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## Secor Site Not Suitable for Tower, Critics Say

*As clock ticks on one site, the alternative meets objections*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The possible installation of a cell phone tower along Secor Street in the woods near the Haldane school campus elicited fierce opposition on Nov. 8, forcing the Nelsonville Village Board to debate its own constituents as well as critics from elsewhere in Philipstown.

Board members convened the forum, held at the Haldane auditorium rather than the Village Hall annex because of the expected turnout, to solicit input on the proposed Secor Street tower.

In October, the board suggested the 4-acre site as an alternative to the site proposed for a 110-foot tower proposed for private land on Rockledge Drive, overlooking the Cold Spring Cemetery. Negotiations ensued between the Village Board and Homeland Towers, which oversees projects for corporations such as Verizon and AT&T.

"We see it as a suitable alternative" to the Rockledge site, Mayor Bill O'Neill told attendees on Nov. 8. "You may disagree."

Many did.

Roughly hexagonal in shape, the Secor Street tract lies behind the American Legion and Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corps buildings on Cedar Street,

near two historic graveyards as well as the Haldane Central School District campus. Hiking paths and Back Brook, which ends in the Hudson River near the Cold Spring waterfront, wind through or close to the site.

Under village code, installation of a cell tower typically requires a special-use permit. The Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board have been studying the Rockledge Drive application and held a joint public hearing, on Nov. 15.

At the Nov. 8 meeting, Mayor Bill O'Neill stressed that FCC regulations require Nelsonville to take action on the Rockledge application within 150 days, which will be Dec. 17, or the village can be sued by the wireless companies. "Our sovereignty can be overridden by the Federal Communications Commission," he said.

Under FCC rules, a municipality can only deny a cell tower application for a strong, well-documented legal reason, such as a negative impact on the environment (including ecological, aesthetic, historic, social and cumulative effects) or risk to an endangered species. The Telecommunications Act of (Continued on Page 5)



**SUBLIME** — Narek Haknazaryan, a native of Armenia who at age 22 was the gold medal winner in cello at the 2011 International Tchaikovsky Competition, performed at the Howland Cultural Center on Nov. 12. He was accompanied by pianist Noreen Polera.

Photo by Ross Corsair

## Beacon Progress Report

- Edgewater hearing continued again
- 59-unit building proposed for Fishkill Avenue
- More parking at Mount Beacon

By Jeff Simms

The six-month-long public hearing on the environmental impacts of a proposed 307-unit development in Beacon will continue for another month, following a spirited debate at the Nov. 14 Planning Board meeting.

The environmental hearing is the first in a number of hurdles the Edgewater development near the riverfront must clear before it can be approved. Future hearings will address the project's subdivision plans, variances and a special use permit.

With apartments ranging in size from studios to three bedrooms and spread across seven buildings, Edgewater would

be the largest development ever in Beacon. It would sit on 12 acres northeast of the Metro-North train station.

Now, however, project planners and Beacon City School District officials are gridlocked over how many students, and at what cost, the development would add to the system. Edgewater consultants say the development will produce fewer than 50 new students, with increased tax revenue more than balancing out the cost of educating them.

The district contends that projection is based on metrics that underestimate population trends and the cost of education.

The dispute was hardly resolved after the hearing Tues- (Continued on Page 7)

## Off the Wall at Grey Printing

*Decades of customer photos coming down*

By Alison Rooney

It's going to look minimalist at Grey Printing in a few weeks' time, as the thousands of photos — many of them dusty, with edges curled by time — are coming down.

What began as a fun project for Ruth Eisenhower, who worked at the shop from its founding in 1993 on Main Street in Cold Spring as Copycats through her retirement in January 2016, grew and grew as the images traveled up practically every inch of wall.

In the beginning, when the print shop was on a second floor near the Pig Hill Inn, Eisenhower lined a staircase. The shop moved (Continued on Page 20)



Grey Printing, which for years has been hanging photos of its customers (including Pete Seeger, right) on the walls and from strings overhead, will begin removing them after Thanksgiving.

Photo by Ross Corsair



# 5 Five Questions: LISA KNAUS

By Alison Rooney



Lisa Knaus

Photo by A. Rooney

**L**isa Knaus manages the pottery studio at the Garrison Art Center. Its annual pottery sale begins Nov. 17.

## How much clay does the studio go through?

About 500 pounds a week. I'm always like, "You guys need to slow down!" We buy it from Canada. You can dig it up, but local clays tend to melt at low temperatures because they have a lot of iron. In places like the Carolinas and Georgia you can use it straight out of the ground. My father would go to a swimming hole, dive down and dig it up, kind of for the romance of it.

## What do beginners find most frustrating?

Centering a pot on the wheel as its spins. It's an old skill, going back to the invention of the wheel and fire. It brings together a primal need to work with your hands and to express something about form.

## Do people need more mugs?

Yes, because you can always give your old mugs away. Say you're having tea with someone and she tells you how much she

likes the mug. You've been drinking from it for 12 years, so it's time to give it away and get a new one.

## Is imperfection sometimes the best result?

It's not that you want to make junk, but with all the technology, it's a relief to see a spot sometimes. It relaxes the eye. We have an expression, "the kiss of the kiln," which means to accept and trust that when you are putting something into 2,000-degree heat, you have to say goodbye and then hello, however it emerges. You have to understand that probably half your attempts aren't going to work. As I've gotten older my success ratio has gone up, but I've also learned when to give up. My students are always trying to repair things.

## At the end of the 10-day pottery sale, do you question your sanity?

Yes. That happens pretty much all year, actually. The sale is intense, but it's good discipline for someone like me who is good at hosting but not so good at book-keeping. I love how beautiful it all is, that sense of doing things together.

# Langley is New Putnam Sheriff

*After absentee count, challenger defeats Smith by 341 votes*

**B**y the thinnest of margins, Robert Langley Jr. on Nov. 14 became Putnam County's 54th sheriff.

After absentee votes were counted late into the night by the Putnam County Board of Elections, Langley had defeated four-term incumbent Don Smith by 341 votes of nearly 25,000 cast for the office. He led by 355 votes after all 172 precincts reported their machine results on Nov. 7. The tally remains unofficial until certified by the county's two election commissioners.

The count released by the Board of Elections on Nov. 14 showed 12,308 votes (49.7 percent) for Langley, who lives in Garrison and ran on the Democratic and Women's Equality lines, and 11,967 for Smith (48.3 percent), who ran on the Republican, Conservative, Independence and Reform lines.

In a statement on Nov. 15, Langley thanked those who voted for him and said he was "eager to earn the support of those who did not." He promised to "serve with integrity and accountability to the public" and "return integrity to the Office of Sheriff."

He added: "To the men and women of the Sheriff's Department, I am eager to work alongside you and serve the public with you. In the coming weeks, I will be planning my transition into office and considering appointments that I believe will best serve our communities and our team."

In a statement on Nov. 15, Smith wrote: "Mr. Langley will be the next sheriff of Putnam County and I congratulate him and wish him well. I am very proud of the positive, clean campaign that we conducted and, I believe, our campaign upheld the honor and integrity of the Office of Sheriff."

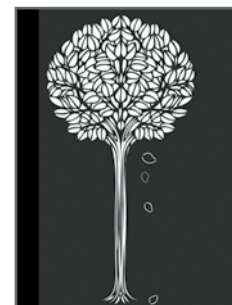
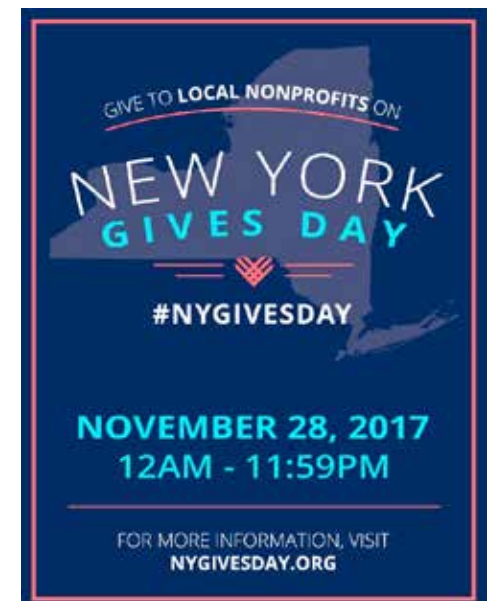
Smith would have needed to win about 65 percent of the 1,286 absentee and affidavit ballots to overtake Langley. (Affi-



Robert Langley Jr.

davits are paper ballots used when a voter does not show up in the rolls.)

There were also 483 write-in votes, most of which were presumably cast for Andrew DeStefano, who hoped to challenge Smith in the Republican primary but whose nomination petition was invalidated. That means DeStefano may have played the spoiler, taking enough votes from Smith to swing the election for the Democrat.



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**After Indian Point:** *An occasional series*

## Where Will the Jobs Go?

*Set to close in 2021, nuclear plant employs 1,100 people*

By Brian PJ Cronin

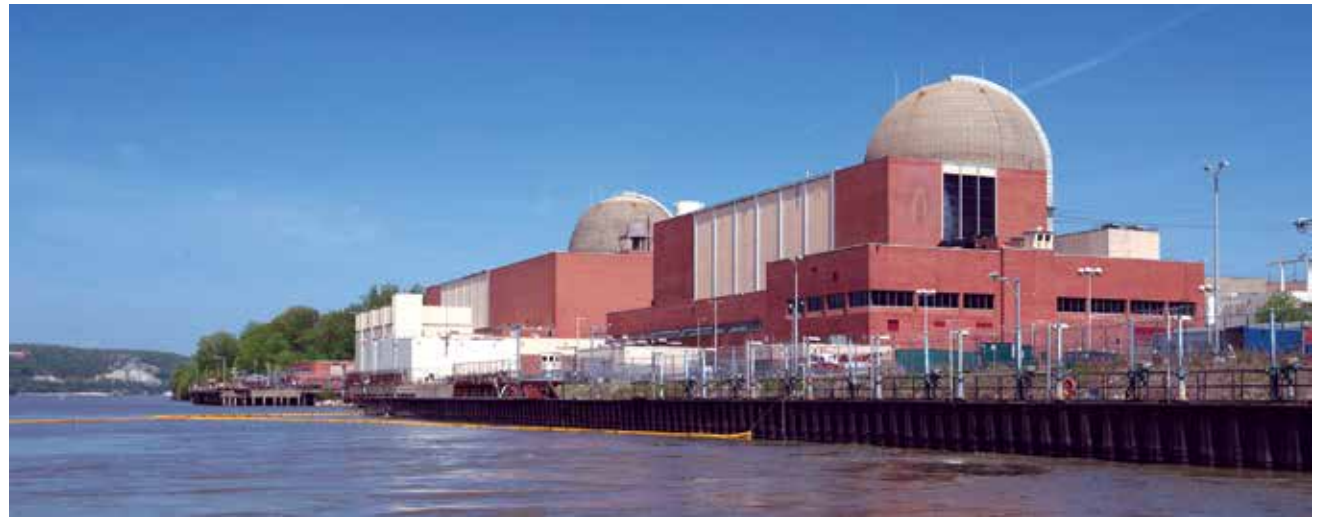
There are few people who will be affected more by the closing of the nuclear power plant at Indian Point than Tom Carey. As president of the Westchester Putnam Central Labor Council, he represents hundreds of the workers at the plant. He also has worked there, as have his grandfather, father, uncle, sister and brother.

