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TRAIL OPEN — The Wilkinson Trail re-opened on Sugarloaf on Tuesday (Oct. 8) following a wildfire last month that burned at least 50 acres on the mountain. For more photos, see Page 9.

Photos by Brian PJ Cronin

New Law Allows Rent Limits

Beacon Council expected to consider issue

By Jeff Simms

A state law enacted in June allows counties throughout New York to create governing boards to set limits on how fast the owners of some older buildings can raise rents, although not how much they can charge.

The law, signed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, made the Emergency Tenant Protection Act (ETPA) permanent and expanded rent stabilization beyond New York City and Westchester, Rockland and Nassau counties. The Beacon City Council, which could ask Dutchess County to create the board, is expected to consider the issue soon.

The ETPA, which was adopted in 1974 and caps annual rent increases to a percentage determined by local boards, was set to expire this year. It was designed to stabilize prices in places where overflow from New York City had resulted decades ago in rapidly increasing rents.

The law has caveats, however. It applies only to apartment buildings with six or more units that were built before Jan. 1, 1974. The buildings also must not have been “substantially rehabilitated” since that date. In Beacon, that means some

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When Grandma is Mom and Dad

— *Support groups assist ‘relatives as parents’* —



Megan, a participant in a Relatives as Parents Program session at the Beacon Recreation Center, holds her grandson.

Photo by A. Rooney

By Alison Rooney

After the older children had been led off to play, the women who remained in the room at the Beacon Recreation Center on a recent Thursday evening were asked by a moderator to “say your name and who is in your house.”

Maureen: “I have a 15-month-old [grand-

son] whose parents are in Florida. I have temporary custody, which will probably lead to adoption. It’s an interstate nightmare.”

Megan [holding a toddler]: “This teddy bear will be 15 months old next week. We’ve been coming here for almost a year. His mom is our oldest daughter;

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Decoding the Village Code

Cold Spring prepares to finalize overhaul

By Michael Turton

If the devil is in the details, bringing Cold Spring’s outdated Village Code up to speed may be the definition of devilish.

The 500-page document may not top the local bestseller list, but if you put out recyclables, need a building permit, are unhappy with loud neighbors or park on village streets, it affects you.

Five years ago, a volunteer Code Update Committee began reviewing the 44 chapters of the code, which is a compendium of laws that touch on almost every aspect of village life. Many sections had not been updated in decades. Only nine chapters required no revisions.

At the firehouse on Oct. 3, about 30 people attended the last of five public hearings hosted by the committee to hear feedback on the proposed changes. The following are examples of revisions recommended by the committee:

- All text should be made gender-neutral, replacing *his* with *his/her* and *husband and wife* with *married couples*.
- Specific fees should be removed and placed in a Master Fee Schedule so changes can be made without having to amend the code.

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FIVE QUESTIONS: SALLY STREETS

By Alison Rooney

Sally Streets, of Beacon, on Saturday, Oct. 12, will open a monthlong pop-up shop called Sleepwalker at Denise Gianna Designs, 480 Main St. Most of the merchandise was made from bedsheets purchased at estate sales.

How did you come up with this concept?

I had done a lot of deconstruction in my 20s, like T-shirts torn apart to make them funky and sexy. Sewing has always been a creative process for me, and my skills were progressing. And I've always loved estate sales. I went to one that had amazing vintage floral sheets — a treasure trove of cute fabrics. I got a bag of them and decided to make a sundress for my [preschool] daughter.

Did you find fabric anywhere else?

Beacon Art Studios, where I work, is also a puppet studio, and seeing all its leftover yardage and remnants made it come together. There's so much [secondhand] fabric that is thrown out, and in some ways it mimics more expensive fabrics because it's already broken in and soft. I put all the fabric through a sanitation process of two hot-water washes and discarded anything that didn't look fresh.

What did you make?

