

- Free to Philipstown residents ages 62 and older.
- CHAIR YOGA FOR SENIORS  
Continental Village Clubhouse  
Starts Sept. 7 (8 weeks)  
Philipstown Community Center Gym  
Starts Sept. 9 (8 weeks)
- FIT FOR LIFE  
Chestnut Ridge Community Room  
Starts Sept. 7 (8 weeks)  
Continental Village Club House  
Starts Sept. 12 (8 weeks)
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Chestnut Ridge Community Room  
Starts Sept. 6 (8 weeks)  
Continental Village Clubhouse  
Starts Sept. 8 (8 weeks)

EDUCATION

- DOG OBEDIENCE  
Starts Sept. 14 (6 weeks)  
\$135 R / \$150 NR
- ORGANIZE YOUR HOME  
Sept. 28: Wardrobe Inventory & Organization  
Oct. 5: Collect, Cling & Covet: The Emotions of Clutter  
Oct. 26: Home Sustainability: Healthier Lifestyle  
\$20 R / \$35 NR (any 1)  
\$35 R / \$50 NR (any 2)  
\$50 R / \$65 NR (all)

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Please call 845.424.4618 if you are a senior  
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- PAINT YOUR WORLD - ACRYLIC  
PAINT CLASS  
Sept. 19: Fruits  
Nov. 21: Self portrait  
Oct. 24: Autumn Trees  
Dec. 12: Birds of Winter  
\$20 R / \$35 NR (any 1)  
\$35 R / \$50 NR (any 2)  
\$50 R / \$65 NR (any 3)  
\$65 R / \$80 NR (all)  
Free to Philipstown residents ages 62 and older

EXERCISE

- BALLET FOR ADULTS  
Starts Sept. 13 or 15 (10 weeks)  
\$130 R / \$145 NR
- BASIC PILATES  
Starts Sept. 9 (8 weeks)  
\$85 R / \$100 NR
- CIZE LIVE  
Starts Sept. 12 (8 weeks)  
\$85 R / \$100 NR
- INTERMEDIATE PILATES  
Starts Sept. 12 (8 weeks)  
\$85 R / \$100 NR
- POWER HOUR EXERCISE CLASS FOR  
WOMEN  
Starts Sept. 7 (8 weeks), Sept. 12 (8 weeks )  
\$80 R / \$95 NR one day  
\$140 R / \$155 NR two days
- SELF CARE ACUPRESSURE  
Oct. 5 | \$25 R / \$40 NR
- YAMUNA BODY ROLLING  
Starts Sept. 12 (8 weeks)  
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SPORTS (18+)

- MEN'S BASKETBALL  
Monday, 7:30-9:30pm | Community Center Gym  
\$3 R / \$5 NR
- PICK-UP SOCCER  
Wednesday, 6 p.m. to dark | Philipstown Park  
Starts Sept. 7  
\$30 per year / \$40 NR
- VOLLEYBALL  
Thursday, 7:30-9:30 pm | Sunday, 6 -8 pm  
Community Center Gym  
\$3 R / \$5 NR



# Go Blue Devils!

## Haldane Varsity Fall Sports Schedule

### CROSS COUNTRY

**Coach: Tom Locascio**

Sept. 7 (Wed.)	@ Blind Brook*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 14 (Wed.)	@ Pawling*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 21 (Wed.)	@ North Salem*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 28 (Wed.)	@ Woodlands*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 5 (Wed.)	@ Woodlands*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13 (Thu.)	@ Pawling*	4:30 p.m.

### FOOTBALL

**Coach: Ryan McConville**

Sept. 10 (Sat.)	Tuckahoe*	1 p.m.
Sept. 17 (Sat.)	Bronxville*	1 p.m.
Sept. 24 (Sat.)	@ Pawling*	Noon.
Oct. 1 (Sat.)	@ Rye Neck*	3 p.m.
Oct. 8 (Sat.)	@ Woodlands*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 (Sat.)	Roscoe	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 22 (Sat.)	@ Dobbs Ferry*	1 p.m.

### SOCCER (BOYS')

**Coach: Stephen Schweikhart**

Sept. 6 (Tues.)	Arlington	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 7 (Wed.)	@ Solomon Schechter	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 10 (Sat.)	Yonkers Montessori Academy	9:30 a.m.
Sept. 12 (Mon.)	@ Croton-Harmon	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 14 (Wed.)	Alexander Hamilton	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 16 (Fri.)	@ Irvington	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 22 (Thurs.)	@ Pawling*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 24 (Sat.)	@ North Salem*	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 30 (Fri.)	@ Putnam Valley*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 4 (Tues.)	@ Our Lady of Lourdes	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 6 (Thu.)	@ Arlington	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 7 (Fri.)	@ Westlake	7 p.m.
Oct. 11 (Tues.)	@ Albertus Magnus	4 p.m.
Oct. 14 (Fri.)	North Salem*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 (Sat.)	Pawling*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 17 (Mon.)	Putnam Valley*	4:30 p.m.