"I have a lot of skin in the game," he said. "We all thought it was a completely safe and reliable place to work."

Carey is a member of a task force appointed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to address the aftermath of an announcement in January that Indian Point will shut down in 2021. The council, which includes labor officials, elected officials and representatives from state agencies, has been asked to prepare by April a report that will examine, among other things, what will happen to the plant's 1,100 workers and the regional economy.

Taxes collected from Entergy, which owns Indian Point, account for nearly half of the annual revenue of the Village of Buchanan, the home of the plant. Of the \$32 million the village receives, \$24 million goes to the Hendrick Hudson School District.

Because decommissioning the site could take as long as 60 years, the Town of Cortlandt (which includes Buchanan) is searching for ways to soften the financial blow. It has begun setting aside at least \$100,000 annually to assist with the transition, and laws are being drafted that



The Indian Point Energy Center

NYS photo

would allow the town to continue to collect some tax revenue from Entergy for as long as spent radioactive fuel is stored at the site, which may be indefinitely.

Even if limited tax payments continue, the closing will cause a significant loss of jobs. While Entergy has said some workers could be transferred to a facility it owns in New Orleans, that doesn't sit well with Cortlandt Supervisor Linda Puglisi.

"We may like to visit New Orleans, but we don't want our residents to have to move there," she said at a Nov. 3 forum at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison on the Indian Point closure organized by *The Journal News* and Clearwater.

There is time. Major plant closings are rarely announced years in advance. But the window also may add to the challenge because workers can't be reassigned while the plant is operational.

Mario Musolino, executive deputy commissioner of the New York State Department of Labor, said at the forum that his agency was confident many of the workers can find new jobs, noting that about 350 employees are utility workers, 200 are Teamsters mostly dealing with security and many of the remainder have specialized skills easily applied in other jobs.

"When you start breaking

down the workforce into the various groups and different skill sets, it becomes a manageable challenge," he said. "This isn't the same thing as when a large retailer closes and suddenly everyone is in competition with one another."

The state is discussing programs that would retrain workers from Indian Point for renewable energy projects, Musolino said. He also noted that by the time the plant closes, as many as 40 percent of the workforce may be eligible for retirement. "But I want to caution folks: Being retirement-eligible doesn't mean that's the choice you want to make," he said. "I'm retirement-eligible, but I haven't retired yet."

There's also the unresolved issue of who will do the decommissioning work. If an agreement can be made with Entergy to have the plant workers do it, that would help it remain a significant source of jobs, possibly for decades. However, to close other plants, Entergy has used a contractor which brought in its own labor force.

"I know the way these guys operate," Carey said. "They're a ragtag group of people from all over the country, when our local members are going to be out of work."

Carey pointed to the Project Labor Agreement used for the construction of the new Mario Cuomo Bridge in Tarrytown as a possible model for Indian Point. "We brought the bridge in ahead of schedule, under budget, with no major injuries on the job," he said. "It's a big cost savings, and it's all local labor."



As part of a State of the State address earlier this year, Gov. Andrew Cuomo described an agreement to close Indian Point in 2021.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Putnam Sheriff's race

I am extremely gratified at the incredible level of support afforded me as a candidate for Putnam County Sheriff by the taxpayers of Putnam County, having received nearly 500 votes on Nov. 7 after my write-in campaign.

Our message of reducing car accidents, reducing traffic tickets, ridding our schools of drugs without a focus on arrests, and restoring integrity through data-driven policing and top-down accountability clearly resonated with voters.

It was not my intention to play the role of spoiler. Had the Putnam County Board of Elections simply allowed the process to run its normal course, I would have been on the ballot for the Republican primary. Had I lost the primary — which I would not have — I would have walked away.

However, the elections commissioner decided to do the job of the county Republican chairman and wrongfully invalidate my petitions. I've never given in to bullying. We did a write-in because I was denied my legal place on the ballot.

They can blame me all they want for Sheriff Don Smith's loss, but in blaming me they are simply avoiding responsibility for the collapse of the Republican Party. The fact is, Smith is a 16-year incumbent; he should have been 2,000 votes ahead. I know how organizations run and I saw this coming years ago, as the Putnam Republican Party fails to embrace and nurture its talent and instead chooses to recycle.

Andrew DeStefano, *Brewster*

### 'Drug czar'

At no time during the Nov. 2 Town Board meeting did anyone on the board refer to a "drug czar" ("Philipstown Creates 'Drug Czar,'" Nov. 10). I intentionally did not refer to the position in that manner as I have always found the word *czar* to be threatening. We are funding an opium crisis coordinator to help people in need.

*Drug czar* is a federal term, and I haven't seen much good come out of President Trump's Washington with regard to the problem of addiction. With all his connections to Russia, he can keep the *czar* title.

Richard Shea, *Philipstown*  
*Shea is the Philipstown supervisor.*

### Beacon sweep

The election of four newcomers to the Beacon City Council on Nov. 7 will annoy "old Beacon," but "new Beacon" is reporting for duty.

Erik Hoover, *Beacon*

Old Beacon versus new Beacon is getting old. We all have better things to do with our time — like working together to make a better community for every single one of us.

Adam McKible, *Beacon*

I expect Beacon will be broke within five or six years. The largest employers here are the school district, the city, Key Food and the Dollar Store. We have become a suitcase city with nothing but tourism. This climate is not sustainable, and taxes upon taxes will be the reason we fall. We do not need more parks, bike trails or any more street closings for variety fairs.

The newcomers' challenge will and should be sustainable income, not continued division. This is not old Beacon versus new Beacon. Anyone with that mindset is the reason we will continue to clash. As long as we are here, we are all Beacon.

Joe Zukowski, *Beacon*

What concerns me, as a resident since 2001, is that the city is slowly becoming gentrified. Affordable housing doesn't exist anymore. When developers sell condos for \$500,000 to \$1 million to the very few who can afford them, there is a cascading effect that makes other properties in close proximity very expensive.

My other gripe is that the architectural aesthetic of Main Street is being destroyed. Case in point: the four-story apartment dwelling adjacent to the Beacon Natural Market. It doesn't fit. But nothing will change. We are blinded by the almighty dollar.

Waldron Levers, *Beacon*

### Cell reception

It would be a great benefit if cellphone reception were improved in Cold Spring ("Anyone Want a Cell Tower?" Nov. 3). Our phones cannot be used effectively in our house or within Go Go Pops, our Main Street business. We've spent boatloads on boosters and still must stand in the yard to speak to anyone without the call being dropped.

Just about everyone is dependent on mobile communication devices and the demand for such service continues to grow. How can we accept the convenience of mobile communications without accepting the need for signal towers as well?

If so many children are negatively affected by blaring fire sirens, wouldn't better communications for emergency services via improved cellular reception be a useful alternative?

Lynn Miller, *Cold Spring*

We need better cell service. What I am learning is that there is a big difference between what is the cheapest and most profitable solution for the tower companies and what is best for our community. I am thankful for the elected officials who are able to distinguish that difference and fight for what's best for us.

Dave McCarthy, *Nelsonville*

### City in the Cloud

I like it when I learn on Facebook about something quirky or funny in town, and people tell me, "You live in Cold Spring now ..." ("City in the Cloud, Nov. 10). But then I get this unpleasant feeling of the many bubbles people create. After last year's election, I decided not to be part of these groups even if the group's name has *good* in it, e.g., good neighbors. Guess what — it's still a bubble and bubbles gotta be burst.

Jose Rodriguez, *Cold Spring*

It is sad to me that so much community has moved online, particularly into closed groups owned and operated by a corporation.

It used to seem the main problem in these online groups might be oversharing and exclusivity — now we see that it is also psychological manipulation and disinformation campaigns. I choose not to use Facebook, which I like to think makes me part of an unnamed community called real life. It used to be that the best things in life

were free. Now I believe the best things in life are offline.

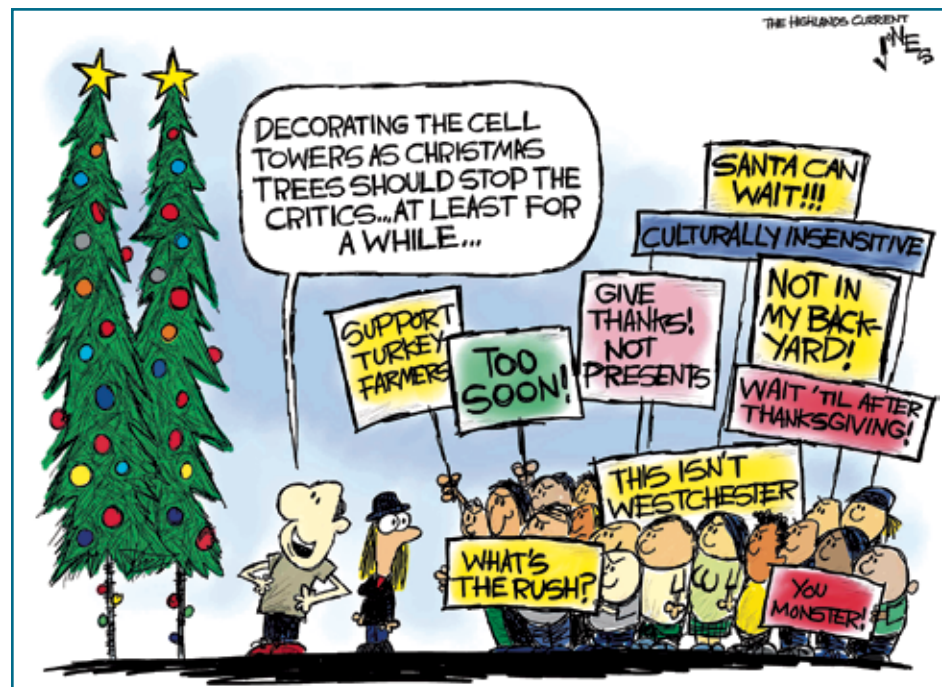
Ethan Timm, *Cold Spring*

### Philipstown election

The people of Philipstown have again placed their trust in John Van Tassel and Michael Leonard, who were both re-elected to the Philipstown Town Board on Nov. 7. I thank all of the voting public for turning out and participating in the democratic process. Mike and John ran a great campaign and took their positive message of caring for our residents to the people.

This election was won door-to-door. Mike and John's hard work and proven track record of accomplishment topped the online rants. If you don't like Facebook, just do what we do: Don't use it. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to continue to serve with such a great board.

Richard Shea, *Philipstown*







**ROCKLEDGE TOWER** — Robert Gaudioso, an attorney for Homeland Towers, speaks to the Nelsonville Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board during a three-hour meeting on Nov. 15 at Philipstown Town Hall about a cell tower proposed for Rockledge Drive overlooking the Cold Spring Cemetery. For more coverage, see [highlandscurrent.com](http://highlandscurrent.com).  
*Photo by Ross Corsair*

**Secor Site Not Suitable for Tower, Critics Say** *(from Page 1)*

1996 also does not permit municipalities to reject applications based on the perceived risk of radio-frequency (RF) emissions.