I came up with 11 affordable product lines, including lounge wear, lunchbox napkins, tote bags, pants, dresses and meditation cushions, with prices from \$5 to \$18. What I'm trying to prove with Sleepwalker is that products can be made in the community at a living wage, then sold at a price that's within \$5 of the box stores, by using repurposed materials sourced locally. The concept is a bit eccentric. We'll see if people buy.

Do you think some shoppers may turn up their noses?

I don't know if repurposing is taking hold, but it's important that it gets considered versus buying something that is shipped from far away, where they may have different regulations in terms of dyes, etc., and lots of packaging. We should look at the things we've purchased in terms of the value that went into the work, as



Sally Streets

opposed to the best possible price.

You've written that the project is "dedicated to Old Beacon, New Beacon and Future Beacon." What do you mean?

Old Beacon represents the recent past and the history of manufacturing here, including textiles. I'm a gentrifier — I came up from Brooklyn — so I'm aware of the divide. But part of being a cohesive community, where people of all different backgrounds can coexist, is people earning a proper wage to enjoy the change and growth that New Beacon brings. Future Beacon is a mystery, but if the two groups can combine, the city will be a more harmonious place. Small projects like this can make a larger difference. Even if people laugh, the seed has been planted and the next time they won't laugh as hard.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Who was your favorite cartoon character as a kid?

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Skeletor
[from *Masters of the Universe*]



~Andrew Thomas, Beacon

“

Wile E. Coyote and the Road Runner



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Odell Proposes 2020 Putnam Budget

Says tax levy should be raised to max

By Holly Crocco

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell presented her 2020 budget on Oct. 3 at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac, calling for the tax levy to be raised the maximum 2 percent, or \$1.2 million, to cover rising health insurance costs for employees and retirees.

“One line item blew our cap,” she said.

Odell began her address by pointing out that Moody’s Investor Service has upgraded the county’s bond rating to Aa1, which she said only five of 62 counties in the state have achieved and is evidence of her administration’s solid financial oversight. “Our focused fiscal vision doesn’t go unnoticed,” she said.

The proposed budget is \$5.9 million higher than 2019 spending, or an increase of 3.7 percent.

Some of the heavy-hitting line items in the spending plan include \$20 million for the Sheriff’s Department, \$11 million for

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What Does It Cost?

Below are some of the county’s projected expenses for 2020. These are not necessarily the net costs to county taxpayers; in many cases, they are offset by fees, reimbursements and grants. For instance, snow removal is projected to cost \$1.6 million but the county expects to be reimbursed for about half of that from the state, and the Office of Senior Resources receives millions of dollars for its programs in state and federal subsidies. But because that money also comes from taxpayers, the total cost of running a department or program better reflect how much is being spent.

Sheriff’s Department \$20M

Office for Senior Resources \$12M

Putnam County Jail \$11M

Pre-K/Early intervention \$10.6M

Social Services Department \$9.7M

Interest on debt \$7M

Mental health services \$5.7M

Health insurance \$5.5M

Health Department \$5.4M

Parks and Recreation \$4.8M

Bureau of Emergency Services \$4.6M

Highway Department \$4.4M

Road and bridge maintenance \$3.7M

Child care (foster, adoptive) \$3.6M


Contingency Fund \$3.3M

Community colleges \$3.2M	County Executive’s office \$665K
Maintenance and Facilities \$3M	Weights and Measures \$523K
County Clerk \$2.9M	Libraries \$444K
Bus service \$2.8M	Coroners \$416K
Finance/Audit \$2.6M	MTA Subsidy \$380K
Probation Department \$2.5M	Purchasing \$368K
District Attorney \$2.4M	Records Management \$343K
Board of Elections \$2M	Property Tax Services \$321K
Defense attorneys \$1.7M	Department of Tourism \$296K
Information Technology \$1.7M	Veterans Service Agency \$207K
Law Department \$1.6M	Animal welfare \$194K
Snow removal \$1.6M	County Historian \$180K
Personnel Department \$1.3M	Economic Development Corp. \$170K
Planning Department \$1.3M	Soil and Water \$171K
Legislature \$1.1M	Recycling \$159K
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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Gender-neutral

As local mental health professionals, we are writing to express our concern about the tone and content of several Facebook comments published in the Sept. 27 issue of *The Current* regarding the new inclusive bathroom policy at the Garrison School. We are concerned about the LGBTQIA+ young people in our community and dismayed by those who so easily dismiss their experiences.