\* League games  
Schedules are subject to  
change.  
Visit [haldaneschool.org](http://haldaneschool.org)  
for updates.

### SOCCER (GIRLS')

**Coach: Gary Van Asselt**

Sept. 6 (Tues.)	@ Croton-Harmon	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 7 (Wed.)	Fox Lane	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 9 (Fri.)	Irvington	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 13 (Tues.)	@ Bronxville	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 15 (Thu.)	@ Arlington	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 19 (Mon.)	Albertus Magnus	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 21 (Wed.)	@ North Salem*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 22 (Thu.)	Pawling*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 26 (Mon.)	@ Our Lady of Lourdes	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 27 (Tues.)	@ Putnam Valley*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 29 (Thu.)	North Salem*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 30 (Fri.)	@ Beacon	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 7 (Fri.)	@ Pawling*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 11 (Tues.)	Westlake	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13 (Thu.)	@ Briarcliff	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 (Sat.)	Putnam Valley*	11 a.m.

### TENNIS (GIRLS')

**Coach: Simon Dudar**

Sept. 6 (Tues.)	@ Tuckahoe*	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 8 (Thu.)	@ Pawling*	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 9 (Fri.)	@ Carmel	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 12 (Mon.)	@ Beacon	4 p.m.
Sept. 14 (Wed.)	Woodlands*	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 15 (Thu.)	Solomon Schechter*	5 p.m.
Sept. 19 (Mon.)	Carmel	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 21 (Wed.)	@ Pleasantville*	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 22 (Thu.)	@ North Salem*	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 23 (Fri.)	Valhalla*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 26 (Mon.)	Beacon	4 p.m.
Sept. 27 (Tues.)	@ Westlake*	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 29 (Thu.)	Pawling*	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 30 (Fri.)	@ Beacon	4 p.m.
Oct. 1 (Sat.)	@ Briarcliff*	3 p.m.
Oct. 5 (Wed.)	@ Beacon	4 p.m.
Oct. 6 (Thu.)	Croton-Harmon*	4:15 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

**Coach: Kelsey Flaherty**

Sept. 6 (Tues.)	@ Mahopac	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 8 (Thu.)	Beacon	6 p.m.
Sept. 9 (Fri.)	@ Briarcliff	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 12 (Mon.)	Peekskill	6 p.m.
Sept. 13 (Tues.)	Dobbs Ferry	6 p.m.
Sept. 15 (Thu.)	@ Westlake	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 16 (Fri.)	@ Beacon	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 19 (Mon.)	@ Keio Academy	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 21 (Wed.)	Roy C. Ketcham	6 p.m.
Sept. 24 (Sat.)	@ North Salem*	2 p.m.
Sept. 29 (Thu.)	Pawling*	6 p.m.
Sept. 30 (Fri.)	Albertus Magnus	6 p.m.
Oct. 4 (Tues.)	@ Ardsley	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 5 (Wed.)	@ Roy C. Ketcham	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 7 (Fri.)	@ Putnam Valley*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 11 (Tues.)	Arlington	6 p.m.
Oct. 13 (Thu.)	North Salem*	6 p.m.
Oct. 19 (Wed.)	@ Pawling*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 27 (Thu.)	Putnam Valley*	6 p.m.





# Go Bulldogs!

## Beacon Varsity Fall Sports Schedule

### CROSS COUNTRY

**Coach: Jim Henry**

Sept. 10 (Sat.)	@ Warwick (Wave Mania)	9 a.m.
Sept. 13 (Tues.)	@ Sleepy Hollow	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 17 (Sat.)	@ Suffern Invitational	8 a.m.
Sept. 24 (Sat.)	@ Bowdoin XC Classic	10 a.m.
Oct. 1 (Sat.)	@ Brewster Bear Invitational	10 a.m.
Oct. 18 (Tues.)	@ League Meet	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 5 (Sat.)	@ Section 1 Championships	10 a.m.

### FOOTBALL

**Coach: Tony Truscello**

Sept. 3 (Sat.)	Rye*	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 10 (Sat.)	@ Peekskill*	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 16 (Fri.)	@ Harrison*	7 p.m.
Sept. 24 (Sat.)	Byram Hills*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 1 (Sat.)	Eastchester*	3 p.m.
Oct. 8 (Sat.)	@ Lincoln*	1:30 p.m.