The board suggested the Secor site because a tower on Rockledge “would be ob-scene,” said Trustee Thomas Robertson. “There is no other property” available. He said the board shared residents’ concerns. “This is our village and we love it. We’re struggling over this.”

Although O’Neill emphasized the “blud-geon” of FCC authority, he pointed out that “federal courts have found — broadly speak-ing — a significant impact on the aesthetic quality of an area is grounds to not grant a special-use permit” for a cell tower, he said. Because the village owns the property on Secor, it also could refuse to grant a lease to Homeland Towers, he said.

“Just say ‘No!’ ” members of the audi-ence chanted.

**Health questions**

Although an application cannot be re-jected because of the perceived health risk, Trustee Alan Potts addressed the issue, cit-ing scientific reports on radio-frequency emissions. The personal, hand-held cell phone “is what is emitting radio-frequency radiation close to your head,” he said, and a lack of sufficient cell phone towers makes cell phones push harder to find a signal, compounding the radiation discharge.

Thus, O’Neill interposed, “the radiation from your cell phone is 100 times more powerful than radiation from a tower.”

Nonetheless, audience members re-peatedly objected to placing a cell tower near Haldane, whose elementary school is about 975 feet from the Secor Street site.

“I’m here speaking for the children,” said Haldane Superintendent Diana Bowers. “We are asking that you consider another location” although “we understand there’s probably a problem with all locations.”

Bowers argued that the widespread use of the towers is too new for their long-term health impacts to be gauged. “No one can say it’s 100 percent safe,” she said, “We just don’t know. If we err, we need to err on the side of children.”

Gareth Guest, a retired physicist who lives on Crown Street near the Secor site, concurred that ramifications of low-level radiation exposure over time are “an open question. I would urge great caution.”

“Just because you cannot prove some-thing is harmful doesn’t mean it’s safe,” added Carolyn Llewellyn, a Nelsonville resident whose children attend Haldane.

**Environmental concerns**

Nelsonville resident Mary Rice noted that “almost in the center” of the Secor site “is a very large wetland area” or wet-land buffer. “I

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**Updates to Past Stories**



**State Passes Law to Restrict Tankers on Hudson**

Gov. Andrew Cuomo Oct. 24 signed into law a bill that establishes “tanker-avoidance zones” on the Hudson River that restrict where oil tank-ers can anchor (“Lawmakers Target Hudson An-chorage Proposal,” March 31). State Sen. Sue Seri-no, who represents the Highlands and co-sponsored the bill, says it puts the state in a “stronger position to prevent anchorages from being sited at points that pose a clear and direct threat to the environment, quality of life and local economic development goals.” One of the proposed sites was between Newburgh and Beacon. The law was pro-posed by Scenic Hudson in January after the U.S. Coast Guard said it was considering a proposal to add 10 anchor sites along the river.

On Sept. 7, a bill proposed by U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney that would defund at-tempts to establish anchorage sites on the Hudson passed the House.



**St. Mary's Raises \$73K**

Father Shane Scott-Hamblen, the rector of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Cold Spring, which this summer had a serious financial shortfall (“St. Mary’s Faces Another Crisis,” July 28), reported the church raised more than \$73,000 through fundraisers such as a patronal festival and basket raffles, along with contributions through [funds.go-fundme.com/SaveStMarys](https://funds.gofundme.com/SaveStMarys).

Scott-Hamblen said the church had brought together a team of professionals to rec-ommend a long-term solution to the parish’s chronic budget woes, which should by the spring recommend a plan to the vestry (parish council).



**Graswald Sentenced in Kayak Case**

Angelika Graswald, who pleaded guilty to crimi-nally negligent homicide in the death of her fi-ancé while kayaking near Bannerman Island, was sentenced Nov. 8 to 16 months to four years in state prison, the maximum allowed (“Women Pleads Guilty in Kayak Case, July 28). She initially was charged with second-degree murder after Vincent Viafore, 46, drowned on April 19, 2015. On Oct. 27, Viafore’s sister filed a wrongful death suit against Graswald for unspecified damages.



**PTSD Approved for Medical Marijuana**

On Nov. 11, Cuomo signed a law that added post-traumatic stress disorder to the list of condi-tions that can be treated with medical marijuana (“Medical Marijuana Takes Off,” Aug. 18). Veterans’ groups had pushed for the change.



**Legal Pushback to Police Plan**

The Village of Wappingers Falls may face two lawsuits after the village board voted Aug. 30 to disband its part-time police force and rely on a new full-time force and deputies from the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Department (“Wappingers Falls Disbands Police,” Sept. 8). One complaint says the village should have conducted an environmental review, while the second claims the village wrongly dismissed a petition that would have forced a public vote.



**New President at Desmond-Fish**

Anita Prentice was elected on Nov. 11 as presi-dent of the board of the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison, succeeding Hamilton Fish, who took a leave of absence following complaints by female staff members at *The New Republic*, where he was publisher, alleging misconduct (“Hamilton Fish Takes Leave at *New Republic*, Library,” Nov. 3).

“As I take on this role, I want to express my tremendous admiration for Ham Fish and his decades of service to the Desmond-Fish Library and the Philipstown community,” Prentice said in a statement. “As board president, he has been an exemplary leader, adhering to the highest ethical standards and dedicated to sustaining an institution that has meant so much to our community .... I look forward to working with Ham again in the future.”

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

The Town of Philipstown is seeking a Coordinator of Prevention, Treat-ment and Recovery Resource Officer to assist individuals struggling with substance abuse. Any persons interested should submit their resume to:

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The Town of Philipstown has a vacancy on the Philipstown Recreation Commission. Any persons interested should submit their resume to:

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The Nelsonville Village Board held its Nov. 8 workshop in the Haldane auditorium.

Photo by Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

## Secor Site Not Suitable for Tower, Critics Say *(from Page 5)*

don't think you can fit the requirements for a tower on that site," she said. "I wonder if we should be spending a lot of time on such environmentally constrained land."

Robertson observed that the Secor site, which is near his house, is village-owned. "It's not a park. And it is ours ... our lot." He agreed that "there's a path through there" and "there's water on the property," though "it does not take up a lot of the premises."

O'Neill termed the environmental questions "valid" and promised a thorough evaluation of the property.

Carl Byrne, who lives on East Mountain Road, challenged Robertson's interpretation of village ownership. "This is not your land," he said, arguing that it belongs to taxpayers. "You represent the community."

Michelle Smith, executive director of the Hudson Highlands Land trust, cautioned that even if not zoned as parkland, if a property such as the Secor site has been commonly used as a park, New York State imposes a series of requirements, such as state legislative and gubernatorial approval, before a municipality can "alienate" it and repurpose it.

Furthermore, she said, maps show the parcel as part of the Nelsonville forest preserve, crossed by a major trail, she said. "This is a tricky issue," she cautioned.

"Your opinion is welcome, though highly debatable," O'Neill replied.

Other opponents argued that towers decrease property values. O'Neill recommended they hire an assessor to obtain evidence, a task he said is "not within our purview." Courts generally have rejected

this argument as a basis to turn down an application, ruling there is no way to sufficiently document if a particular home sold for less because of a nearby tower.

Audience members also observed that Japan, South Korea and countries across Europe with mountainous terrains similar to the Highlands provide wireless service with small towers and distributive antenna systems, though they may cost more.

O'Neill described that approach as "a non-starter" in Nelsonville because, he said, it works best on flat land.

### Going it alone?

Inviting attendees to "join the fight," O'Neill chided some audience members for not getting involved "when the cell tower wars started" and warned that "if you're absent without leave, you have to accept the consequences of what happens."

He also lamented that "we're fighting this battle alone; we're fighting on your behalf," and twice criticized U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney for allegedly failing to intercede with the FCC. Maloney lives on Douglas Lane, across the road from O'Neill's Moffat Road residence, both of which are near the Rockledge site. O'Neill said he had written and emailed Maloney but received no response.

Maloney, a Democrat, told *The Current* on Nov. 14 that "I've spoken with the mayor and we're looking into this issue." Likewise, he said, he has "been in touch with hundreds of my neighbors about this" matter and "am always here to help people in the Hudson Valley navigate complicated federal processes." However, he added, "in this case, the FCC can't actually move

this deadline — I would like that to happen, but it's up to the towns and the tower company" to work something out.

A Maloney spokesperson elaborated, stating that, in accordance with federal procedures, the village and Homeland Towers could agree to extend the timeline to allow Nelsonville more time to reach a decision, or failing that, could seek judicial resolution of their differences. He also said their office had recently received a letter from O'Neill about the tower, but had no record of other mayoral messages in the last several months.

The spokesperson said that Maloney and his staff have been looking at possible revisions to the federal telecommunications law. But he pointed out that any legislation seen as imposing new regulations on mobile communications companies is unlikely to succeed when Republicans control both the U.S. House and Senate, as well as the presidency.

Finally, the spokesman explained that Maloney must tread carefully to avoid perceptions of a conflict of interest, given



**Dave McCarthy of Nelsonville created a public Facebook group on Nov. 9 to discuss cell-tower siting. By Nov. 14 it had 170 members. Search for "Philipstown Cell Solution Group."**

the proximity of his home to Rockledge Drive; thus, he said, their office is consulting the House Ethics Committee to make sure everything is handled properly.

After listening to the back and forth at the Nov. 8 meeting, Kenny Levine expressed dismay at the frequent invoking of "no."

"'No' to what?" he asked. "'No' to this site? 'No' to that site?" Wherever a tower is constructed, "someone is going to be affected more than others." He urged everyone to get together. "We're in the same boat," he said. "Try to come to a consensus. Whichever way this falls out, don't hate anybody. Just love each other."

For a video of the Nov. 8 meeting, see [highlandscurrent.com](http://highlandscurrent.com).

## Do cellular phone towers cause cancer?

By Chip Rowe

**T**he FCC says the potential health effects of a cell tower cannot be among the reasons that a municipality rejects an application to build one. Although the rule is based on a law passed in 1996, the American Cancer Society (cancer.org), in a brief dated 20 years later, said there remains no scientific evidence that towers increase the risk of cancer.

"First, the energy level of radio-frequency (RF) waves is relatively low, especially when compared with the types of radiation that are known to increase cancer risk, such as gamma rays, x-rays, and ultraviolet (UV) light," it states on its website. "The energy of RF waves given off by cell phone towers is not enough to break chemical bonds in DNA molecules, which is how these stronger forms of radiation may lead to cancer."

"A second issue has to do with wavelength. RF waves have long wavelengths, which can only be concentrated to about an inch or two in size. This makes it unlikely that the energy from RF waves could be concentrated enough to affect

individual cells in the body.

"Third, even if RF waves were somehow able to affect cells in the body at higher doses, the level of RF waves present at ground level is very low — well below the recommended limits. Levels of energy from RF waves near cell phone towers are not significantly different from the background levels of RF radiation in urban areas from other sources, such as radio and television broadcast stations."

There may be reason for concern about RF radiation emitted by a phone held next to the user's head. Last year the results of a \$25 million study conducted over two-and-a-half years by the National Toxicology Program at the National Institutes of Health found that male rats exposed to two types of RF radiation that mimicked what a human might receive from a phone had a greater chance of developing a brain cancer known as a glioma.

While there is no known mechanism by which RF radiation would cause cancer, these results suggest RF radiation may be carcinogenic but only in far higher doses than delivered by a tower. Because cell phones and towers are relatively new, the long-term effects, if any, of low-level exposure are difficult to measure.