Queer students face excessive bullying and harassment based on their sexual orientation and/or gender. According to a survey conducted by the Human Rights Campaign, 42 percent of LGBT youth say their communities are not accepting of LGBT people. LGBT youth are twice as likely as their peers to have been assaulted, kicked or shoved. Seventy percent of LGBTQ students nationwide report being bullied at school. Only 26 percent say they "always feel safe" in their classrooms, and just 5 percent say all of their teachers and school staff are supportive of LGBTQ people.

These numbers highlight the profound and painful rejection young people experience simply because of their identities — and we know that this type of rejection leads to a substantial increase in suicide risk. In a 2016 study in the *Annual Review of Clinical Psychology*, 31 percent of LGBT youth reported suicidal behavior at some point in their life, compared with the national rate of 4.1 percent among all teenagers. According to another study, young people who experience frequent rejection from their parents during adolescence are over eight times more likely to report making a suicide attempt.

In our clinical work, we work with young people who sob in our offices, desperate to

be known and understood, in agony over the lengths they must go to in order to hide themselves to remain safe. LGBTQIA+ youth experience rejection and bullying as a daily phenomenon that interferes with their ability to learn and grow. This is not about "liberals ruining the schools," as one Facebook post asserted. The comments, attacks, and discrimination we hear about from young people are devastating. This is about children who desperately need representation, support, acceptance and equal treatment.

So, what can you do to help? Take time to listen and learn from LGBT youth. Be a role model for kindness and inclusion (see bit.ly/2C5l2ar). Create space for authenticity by showing young people they can be themselves around you. Talk about how there is no "one way" to be a boy or a girl, for example, and avoid making assumptions about a young person's sexual orientation or gender identity. There are many ways to show your support and compassion.

Tracy Prout, *Garrison*

The letter was also signed by Mary Farkas, Robyn Garrett, Jenny Kaplan, Elyssa Kreimendahl, Marisa Mickel, Chaya

Tell us what you think

The Current welcomes letters to the editor on its coverage and local issues. Submissions are selected by the editor to provide a variety of opinions and voices, and all are subject to editing for accuracy, clarity and length. We ask that writers remain civil and avoid personal attacks. Letters may be emailed to editor@highlandscurrent.org or mailed to Editor, The Highlands Current, 161 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516. The writer's full name, village or city, and email or phone number must be included, but only the name and village or city will be published.

Corrections

A photo caption in the Oct. 4 issue identified a bird that entered the frame as a falcon. A reader said on Instagram it appears instead to be a blue jay, and Scott Silver, director of the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary, agreed.

A photo caption in the Oct. 4 issue incorrectly identified the Boy Scout who created tables and chairs for the Beacon Elks for his Eagle Scout project. He is David Paschal, a senior at Beacon High School, and is shown in the center of the photo, wearing a white T-shirt. The Eagle Scout shown second from left is Aidan Lutley, who is in basic training with the U.S. Marines.

Rubin and Jenny Williams.

Candidate pivot

My name will appear on the November ballot as a candidate for a seat on the Cold Spring Village Board. I also have been house-hunting since January. It was my great hope that I would be able to do both simultaneously, but after viewing available properties and considering my budget and family needs, I have decided to purchase a home in Philipstown, outside the village limits.