### SOCCER (BOYS')

**Coach: Craig Seaman**

Sept. 6 (Tues.)	@ Carmel	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 8 (Thu.)	@ Brewster	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 10 (Sat.)	@ Lakeland	6 p.m.
Sept. 12 (Mon.)	Harrison	4:45 p.m.
Sept. 14 (Wed.)	@ Arlington	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 16 (Fri.)	@ Peekskill*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 20 (Tues.)	@ Roy C. Ketcham	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 22 (Thu.)	Hendrick Hudson*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 24 (Sat.)	@ Sleepy Hollow*	1 p.m.
Sept. 26 (Mon.)	Putnam Valley	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 28 (Wed.)	Our Lady of Lourdes*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 30 (Fri.)	Peekskill*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 8 (Sat.)	@ Hendrick Hudson*	1 p.m.
Oct. 14 (Fri.)	Sleepy Hollow*	4:45 p.m.
Oct. 15 (Sat.)	@ Putnam Valley	10 a.m.
Oct. 17 (Mon.)	@ Our Lady of Lourdes*	6 p.m.

### SOCCER (GIRLS')

**Coach: Hugo Alzate**

Sept. 3 (Sat.)	Carmel	10 a.m.
Sept. 7 (Wed.)	Harrison	4:45 p.m.
Sept. 9 (Fri.)	@ Brewster	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 12 (Mon.)	@ Walter Panas	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 13 (Tues.)	Sleepy Hollow*	4:45 p.m.
Sept. 15 (Thu.)	Hendrick Hudson*	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 17 (Sat.)	Our Lady of Lourdes*	10 a.m.
Sept. 19 (Mon.)	Nyack	5 p.m.
Sept. 21 (Wed.)	@ Sleepy Hollow*	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 26 (Mon.)	@ Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 27 (Tues.)	Peekskill*	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 29 (Thu.)	@ Hendrick Hudson*	7 p.m.
Sept. 30 (Fri.)	Haldane	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 5 (Wed.)	@ Our Lady of Lourdes*	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 (Sat.)	@ Peekskill*	10 a.m.



### SWIMMING (GIRLS')

**Coach: Sharifa Collins**

Sept. 9 (Fri.)	Peekskill*	4:45 p.m.
Sept. 14 (Wed.)	Brewster*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 19 (Mon.)	@ Our Lady of Lourdes*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 23 (Fri.)	@ Ardsley*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 26 (Mon.)	Croton-Harmon	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 28 (Wed.)	John Jay Cross River*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 30 (Fri.)	Walter Panas*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 5 (Wed.)	Sleepy Hollow*	4:45 p.m.
Oct. 7 (Fri.)	@ Roy C. Ketcham	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 14 (Fri.)	@ Peekskill*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 17 (Mon.)	Cornwall	4:30 p.m.

### TENNIS (GIRLS')

**Coach: Laura Thomas**

Sept. 7 (Wed.)	@ Brewster	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 9 (Fri.)	Eastchester*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 12 (Mon.)	Haldane	4 p.m.
Sept. 15 (Thu.)	@ Sleepy Hollow*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 19 (Mon.)	@ Eastchester*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 23 (Fri.)	Sleepy Hollow*	4:45 p.m.
Sept. 26 (Mon.)	@ Haldane	4 p.m.
Sept. 27 (Tues.)	Eastchester*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 30 (Fri.)	Pawling	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 30 (Fri.)	Haldane	4 p.m.
Oct. 4 (Tues.)	@ Pawling	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 5 (Wed.)	Haldane	4 p.m.
Oct. 6 (Thu.)	@ Sleepy Hollow*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 7 (Fri.)	Brewster	4:30 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

**Coach: Ron Pagliaro**

Sept. 2 (Fri.)	@ Carmel	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 6 (Tues.)	@ Brewster	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 8 (Thu.)	@ Haldane	6 p.m.
Sept. 12 (Mon.)	Somers	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 14 (Wed.)	@ Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 16 (Fri.)	Haldane	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 17 (Sat.)	@ Pawling (tournament)	9 a.m.
Sept. 20 (Tues.)	@ Peekskill*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 23 (Fri.)	@ Somers	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 26 (Mon.)	Hendrick Hudson*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 28 (Wed.)	@ Sleepy Hollow*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 30 (Fri.)	Somers	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 6 (Thu.)	Our Lady of Lourdes*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 7 (Fri.)	Carmel	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13 (Thu.)	Putnam Valley	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 14 (Fri.)	Peekskill*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 20 (Thu.)	@ Hendrick Hudson*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 24 (Mon.)	Sleepy Hollow*	4:45 p.m.
Oct. 26 (Wed.)	@ Our Lady of Lourdes*	4:30 p.m.

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