## A Friend Remembered



We fondly remember our friend and colleague, James Egan, whose passing leaves a void in our lives and a hole in our hearts that challenges normalcy.

Jim was a larger than life character, a gentleman and friend, with an intellect and passion for life that betrayed his sometimes quiet demeanor. He shared his enthusiasm for historic events, zeal for theatre and the arts, his culinary passions, his joy of travel with each of us, and we discovered that conversations with Jim left us better educated — if not envious — of his life experiences.

JIM'S COLLEAGUES AT HOULIHAN LAWRENCE  
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## Beacon Progress Report *(from Page 1)*

day night.

A planning consultant hired by the city, John Clarke, agreed with the Edgewater consultant that the project's impact on the school district would be marginal. But numerous residents urged the Planning Board to issue a "positive declaration," or an indication that the project would have an adverse impact on the surrounding environment — in this case, the schools. It would not end the project but would require the developer to somehow mitigate the impact.

*"Please take into account our kids.*

*Beacon has come so far in the last 10 years. We can't mess it up. Education is huge and if you don't have good schools, forget it, you have nothing."*

"We're already struggling," said Debbie Brennen, a Sargent Elementary parent, during the Nov. 14 hearing. "Our buildings are old. Please take into account our kids. Beacon has come so far in the last 10 years. We can't mess it up. Education is huge and if you don't have good schools, forget it, you have nothing."

With two of its seven members absent and no clear consensus among those pres-



A rendering of one view of the proposed Edgewater development

ent, the Planning Board opted to continue the hearing at its next meeting, scheduled for Dec. 12. "Next month, we make a decision," said Chairman Jay Sheers.

### More development news

■ Representatives from the Fishkill Avenue Development Corporation (FADC) appeared at a City Council workshop on Nov. 13 to propose a 59-unit residential and retail project, called Beacon Light Condominiums, for two parcels on Fishkill Avenue (Route 52) north of Main Street.

The parcels (152 and 158 Fishkill Ave.)

are among a handful that the council is considering rezoning into the Central Main Street district. Calling it a "perfect opportunity," Angela Dellaportas Ingham, one of the owners, said expanding the Main Street corridor would bring foot traffic to new retailers.

"Land is a commodity that we can't replicate, so we want to be smart in what we develop," she said. "It's important to offer [people who live in and visit Beacon] more, to give them that feel so they'll want to come back."

The FADC has not submitted plans but will do so if the council votes to rezone the properties, Dellaportas Ingham said.

■ The Planning Board held a public hearing on Nov. 14 on the latest proposal for the Parcel L property on Wolcott Avenue

(Route 9D). The project, called River Ridge, would include 18 townhouses on the 3-acre property.

The plans include construction of a pedestrian path and stairway leading to the Beacon train station, as well as a small pocket park near Beekman Street. Feedback from the public during the hearing was generally supportive, although some neighbors expressed concern about the park.

The public hearing will continue at the Planning Board's December meeting.

■ The Planning Board approved Scenic Hudson's plans to nearly double the number of parking spaces at the base of Mount Beacon.

The project will be completed in the spring and will involve moving the park's Howland Avenue entrance farther away from Route 9D and turning it into an exit. The lot will be widened and oriented for one-way traffic, and individual spaces will be marked, increasing its capacity from 40 to 77.

Several people spoke during the hearing before the board's vote, with nearly all supporting the expansion but lamenting that it won't be a long-term solution for the cars that routinely line Howland and adjacent streets on holidays and weekends after the lot has filled.

"I'm for this, but anything beyond this, you need to find option B or C," agreed board member Randall Williams.

## Beacon Zoning Hearing Set for Nov. 20

### *Proposals would create guidelines for development*

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council will hold a public hearing during its Nov. 20 meeting to gauge feedback on sweeping changes to zoning codes for the city's busiest development areas.

The proposed changes target the Main Street and Fishkill Creek districts and are the result of efforts in recent months to tighten development standards while a six-month residential building moratorium is in effect.

"We know from our comprehensive plan that we want somewhat higher density on Main Street and we wanted development along Fishkill Creek," said council member Lee Kyriacou, who has spearheaded the initiative. But the council "didn't know exactly what we would get" with the zoning language on the books, he said.

Since the city has seen a first wave of development, the proposals spell out explicit design standards, increase protection for historic resources and, in some cases, lower density allowances, Kyriacou said.

The first major change along Main would be the consolidation of several zoning districts into one covering all of Main and extending into the commercial portion of East Main. Within this consolidated zone, three-story buildings would be permitted, with a fourth story allowed but set back from the street in some cases. Five-story buildings — now allowed in the center section of Main — would be banned.

The draft language also provides speci-

fications — including the type and texture of materials, spacing and proportion of windows and doors, and the placement of street-front fixtures — to ensure the compatibility of new construction with historic buildings.

Along Fishkill Creek, developers would be required to submit conceptual plans to the City Council for approval before they went to the Planning Board to review the details. Design standards would require that projects "build on the existing Beacon environmental and historical context."

Another major change proposed for the Fishkill Creek district is the requirement that developments devote 25 percent of their space to non-residential uses such as a business or retail space on a first floor.

Buildings in the creekside zone would be capped at three stories, although elevators or stair towers projecting a story above could be approved "to add architectural interest and to encourage access to rooftop gardens."

A final but significant amendment would base a parcel's allowable density on buildable, rather than gross, acreage. If a 10-acre property includes 5 acres of unbuildable steep slopes, for example, its allowable density would be calculated on only the 5 acres deemed suitable for development.

Those density standards, if approved by the council, could impact large parcels near Madam Brett Park, as well as the Tioronda Estate, which includes the former Craig House psychiatric center, Kyriacou said.

If adopted, the changes would also prompt the rezoning of more than 150 parcels, the majority along or near Main Street, with most of them being shifted into the consolidated Central Main Street district.



Sixth Annual  
**Tree Lighting**  
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**WINTER HILL**

**Thursday, December 7, 2017**  
**5:30 - 7 p.m.**

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# Beacon City Council Primer

*Updates on ongoing initiatives*

By Jeff Simms

## Traffic barriers

**What's happened:** Several residents complained to the Beacon City Council earlier this year that a driver removed barricades and drove through the New Covenant Learning Center's Bike Day event, which involved more than 50 children.

**What's next:** The council on Nov. 6 tightened regulations for street closings. Event sponsors are now required to notify nearby property owners of their application, and the city will post approved permits online. Only the applicant, police chief or highway superintendent may remove barricades; contact information will be available on the city's website and posted on the barricades. A \$500 fine will be assessed for moving or removing a barricade without authorization.

## South Avenue bridge

**What's happened:** Frank Skartados, who represents Beacon in the state Assembly, announced in September that he had secured \$500,000 in funding for the restoration of the historic Tioronda Bridge. Skartados proposed that the

bridge be rebuilt with a walkway and one lane of low-speed vehicular traffic.

**What's next:** Several documents, including a traffic study and design report, are required before the state will consider the one-lane design, City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero told the council on Nov. 13. Mayor Randy Casale said he hopes to meet with Skartados and U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney to discuss the bridge before the council decides whether to pay nearly \$73,000 for the studies.

## Drought alert

**What's happened:** On Nov. 6, Casale announced that Beacon is under a Stage 1 drought alert, which is triggered when the city's three reservoirs (Cargill, Mount Beacon and Melzingah) dip to 60 percent of capacity.

**What's next:** During the alert, residents are urged to conserve water by not watering lawns and golf courses, washing homes or sidewalks with a hose or washing cars at home. They also are encour-

aged to fix water leaks. The Conservation Advisory Committee has drafted guidelines that have been posted to the city's website. Water conservation during a Stage 1 alert is voluntary, but if the reservoir levels dip to 40 percent, it will become mandatory.

## Police consolidation

**What's happened:** Beacon and the town and village of Fishkill launched a joint study of their police departments last year to identify ways to cut costs without cutting services. The study was funded by a grant from the Dutchess County Municipal Shared Services and Consolidation program and conducted by Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress.

**What's next:** In a presentation to the council on Oct. 30, Pattern recommended that the town and village of Fishkill merge their departments but said Beacon should remain independent. Integrating a department with full-time officers with two that have only part-time duties would present more challenges than benefits, the researchers said. The study did suggest other ways for the three departments to share costs, however, such as a shared system for record-keeping and a pilot "reserve officer" program to train police academy graduates.



Main Street in Beacon, looking northwest toward the bridge

Photo by Scott Harrison

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# The Calendar

## Women Who Blossom

*Steel Magnolias opens at Depot on Dec. 1*

By Alison Rooney

One key difference between *Steel Magnolias*, the 1989 movie, and *Steel Magnolias*, the play on which it is based, is that the play includes no men and never ventures outside Truvy's Beauty Salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana.

Sally Mayes prefers the stage version, which she will direct at the Philipstown Depot Theatre starting Dec. 1, for a three-weekend run.

*"The heart of the play is that it's about these women and this beauty shop. The 'me, too' stuff is the sisterhood this play is about, the bonds that you cannot break."*

"The movie takes the story 'out,' largely through adding men and exterior locations," she explains. "The heart of the play is that it's about these women and



The cast of *Steel Magnolias*: Standing — Sally Mayes, Julie Heckert and Maia Guest; Seated — Jennifer Lee Andrews, Ursula Anderman and Liz Keifer

Photo provided

this beauty shop. The 'me, too' stuff is the sisterhood this play is about, the bonds that you cannot break.

"It's so much fun and a sweet story," the director says. "Bring Kleenex and be prepared to laugh, because it has heart and a great underneath."

Mayes, who also will be among the six

actors portraying the owners, staff and patrons of Truvy's, has been in *Steel Magnolias* several times, in different roles, including as a stand-by for two of them during the 2005 Broadway production. The other five performers are Jennifer Lee Andrews, Maia Guest, Julie Heckert and Liz Keifer, all of Philip-



Sally Mayes

Photo by A. Rooney

stown, and Ursula Anderman, who lives in New York City.

Because the four Philipstown actors are longtime friends, "it grants us speedy entry into the meat of the play," says Guest. "We don't have to manufacture the years of friendship shared." Adds Keifer: "We inhabit the true meaning of an ensemble as" (Continued on Page 14)

## Shakespeare Festival Announces 2018 Season

*For first time, will present Richard II*

By Alison Rooney

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival is mixing it up again during its 2018 season. It will present a comedy and a history: *Taming of the Shrew*, directed by Shana Cooper, and, for the first time, *Richard II*, directed by HVSF Artistic Director Davis McCallum.

They will be joined by a reimaged

tale of Sherwood Forest with a cross-dressing female rival to Robin Hood, *The Heart of Robin Hood*, commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company, written by David Farr, and directed by Tyne Rafaeli.

As in the past, the three productions will be performed in repertory under the tent at Boscobel, in Garrison.

The success in 2016 of the community production of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* prompted the festival to try it again, this time with the premiere of *Rip Van Winkle*; or, *Cut The Old Moon Into*

*Stars*, written and directed by Seth Bockley. As with *Our Town*, it will include 40 "citizen actors," as well as professionals.