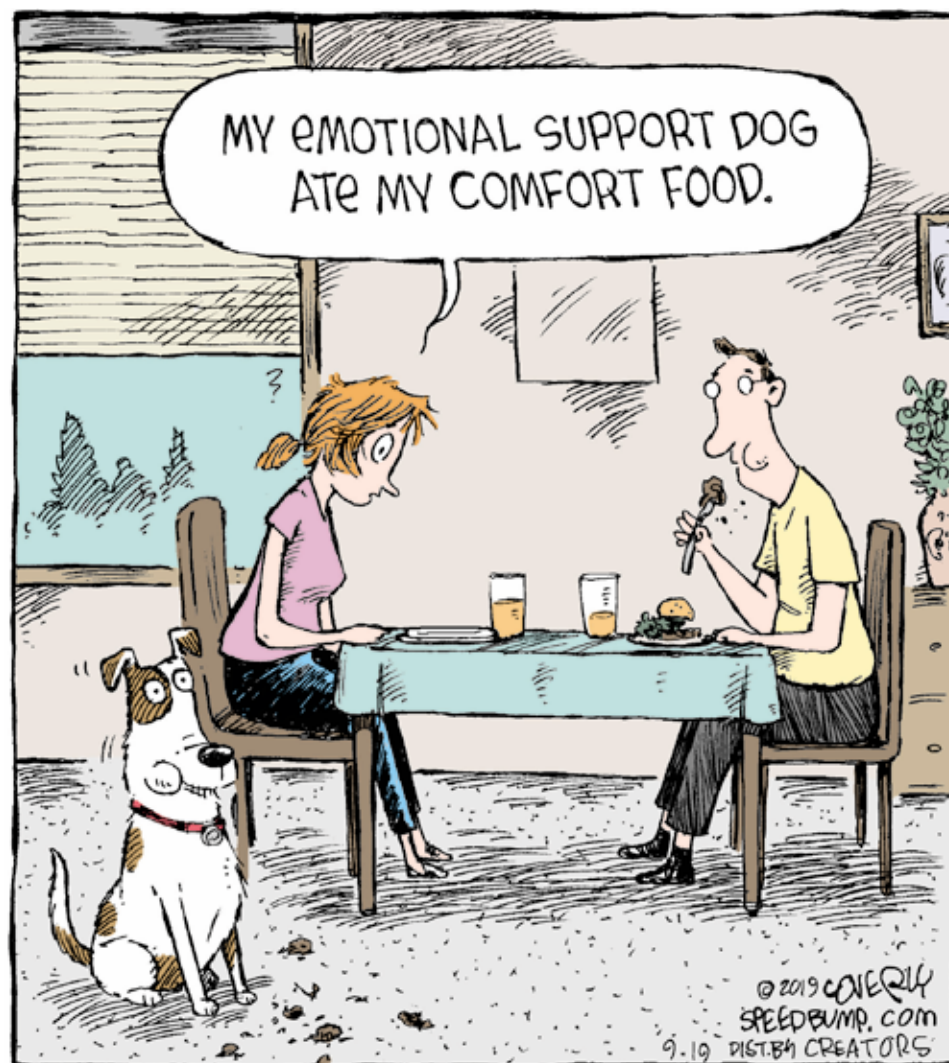
I told everyone who signed my nominating position that I was house-hunting. When it became apparent that the third house that I put an offer on might pan out, I began looking for a candidate to suggest as a replacement for the ONE Cold Spring party line.

With the election less than four weeks away, it is too late to remove my name from the ballot, but I will not be campaigning. If I win one of the two open seats and have not yet moved, I can serve as a trustee until I move. However, the intent of this letter is to be transparent and let voters know that I may have to resign soon after the election if I win.

That being said, I urge Cold Spring voters to cast their ballots with great consideration. If I win and become ineligible to serve, the newly elected mayor would appoint someone to fill my seat.

The name of our committee is ONE Cold Spring for a reason: This is a community we all love, and the current national climate of political divisiveness has no place at the local level. We need deep roots invested in our local leaders, to create a community that can be stronger together as a whole.

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Please take the time to embrace our similarities rather than our differences and know that we all have the same goal — to maintain the village as the home to the family and friends that we cherish so much.

While my personal pivot will not likely allow me to serve this time around, I will continue to serve as an elected member of the Haldane Board of Education. My future in other local political endeavors will have to wait for the next chapter.

Margaret Parr, *Cold Spring*

Out of alignment

Most of the Hudson River towns were urban-renewal ghettos only 10 or 15 years ago ("Study: Hudson Valley 'Out of Alignment,'" Oct. 4). Revitalization is good but it's often driven by greedy developers.

Ned Farley, *via Facebook*

The study appears to be written with the expectation that growth is an absolute necessity and the undeniable goal. Yet one only needs to visit Amsterdam, Broadalbin or Coxsackie along the Hudson and the Mohawk rivers and drive the back roads that run on either side of the rivers to see that communities have downsized, stabilized and survived.

Growth is overvalued and overpriced. Slowly but surely, when Americans realize the debt trap that cripples them, they or their offspring will return and refresh the communities of the Hudson and Mohawk River valleys.

Martin Byster, *Fishkill*

Code enforcers

The headline and thrust of your article ("Cold Spring to Crack Down on Airbnb," Oct. 4) mischaracterizes the intent of the mayor and board of trustees when considering the hire of a part-time building inspector and code enforcement officer.

Our intent is not to "crack down" on short-term rentals but to secure the staff necessary to identify and enforce all aspects of the Village Code including, but not limited to, short-term rentals. It's been clear for a while that combining Cold Spring and Philipstown's building departments overwhelmed their small staff and thus code enforcement has not received the attention we had hoped for.

The Board of Trustees will be discussing and developing a strategy to address the need for oversight and permitting of short-term rentals, but as yet, no aspects of this plan have been decided. We received many helpful perspectives from Cold Spring residents during the public meeting, in addition to information gleaned from researching how other towns and villages address this issue.

Our aim is to devise a system to fairly address the needs of rental hosts and their neighbors alike while, first and foremost, preserving the safety and unique village character we all love.

Lynn Miller, *Cold Spring*

Miller is a trustee on the Cold Spring Village Board.



ELECTION 2019

Friday, Oct. 11

Last day to register to vote in the general election or change party enrollment. To register online via the Department of Motor Vehicles, visit dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application.

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Candidates' Forum: Cold Spring and Philipstown, Haldane Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Putnam County

Friday, Oct. 18

Coverage of Cold Spring (mayor, board), Philipstown (clerk, board) and Putnam County judicial candidates in *The Current*.

Saturday, Oct. 19

Women will speak about why they sought elected office. St. Andrew's Church, 15 South Ave., Beacon, 1 p.m. Organized by In My Mother's House

Tuesday, Oct. 22

Candidates' Forum: Beacon candidates, Howland Cultural Center.

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Wednesday, Oct. 23

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Friday, Oct. 25

Coverage of Beacon mayoral and council candidates and Dutchess County Legislature candidates in *The Current*.

Saturday, Oct. 26, to Sunday, Nov. 3

Early voting for Putnam at Board of Elections, 25 Old Route 6, Carmel.

Visit putnamboe.com for hours.

Early voting for Dutchess at Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52.

Visit dutchesselections.com for hours.

Tuesday, Oct. 29

Last day to postmark an application for an absentee ballot.

Monday, Nov. 4

Last day to apply at Board of Elections for an absentee ballot and last day to postmark a mailed absentee ballot.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. To find your polling place in Dutchess, visit dutchesselections.com, and in Putnam, visit putnamboe.com. State law requires employers to provide workers with paid time off to vote on Election Day. See bit.ly/voter-time-off.



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By Chip Rowe

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has signed 360 bills into law so far in the 2019-20 legislative session, from among the thousands introduced by members of the state Assembly and Senate.

Here is a list of select bills introduced by Sandy Galef, a Democrat whose district in the Assembly includes Philipstown; Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat whose district includes Beacon; and Sue Serino, a Republican whose Senate district includes the Highlands. In many cases, the bills remain stuck in a committee and must be re-introduced in the next session.