According to HVSF, the play, which is the first that it has ever commissioned, features "Rip's adventurous daughter and her hard-working mother, tinkers, butchers, innkeepers, tall-tale-telling wives, a few seafaring ghosts, and the beating heart of a community poised somewhere between the distant past and the not-so-distant future."

The HVSF Conservatory Company, a

months-long training program for early-career actors, will work on a devised clown show, *The Sea-Maid's Music*, with Zachary Fine directing and devising in collaboration with the company. The premise of the show, according to HVSF, is that a mermaid was a source of literary inspiration for Shakespeare, "as well as for anyone who hears the call to make something beautiful out of nothing at all." Fine directed HVSF's 2016 clown show, *So Please You*.

Tickets go on sale in March, and the season opens with previews on June 7.



Davis McCallum, the HVSF's artistic director, will direct *Richard II*.



Seth Bockley will write and direct HVSF's first commissioned work.

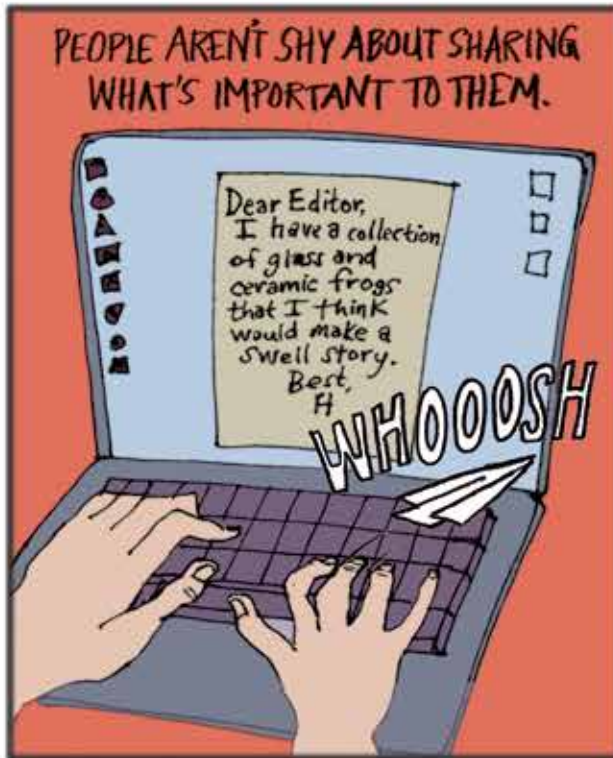
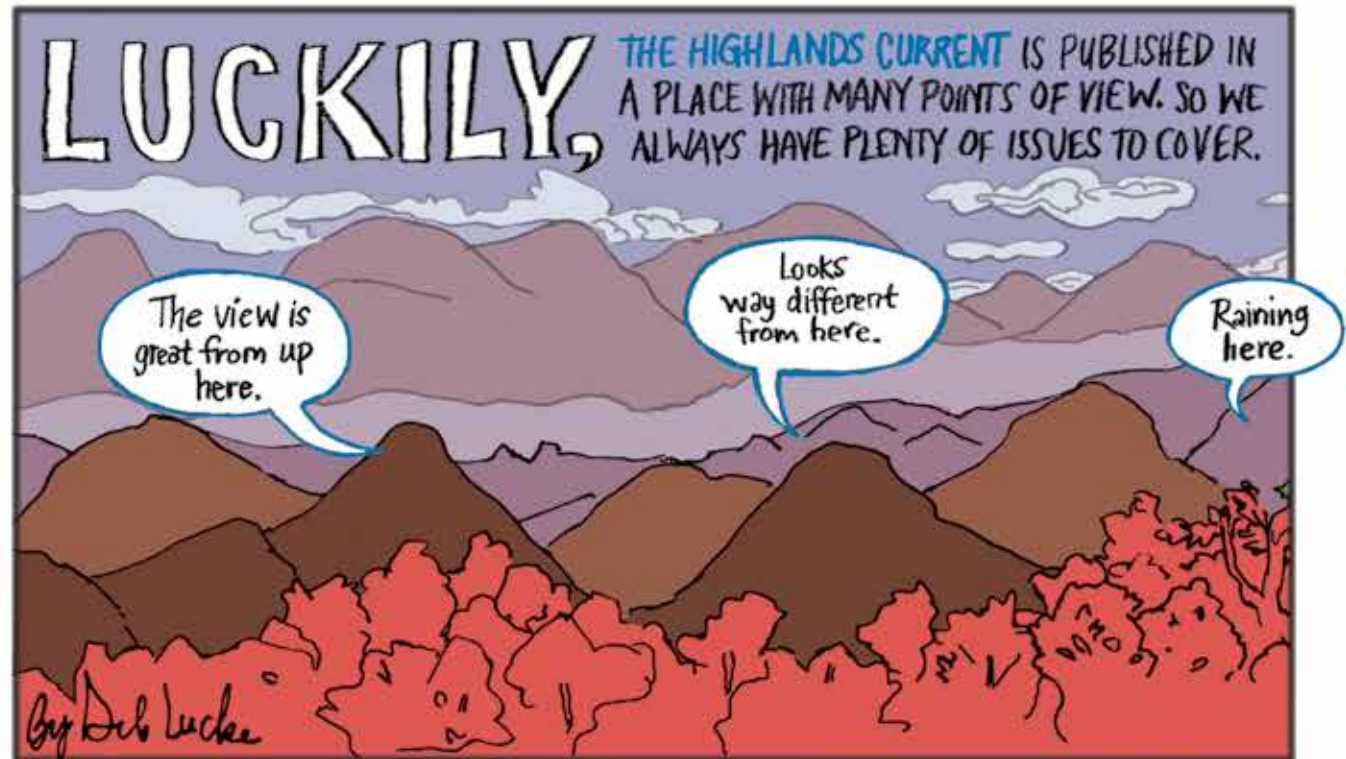
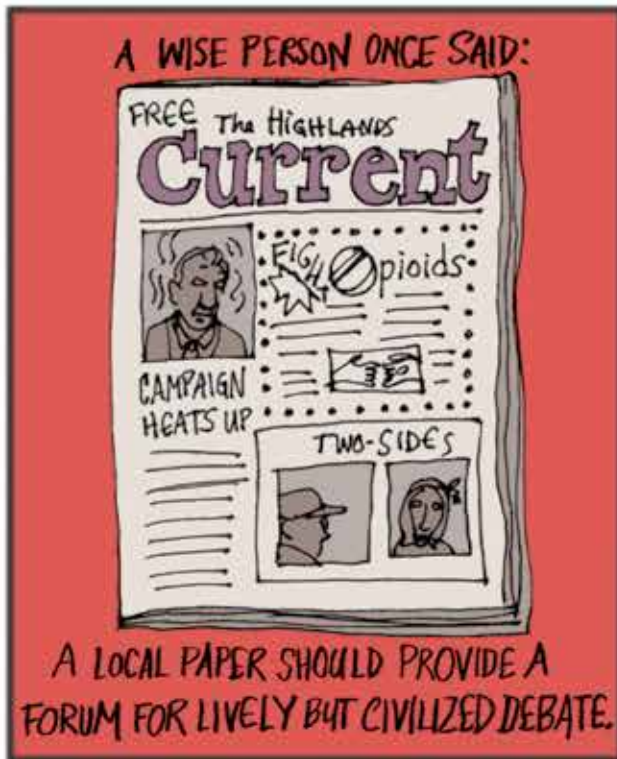


Shana Cooper will direct *Taming of the Shrew* for the 2018 season at HVSF.

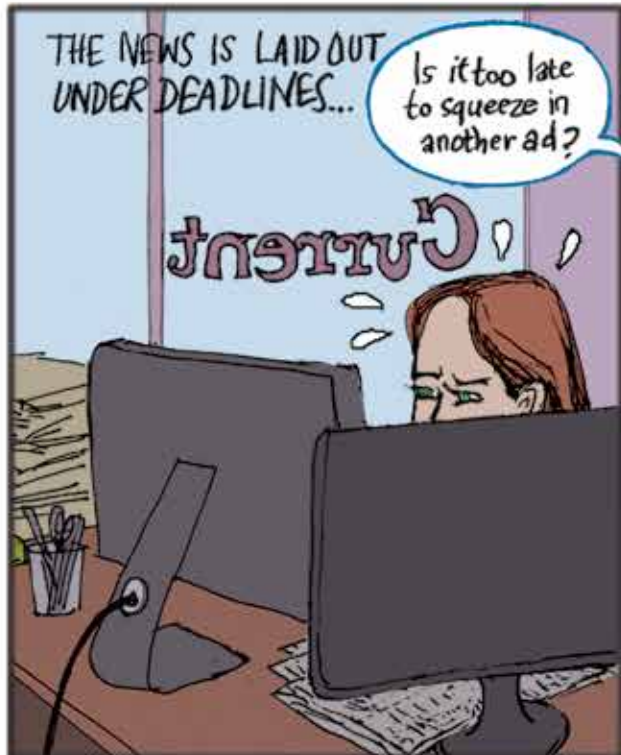


Zachary Fine will work with the 2018 Conservatory Company.











FRIDAY, NOV. 17

Karaoke Kids Party (Date Night for Parents)

6:30 – 9 p.m. Beacon Music Factory  
333 Fishkill Ave., Beacon  
845-765-0472 | beaconmusicfactory.com

The Beacon Players: Cinderella

7 p.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon  
845-838-6900 x3420 | beaconplayers.com

Darlene Love Holiday Show

7:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St., Peekskill  
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

Anjelah Johnson

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

Wait Until Dark

8 p.m. County Players  
2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls  
845-298-1491 | countyplayers.org

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

Bird-Watching Tour

8:30 a.m. West Point Foundry Preserve  
80 Kemble Ave., Cold Spring  
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Harvest Sale

9 a.m. – Noon. St. Philip's Parish House  
1101 Route 9D, Garrison  
stphilipshighlands.org

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MON 3:45 7:15, TUE 7:15

Justice League (PG13)

FRI 3:00 6:00 9:00  
SAT 2:00 5:00 8:00, SUN 1:00 4:00 7:00  
MON 4:00 7:00, TUE 7:00  
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Wonder (PG)

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MON 4:15 6:45, TUE 6:45  
WED 12:45 3:45 6:45

Coco (PG)

WED 1:00 4:00 7:00  
Closed on Thanksgiving

Calendar Highlights

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Send event listings to [calendar@highlandscurrent.com](mailto:calendar@highlandscurrent.com)

5th Annual Veteran Arts Showcase

10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. FDR Library  
4079 Route 9, Hyde Park  
[veteranartsshowcase.org](http://veteranartsshowcase.org)

Mini Maker Faire

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Poughkeepsie Day School  
260 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie  
[poughkeepsie.makerfaire.com](http://poughkeepsie.makerfaire.com)

Turkey Tales

10 a.m. Wildlife Education Center  
25 Boulevard, Cornwall  
845-534-7781 | [hnnaturemuseum.org](http://hnnaturemuseum.org)

Jazz and Improv Workshop / Concert

2 p.m. Workshop | 8 p.m. Concert  
Main Street Music  
382 Main St., Beacon  
[jakesmainstreetmusic.com](http://jakesmainstreetmusic.com)

The Beacon Players: Cinderella

7 p.m. Beacon High School  
See details under Friday.