Sandy Galef

Galef is the prime sponsor on 82 bills, including those that would:

- Require every assessor in the state, beginning in 2023, to reassess properties at least every four years. At least 31 states require regular reappraisals, in a range of one to five years (A2790).
- Allow motorists to plead guilty and pay traffic fines online (A4276).
- Ban the sale of tobacco and e-cigarettes flavored with strawberry, grape, orange, clove, cinnamon, pineapple, vanilla, coconut, licorice, cocoa, chocolate, cherry or coffee (A4787).
- Prohibit election commissioners from chairing political parties (A04815).
- Allow former mayors to perform weddings (A7712), along with anyone who applies to become a "one-day marriage officiant" (A4895), while banning internet-ordained ministers from officiating (A8494).
- Require adults employed or affiliated with organizations that provide services or programming to children to report sexual abuse (A4994). The bill was introduced in response to a case in which a troop leader in Dutchess County was convicted of abusing two Boy Scouts. The boys reported the abuse but their parents and the police were not informed. The law already requires that police officers, medical professionals, therapists, clergy, school officials, coaches, camp directors and others report signs of abuse.
- Restrict contributions by candidates' political committees to committees

There Oughta Be a Law

A sampling of bills introduced in Albany



Serino, Jacobson and Galef

- of other candidates to \$1,000 annually (A4995). Galef said the practice otherwise sows distrust among supporters who give to one candidate only to have the money go to another. It also allows veteran politicians who build war chests "to wield enormous influence over fiscally reliant junior members," she wrote.
- Permit judges to sentence defendants who were on parole or probation when they killed more than one person at the same time to receive consecutive sentences (A5908). Serino sponsored a version of this bill in the Senate. The bill came out of a 2012 case in which a man on parole hit a car and killed two children. He pleaded guilty to two counts of manslaughter and was sentenced to 6.5 to 13 years in prison for each death. However, under state law, the judge could only make the sentences concurrent, or served at the same time.
- Prohibit an apology by a health care provider from being used as an admission of guilt in a malpractice suit (A5909). At least 36 states have enacted laws that allow doctors to express regret without it being held against them in court, which some research suggests allows lawsuits to be settled faster and for less money.
- Terminate the parental rights of a person convicted of rape that results in the birth of a child (A7028). Under current law, a

rapist in New York who impregnates his victim has the same rights as any parent.

- Allow police to impound vehicles used in drag races (A7161).
- Decrease the paid time off that employers must give employees to vote from three hours to two. The time was increased to three hours in the 2019-20 budget, but Galef noted the state also this year enacted early voting and made it easier to use absentee ballots (A7505).

Jonathan Jacobson

Jacobson is the prime sponsor of 24 bills, including those that would:

- Allow high school students to take public transportation at no charge to and from school (A7101).
- Prohibit retailers from forcing an employee to act as a "human billboard" during extreme heat (A7621).
- Allow the Town of Newburgh to impose a 5 percent hotel tax (A7705). In June, the measure passed the Senate 45-17 (Serino voted no) and the Assembly 105-43 (Galef and Jacobson voted yes) but has not yet been sent to the governor.
- Double the minimum required auto insurance coverage to \$50,000 for bodily injury and \$100,000 for death; to \$100,000 for bodily injury and \$200,000 for death of more than one person; and

from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for third-party property damage (A7979).

- Ban anyone but law enforcement officers or licensed security and armored car guards from possessing a bulletproof vest (A8538), and anyone from wearing a bulletproof vest during any crime (A8539). Under current law, it is only a crime to wear a bulletproof vest during the commission of violent felonies while possessing a firearm. "Bullet-proof vests are necessary to protect those whose professions put them at risk of injury," Jacobson said. "Otherwise, bullet-proof vests are used by those hoping to protect themselves while committing crimes."
- Establish "fertility fraud" as a form of sexual abuse (A8562). Jacobson cited the case of an Indiana fertility doctor who used his own sperm to inseminate dozens of his patients, resulting in the births of at least 50 children.
- Require high school seniors to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form or sign a waiver before they can graduate (A8566). Jacobson cited a report that found that low-income students who completed the FAFSA were more likely to attend college, and noted that Louisiana, which has a similar law, leads the nation with 79 percent of its seniors completing the form.