Group Show: Food, Drink and Photography (Opening)

5 - 7 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | [beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org)

Little Boxes Fundraiser

6 – 9 p.m. Red Barn River Center  
Long Dock Park, Beacon  
845-527-8671 | [bpt.me/3099189](http://bpt.me/3099189)

Get On Up, Get On Down Dance

7 p.m. Elks Lodge  
900 Wolcott Ave., Beacon | 845-765-0667

Silent Film Series: The Adventures of Prince Achmed (1926)

7 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring  
845-265-3040 | [butterfieldlibrary.org](http://butterfieldlibrary.org)

Middle School Teen Night (grades 6-8)

7 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center  
107 Glenclyffe Dr., Garrison  
845-424-4618 | [philipstownrecreation.com](http://philipstownrecreation.com)

Wait Until Dark

8 p.m. County Players  
See details under Friday.

Presley, Perkins, Lewis & Cash

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
See details under Friday.

Phil Geoffrey Bond: My Queer Youth

8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3900 | [philipstowndepottheatre.org](http://philipstowndepottheatre.org)

Hudson Valley Philharmonic: Sinfonia

Antarctica

8 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie  
845-473-2072 | [bardavon.org](http://bardavon.org)

We Free Strings (Music)

8 p.m. Atlas Studios  
11 Spring St., Newburgh | [atlasnewburgh.com](http://atlasnewburgh.com)

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

5th Annual Veteran Arts Showcase

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. FDR Library  
See details under Saturday.

Haldane Concession/Press Box Ribbon Cutting

1 p.m. Haldane Field, Cold Spring

The Beacon Players: Cinderella

2 p.m. Beacon High School  
See details under Friday.

Putnam Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert

3 p.m. Brewster High School  
50 Foggintown Road, Brewster  
914-924-8925

Sound/Peace (Seeking Harmony in Dissonant Times)

3 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-401-3677 | [howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org)

Sunset Readings: Dar Williams

4 p.m. Chapel Restoration  
45 Market St., Cold Spring  
845-265-5537 | [sunsetreadings.org](http://sunsetreadings.org)

Putnam History Museum Thanksgiving Service and Reception

5 p.m. St. Philip's Church  
1101 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-265-4010 | [putnamhistorymuseum.org](http://putnamhistorymuseum.org)

Todd Rundgren

7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
See details under Friday.

MONDAY, NOV. 20

Beacon City Council

7 p.m. City Hall Courtroom  
1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon  
845-838-5011 | [cityofbeacon.org](http://cityofbeacon.org)

Beacon School Board

7 p.m. Beacon High School | Details under Friday.

Haldane School Board Workshop

7 p.m. Haldane School (Music Room)  
15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring  
845-265-9254 | [haldaneschool.org](http://haldaneschool.org)

Nelsonville Board of Trustees

7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St., Nelsonville  
845-265-2500 | [villageofnelsonville.org](http://villageofnelsonville.org)

TUESDAY, NOV. 21

New Moms & Infants Group

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403, Garrison  
Email [whiteside.ks@gmail.com](mailto:whiteside.ks@gmail.com).

Coloring Books for Adults

6 p.m. Howland Public Library  
See details under Saturday.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22

Mah Jongg Open Play

10 a.m. Old VFW Hall | 34 Kemble Ave., Cold Spring  
845-424-4618 | [philipstownrecreation.com](http://philipstownrecreation.com)

Nursing Mothers Support Group

1:15 – 2 p.m. Waddle n Swaddle  
484 Main St, Beacon  
[waddlenswaddle.com](http://waddlenswaddle.com)

Your Name (Kimi no Na wa) (Anime, ages 11+)

3 p.m. Howland Public Library  
See details under Saturday.

THURSDAY, NOV. 23

Thanksgiving Day

FRIDAY, NOV. 24

Walk Off the Turkey Hike

11 a.m. Dill Preserve (Parking Lot)  
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Hudson Valley Art Market

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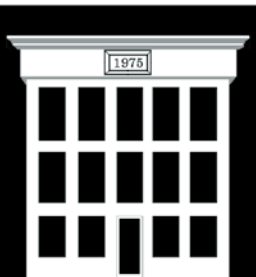
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## Roots and Shoots

# End of the Season Notes

By Pamela Doan

The temperature has been feeling more seasonal finally and I've suddenly run out of time to realize all of my garden projects. It seems I hardly checked anything off the list. Gardening never sticks to a plan the way I do it — with hope and a prayer to the goddesses of horticulture and ecology.

Never give up, though. Here are some things that you can still do (and not do) in your landscape:

Prepare the vegetable garden for spring. Now is the right time to add aged animal manure to enrich soil. It's a good soil amendment but shouldn't be added to active growth areas for edible crops. In the spring, you can layer compost and mulch on top of it.

Did you have disease issues with vegetable plants over the summer? It's important to remove all annuals. All my tomatoes wound down the fall with at least one fungus (Septoria leaf spot) and had signs of blight, too. Don't compost any plant material you suspect of having a pathogen; it may survive in the soil for a repeat performance the next year. It's important not to compost any of these plants to prevent spreading it, as well, and to try to plant vegetables from a different family in that area the following year.

Here's an easy one that doesn't take any time at all: Stop removing the leaves from your lawn. More studies are raising alarms about plummeting insect populations. While monarch butterflies were seen in larger numbers during their migration this year, there are signs that many insect populations are in jeopardy. What happens to the ecosystem without insects? Very bad things.

Leaf litter is an important source of winter habitat for

caterpillars, salamanders and many insects. Grass has gone dormant at this point and it won't damage lawns to have leaf cover. A clean-swept lawn is a sign of natural disturbance.

Until the ground is frozen, it's possible to plant spring flowering bulbs and garlic. We're near the closing of this window, so act soon. In a moment of panic over the forecast, I ran around my yard planting bulbs and garlic when I should have been packing for a trip. At least I can cross that task off my list.

Save your irrigation system and empty rain barrels for the winter. A heavy freeze and a full rain barrel can result in cracks as the water expands. Use the water to give small trees, evergreens and new plantings a deep watering to help them through the drying winds. Going into winter well watered will help them survive.

Get ready for winter composting. In my case, this means making it accessible. Trudging across the lawn through deep snow can deter even the most dedicated composters. I use a trash can with holes poked in the sides placed in an easy-to-reach spot and then add it all to the piles in spring. If attracting animals or rodents is a concern, wrap it in a mesh screen.

Keep a garden notebook to track what happened this year. The highs, the lows, the juicy tomatoes, the perennials lost to a deer. If a particular variety of vegetable was productive, write it down so you can find it again. If you planted a small shrub but are worried you won't remember the name, jot it down.

Make cozy nests for shrubs and perennials with mulch. Use 2 to 3 inches of shredded leaves or wood chips around the base with at least a 6-inch gap between the trunk or stalk and the mulch. Mounding it up against the trunk

*Stop removing the leaves from your lawn ... A clean-swept lawn is a sign of natural disturbance.*



Instead of cutting back perennials, let them stand until spring. They'll disperse seeds like this milkweed and make interesting shapes when covered in snow. Photo by P. Doan

gives perfect cover for voles to girdle the bark during the winter undetected and causes growth problems. (Yes, voles are real. My cats discovered one in our living room last year. It looks a little bit like a guinea pig.) Mulch will help hold moisture and even out the ground temperature to prevent damage from heaving as the ground freezes and thaws during our unpredictable winter weather.

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## Women Who Blossom (from Page 9)

we literally all live in the same small town, and actually do depend upon each other in times of need."

Says Andrews: "As friends, we have so much unspoken communication, so much shorthand with each other. I can look at these women and know exactly what they are thinking. We can laugh hysterically or break down crying at the drop of a hat."

At the same time, Mayes says it was crucial to not let the Depot production drift into sitcom territory.

"The author, Robert Harling, is really good at setting up punch lines," she says. "But there is so much more to it. These women come to the beauty parlor to be together, to be in a safe place. To create it onstage, you need the cast to feel the same way."

Mayes says that directing is "85 percent casting — then get out of the way." Andrews says Mayes' experience with the play and working with the playwright during the Broadway run has been a boon. "Sally has a wealth of information and intimacy with this piece most directors just aren't blessed with," she says. "She is really good at sharing the small details that make a scene truer to the intent of the writer."

Mayes, who was nominated for a Tony for her performance in the 1994 Broadway revival of *She Loves Me*, was introduced to the Depot through its Cabaret in the Country series. (Its producer, Phil Geoffrey Bond, is her assistant director.)

She suggested *Magnolias* after deciding she wanted to direct a production in a space much like the Depot stage, "something small, which I knew like the back of my hand, and with one set. When I first saw the Depot I thought: This is perfect — so intimate."

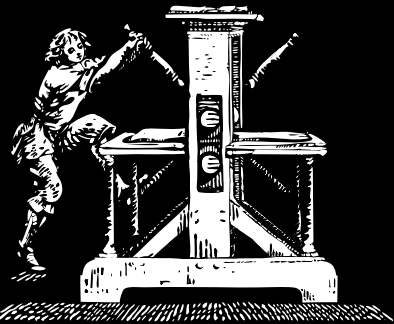
*"I'm addicted to laughter. Everything feels dark right now in the world and I know that if I didn't have the outlet of laughter, I don't know if I could handle the dark."*

Harling based the play, the first he had ever written, on his own close-knit family. It debuted off-Broadway in 1987, then toured the U.S. before landing on Broadway. Mayes, who grew up in Texas, says she has an affinity for the language and regional dialects so central to its charm. She also likes how the story unfolds.

"What I've realized, in the course of these rehearsals," she says, "is that all the magnolias blossom during this show. They blossom and blossom." And it's funny. "I'm addicted to laughter," she says. "Everything feels dark right now in the world and I know that if I didn't have the outlet of laughter, I don't know if I could handle the dark."

*Steel Magnolias* runs through Dec. 17. The performance times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 17 and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 10. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for students and seniors) at [brownpapertickets.com/event/3093569](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/3093569).

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## Growing Up Gay – With Songs!

*One-man show at Depot, plus backup*

**By Alison Rooney**

On Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison, Phil Geoffrey Bond will present an adaptation, replete with songs, of his autobiography, *My Queer Youth*.

Bond, familiar to Depot audiences for *Sondheim Unplugged* and Rodgers and Hammerstein evenings he has produced and hosted at the theater, will be aided and abetted by a professional cast of singers.

Though *My Queer Youth* shares details of Bond's experience growing up gay amid the cornfields of southern Indiana, he says he hopes it appeals to "anyone who's ever felt like an outcast." It contains humor (e.g., invading the showtunes section of the local library) and more sobering moments (such as gathering the courage to ask another boy on a date).

The show began life as a piece Bond wrote around the time he graduated from college. It was first presented circa 2002 at the Duplex Cabaret Theatre on Sheridan Square in New York City, where he was artistic director. (More recently Bond served as the director of original programming at Manhattan's 54 Below.) The Duplex version was presented in much the same format as the Depot show, intercut with songs. In 2010 Bond performed it as a one-man show at the Laurie Beechman Theatre on 42nd Street and in 2016 adapted it into a book.

Bond says he loves having a cast because "it feels like all of those people are standing with me. We follow the main character through a lot of isolation throughout, so to have all of those people up there on my side is comforting, as I hope it will be for the audience."

"I'm making this piece sound like a big downer," he says. "It's not! It's mostly a comedy. Really. Promise."

The cast consists of Jennifer Lee Andrews, Christine Bokhour, Karen Mack, Rob Maitner, Sally Mayes, Lisa Sabin, Lucia Spina and Lennie Watts. The music direction is by John Fischer with Jacob Yates on cello.

Bond is working on a sequel to *My Queer Youth* called *My Roaring 20s: How I Learned to Drink Fast*. He says he has no plans to write about his 30s but hasn't ruled out "something pithy about my 40s, now that I'm here."

Tickets are \$25 at [brownpapertickets.com/event/3080504](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/3080504).



Phil Geoffrey Bond

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Community Congress Releases Results

*Paths, water and teen center lead priorities*

After a vote by 755 residents, the top three priorities from among 40 presented at three public forums sponsored by the Philipstown Community Congress were more biking and walking paths, maintaining clean water and the establishment of a teen center.

A report on the results is posted at [ecologicalcitizens.org/philipstowncommunitycongress](http://ecologicalcitizens.org/philipstowncommunitycongress).

"The good news is, progress on some of these initiatives is already underway," said Jason Angell, a congress organizer. "We're excited to take the next steps to see if Philipstown residents have enough energy to continue to turn these ideas into reality."

Organizers plan to host a forum to discuss the results on Dec. 3, at a location to be determined. In addition, they will report the results to the community members and elected officials of Nelsonville on Nov. 20, Cold Spring on Nov. 28 and Philipstown on Dec. 7.

## St. Philip's to Hold Harvest Sale

*Church also hosting reception for Geers*

On Saturday, Nov. 18, St. Philip's Church in Garrison will hold a harvest sale at its parish hall from 9 a.m. to noon. The fundraiser will include a variety of secondhand goods as well as a bake sale. All proceeds benefit the Friends of St. Philip's and local charities.

On Friday, Dec. 1, the church will host a reception for the Rev. Frank and Sarah Geer, who are retiring in the spring to their home in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The event will take place at The Garrison. Tickets are \$75 per person. RSVP by Nov. 21 to [geercelebration@gmail.com](mailto:geercelebration@gmail.com) or call 845-424-6153.

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



**DEMOCRACY IN ACTION** — On Election Day, Nov. 7, children attending the Craft Hour at Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison were invited to vote for their favorite color. Purple and red tied.

*Photo by Karen Thompson*

## Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

*Auditions Dec. 2 and 3 for Depot show*

The Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison will host auditions from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, and from 7 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, for upcoming performances of Tennessee Williams' *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.

Maggie and Big Daddy are cast, and there will be no children in the production. The performances will be on weekends in March, and rehearsals begin Jan. 8. Email a headshot, resume and preferred audition date to [info@excellentcreature.com](mailto:info@excellentcreature.com).

## Walk Off the Turkey

*Kent committee to host hike*

The Kent Conservation Advisory Committee will host a two-hour hike at Dill Preserve on Friday, Nov. 24, to burn off calories consumed the previous day. Located in Carmel, the preserve has several habitats, wolf trees and an interesting history.

Hikers should meet at 11 a.m. at the preserve parking area on Fair Street. Parking is limited; try Waring Drive or the Carmel

High School parking lot. The trail is easy-to-moderate. Wear warm, bright clothing and comfortable hiking boots to navigate spots with slippery leaves. Bring a beverage. For more information, call 845-228-5635.

## Do Not Enter: Sleeping Bats

*State asks residents not to explore caves*

A fungus called White-Nose Syndrome has killed 90 percent of the bats in New York state since 2007. In an effort to protect remaining populations of the important pollinator, the Department of Environmental Conservation is asking residents not to explore caves or mines where bats may be hibernating through April 30.

If you enter an area where bats are hibernating, leave immediately. Putnam Valley and Southeast have confirmed hibernation sites for a threatened species, the north- (Continued on Page 16)

## Baby and Dog

This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Alex Scebold of Cold Spring shared this shot of her son, Cooper, and his labradoodle and co-conspirator Ozzie. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to [editor@highlandscurrent.com](mailto:editor@highlandscurrent.com).





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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS (from previous page)

ern long-eared bat, and entering them can lead to prosecution. See [dec.ny.gov/animals](http://dec.ny.gov/animals).

## Boscobel Holiday

*Candlelit tours begin Nov. 24*

**B**oscobel will begin its annual candlelit holiday tours of its historic mansion on Friday, Nov. 24, continuing on weekends through Sunday, Dec. 10.

Tours take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Music will be provided by the Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra Quintet, the Brasiles Ensemble, the Putnam Chorale, Putnam Joy and Daniel Stevens. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children and teenagers ages 6-14 and free for children ages 5 and younger. See [boscobel.org](http://boscobel.org). Some tours have already sold out.

## Cold is Coming

*Help is available for heating bills*

**C**ustomers who expect to face challenges with their heating bills over the winter may be able to receive help. The Home Energy Assistance Program is operated by county Department of Social Services or Offices for the Aging. For details, visit [mybenefits.ny.gov](http://mybenefits.ny.gov).

## 25th Annual Holiday Boutique

*Desmond-Fish fundraiser opens Nov. 25*

**T**he Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison will open its annual sale of handcrafted pottery, jewelry and other gifts, as well as baked goods, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25.

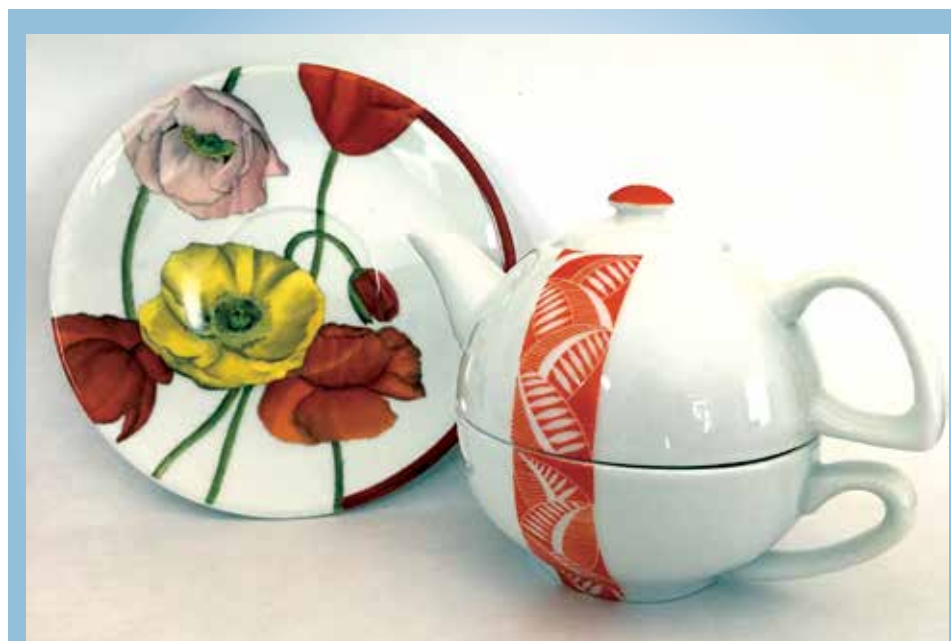
The fundraiser continues on the lower level of the building from Thursday to Sunday during library hours over three weekends. The library receives 25 percent of each purchase. There will also be a selection of used books.

## Food for Fines

*Erase or reduce what you owe*

**T**he Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison and Howland Public Library in Beacon will be collecting non-perishable food such as peanut butter and rice, as well as personal care products such as toothpaste and soap, in exchange for erasing or reducing fines.

There is no limit on donations, although the Food for Fines program doesn't apply to items that were lost or damaged or fines owed to other libraries. The program continues in Garrison through Nov. 22 and in Beacon through Dec. 30.



**ART MARKET** — "Tea for One," by Paola Bari, one of the artists whose work will be available at the Hudson Valley Art Market taking place at Locust Grove on Route 9 in Poughkeepsie from Nov. 25 to 27

*Photo provided*

## Holiday Concert

*Brasiles Ensemble to perform*

The Brasiles Ensemble will perform classic and rarely heard holiday masterpieces at the Chapel Restoration on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Madeleine DeNitto, Laura Danilov, Kim Hiss, Speare Hodges, Paul Philips and Ed Robinson will sing pieces from an international roster of composers, including Rachmaninov, Rutter, Warlock, Ramirez, Poulenc and Wessman.

## Vet2Vet Program

*Boscobel offers discounts to vets*

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## Service Dog House

*Campaign beings for 10-acre site*

**P**utnam Service Dogs is launching a capital campaign to construct a 10-acre site for (Continued on next page)



Nancy Teague, shown with Amy, is the founder of Putnam Service Dogs, which has launched a capital campaign to build a training facility.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS (from previous page)



The Rev. Billy and his Stop Shopping Choir are the subject of a documentary to be shown on Dec. 1.

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kennels, training areas, recipient dorms and a caretaker's apartment. It hopes to raise \$3.5 million and purchase a site by 2019. A match for up to \$100,000 is in effect until Dec. 1.

The non-profit organization provides free service dogs to people with physical disabilities other than blindness. See putnam servicedogs.org or call 917-449-5359.

## Beacon

### What Would Jesus Buy?

Documentary looks at consumer Xmas

As part of its Peace, Justice and Sustainability Film Series, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie will screen the 2007 documentary, *What Would Jesus Buy?*, on Friday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. The suggested donation is \$5.

The film examines the commercialization of Christmas, materialism, overconsumption in U.S. culture, globalization and the business practices of corporations, as seen through the prism of activist and performance artist "Reverend Billy" Talen. A discussion will follow with Talen, who will also offer a blessing at the Fair Trade & Handmade Bazaar when it opens the next morning. The fellowship hall is located at 67 S. Randolph Ave.

### Jazz Workshop and Concert

Main Street Music to host on Nov. 18

Main Street Music in Beacon is hosting jazz guitarist John Stowell and tenor/soprano saxophonist Rob Scheps on Saturday, Nov. 18, for a workshop and concert.

At 2 p.m. Stowell and Scheps will lead a

clinic on the business of music. At 8 p.m., they will perform. The cost of the workshop is \$30 and includes the concert. Call 845-765-8548 to reserve a spot.

### Bright Side Somewhere

Group to perform at Howland

Bright Side Somewhere, with Lindsey Horner on bass and baritone sax, David Rothenberg on clarinets and John Wiczorek on drums and percussion, will perform at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. The group promises to play "some songs you know, some you don't know."

The performance is the fourth concert in the Equinox Series, which is curated by Eleni Smolen as a forum for avant-garde music and voice. The final concert of the season will take place on Dec. 16.

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## Engagement: Flaherty-McNamara

Annette and Robert Flaherty of Cold Spring are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Mary, of Charlestown, Massachusetts, to Joseph Travers McNamara of Burlington, Massachusetts. An October wedding is planned.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Angelo Percacciolo and the late Elaine (Helen) Percacciolo of Cold Spring, and Mary and William Flaherty of Cold Spring.

The future groom is the son of Cynthia and Dennis McNamara of Burlington. He is the grandson of Marie and Major "Buddy" Travers of Burlington and the late Joseph and Emma McNamara of Arlington, Massachusetts.

Rachel is a 2008 graduate of Haldane High School and a 2012 graduate of Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English. She is also a 2015 graduate of Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, where she earned a bachelor's in liberal studies. She is the rheumatology program coordinator in the Department of Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital.

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## From Blacksmith's Shop to Energy Showcase

By Michael Turton

The new home of River Architects at 178 Main St. in Cold Spring has evolved from a 19th-century blacksmith shop to a 21st-century showcase of passive energy.

The conversion began in November 2015 and was mostly complete by January.

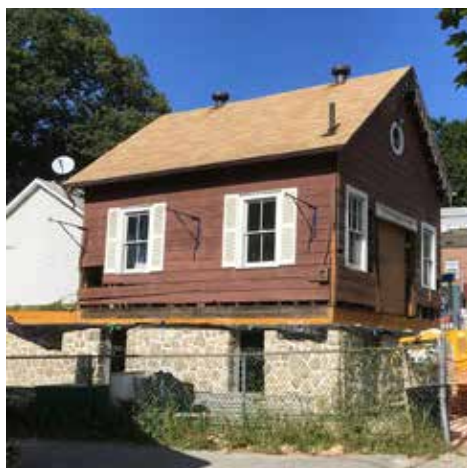
James Hartford of River Architects said the project is expected to receive certification from the Passive House Institute as soon as the rooftop solar array is operational. The building will then be "net positive," producing more energy than it consumes. The surplus will eventually be used to power an electric vehicle through a charging station installed during the makeover.

Hartford said the structure was raised 24 inches to accommodate basement offices and now provides "very comfortable, quiet working spaces in spite of the location just down from the busy traffic light."

Photos courtesy River Architects



Far left, the building as it appeared in September 2015. It had most recently been home to A.D. Preusser Real Estate, which moved to Garrison's Landing. At left, the building was moved to build the basement.



Left, the structure in September 2016; center, after the basement walls were constructed, the building was moved back to its original footprint. At right, the nearly completed office on Main Street

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# Sports

## League, Section Soccer Honors

<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
<b>All-Section</b> Devin Lambe, Beacon Matt Wyant, Beacon	<b>All-Section</b> Reanna Cader, Beacon Megan Meeuwisse, Beacon Jade Villella, Haldane
<b>Honorable Mention</b> Mason Burch, Beacon John Mesnick, Beacon Kyle Zimmerman, Haldane	<b>Honorable Mention</b> Anna Manente, Beacon
<b>League 2-E Player of Year</b> Devin Lambe, Beacon	<b>League 2-E Player of Year</b> Meagan Meeuwisse, Beacon
<b>League 2-E Coach of Year</b> Craig Seaman, Beacon	<b>League 2-E Coach of Year</b> Hugo Alzate, Beacon



Junior Devin Lambe and senior Matt Wyant of the Beacon boys' soccer team earned All-Section honors on Nov. 14. The Bulldogs finished 16-2-1. Lambe was also league player of the year.

Photo provided



Freshman Shannon Ferri finished 45th among Class D runners at the state championships on Nov. 11.

Photo by Peter Farrell

NEW NAME — On Nov. 10, Marist College debuted a new nickname for its red-fox mascot: Frankie. For nearly 40 years it had been Shooter, for shooting baskets, but the athletic director said the name today evokes gun violence.

Marist Athletics



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## Cross-Country Results

Haldane at Class D State Championship, held at Wayne, Nov. 11

<b>Boys</b>	16:44.60 Haldane finished 8th of 11 as team
42. Adam Silhavy (18:25.10)	
49. Nicholas Farrell (18:34)	
83. Jonas Petkus (19:47.50)	
97. Andrew Silhavy (20:40.60)	
106. Kyle Kisslinger (21:26.80)	
109. Mathew Mikalsen (21:29.70)	
114. Brett Schwartz (22:07.70)	
Winner: Kal Lewis (Shelter Island)	
<b>Girls</b>	
45. Shannon Ferri (22:38.70)	
73. Taylor Farrell (23:52.20)	
98. Meghan Ferri (28:26.10)	
103. Sophia Catalina (29:45.30)	
Winner: Brooke Rauber (Tully) 18:51.60	

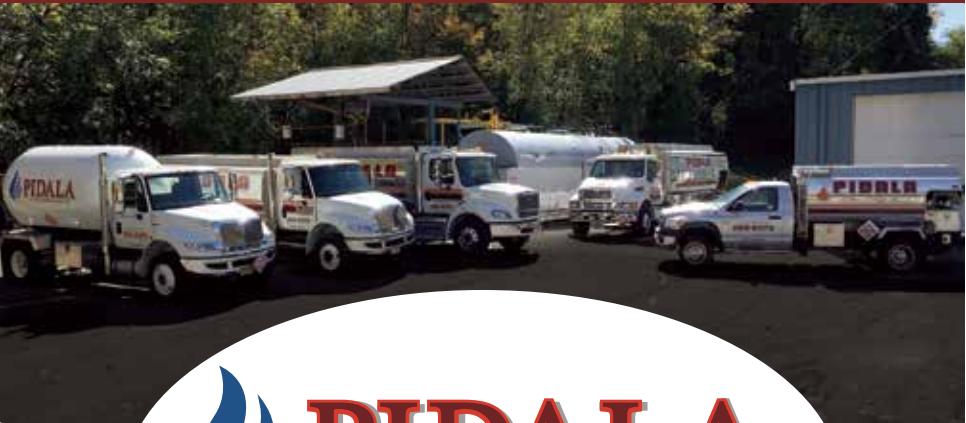
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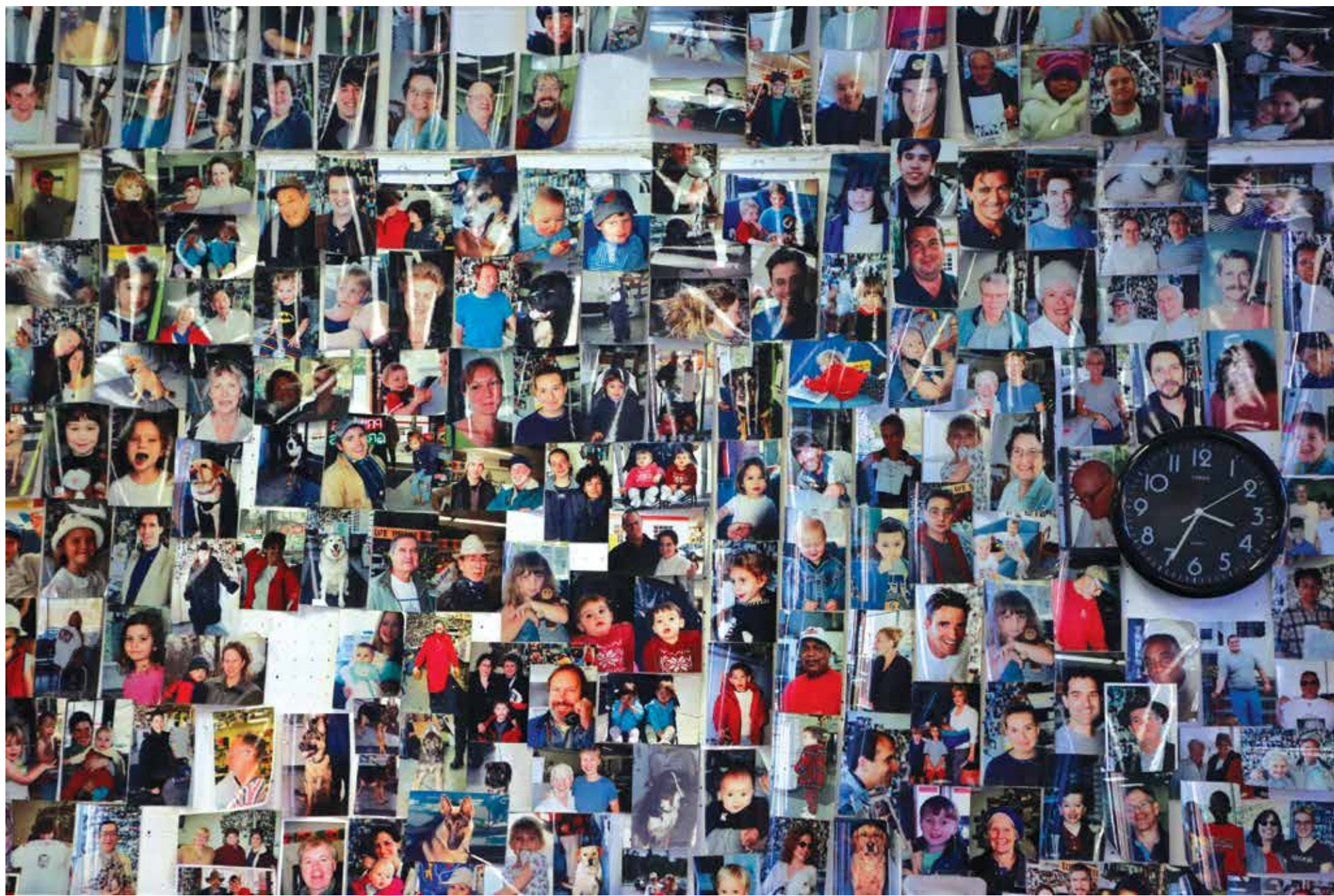




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How time flies

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## Off the Wall at Grey Printing *(from Page 1)*

down the street near the present site of Romeo and Juliet, and then, in 1998, to Chestnut Street near Foodtown.

During its tenure on Main, the collection expanded to about 1,000 images. No one has counted, but shop owner Grey Zeien estimates it now tops 3,800.

Eisenhower took her first shot after being given a high-end camera by her children. Because she was working full-time, she didn't have time to use it. So she brought it to work and began taking photos of customers, having prints made, and hanging them. Embraced by the community, the exhibit became epic, with multiple generations enjoying a record of themselves as residents for all to see.

In the beginning, there were themes: babies, dogs, parents with children, couples, authors. As the walls filled, employees began hanging the photos from strings stretched across the width of the store. Many people have multiple images on display, from infancy to adulthood.

Asked if there was ever a limit placed on any one person, longtime employee Kelly Preusser says, "Nope — Leonora's all over the place!" — referring to Leonora Burton, proprietor of Cold Spring's The Country Goose and a frequent

customer. The most famous face belongs to Pete Seeger, in his trademark red hat. Eisenhower also took photos of the staff, but those are in the back, where customers are less likely to see Zeien wearing the silly hats she knit for him.

People come in all the time searching for their photos, says Preusser. "A lot of parents look for their kids, and many people also search for their dogs that have passed away."

But all good things come to an end. Zeien says that despite the photos' value as a record of the community, the walls haven't been painted in decades, and many of the images are sunstruck and covered in grime. People are welcome to retrieve their photos before they come down after Thanksgiving, although they will also be available afterward in a box. Those unclaimed may be offered to the Putnam History Museum, he says.

No one is sure what will replace the montage, but I, for one, will miss looking up at the photo near the front door of a chubby-cheeked, green-jacketed toddler enjoying a lollipop, given to her, no doubt, at Bass Dry Cleaners. The images she posts from college on Instagram aren't the same.



Kelly Preusser hands over a photo of Lucy Austin, now a sophomore in college, to her mom.

Photo by A. Rooney