Sue Serino

Serino is the prime sponsor of 77 bills, including those that would:

- Allow the Office of Victim Services to rule that the suicide of a victim within two years after a crime was a direct result of the crime, making his or her family eligible for monetary awards (S5878).
- Require that voters approve any raises recommended by the state's Compensation Committee for members of the Legislature and some state officials (S5894). The bill was introduced in response to increases that went into effect automatically that raised legislators' pay for the first time in a decade from \$79,500 to \$110,000 annually in 2019, \$120,000 in 2020 and \$130,000 in 2021. At the same time, it eliminated stipends for leadership positions and will limit outside income beginning in 2020 to 15 percent of the salary.

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Little Traction For Trolley with Cold Spring Board

*Board members cool to
Chamber suggestions*

By Michael Turton

A lukewarm reception awaited the co-chairs of the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce trolley committee when they addressed the Cold Spring Village Board on Tuesday (Oct. 8).

Rebecca Ramirez and Ann McBride-Alayon were seeking support from the five board members, including the mayor, for recommendations to increase ridership on the service, which is operated by the county and has five daily routes with stops in Cold Spring, Nelsonville, Garrison, Philipstown and Beacon.

The committee's major recommendation was to have the trolley travel a single, consistent route. The current schedule, with five different routes, is confusing to riders, it said. A single route could take two hours to complete compared with its current one-hour loops.

The trolley destinations would remain



Rebecca Ramirez and Ann McBride-Alayon spoke with the Village Board on Oct. 8 about the Cold Spring trolley.

Photo by M. Turton

much the same under the Chamber plan, with runs beginning at the Metro-North station in Cold Spring.

The committee also suggested adding signs at various stops and supported a long-term transition to smaller, more sustainable vehicles if ridership increases.

"A two-hour loop is long," Trustee Fran Murphy commented.

Trustee Lynn Miller opposed including Beacon on the route. "Why pay for a ride to Beacon with Putnam County tax dollars?" she asked.

"People want the service," McBride-Alayon responded, citing feedback from residents in a nearly complete Chamber survey.

Mayor Dave Merandy said the trolley is

something more suited to a theme park. "This is my home; I don't need a Rice-A-Roni trolley," he said, referring to the San Francisco trolley seen in the food commercials.

He pointed to traffic problems created by the trolley on Main Street, at Lunn Terrace (where stopping is prohibited), and at the visitors' center at the foot of upper Main, where maneuvering the vehicle is difficult.

The mayor was also critical of the trolley on environmental grounds, especially the amount of fuel used in daily round trips between Cold Spring and Carmel, where the vehicle is stored.

Merandy said that in a recent meeting, the Putnam County transportation direc-

(Continued on Page 19)

NEWS BRIEF

After Manhunt, Suspect Found Dead

Believed to have killed wife

After a five-day search near Anthony's Nose in Cortlandt, police said on Oct. 4 they had located the body of a Poughkeepsie man suspected of killing his wife.

George Grogan, 59, had been the subject of a manhunt after a minivan with his wife's body was found parked on Sept. 28 near the trailhead. Police said his body was found in a wooded area east of Bear Mountain Bridge but did not say how he had died.

According to the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department, officers received a call at 8 p.m. on Sept. 27 from a man who said his father, George Grogan, had told him that he had killed Audrey Grogan.



Audrey Grogan

The next day, at 7:30 p.m., an employee of Bear Mountain State Park discovered the minivan. *The Poughkeepsie Journal*, citing court records, said Audrey Grogan had served her husband with divorce papers two days earlier. Her funeral was held in Poughkeepsie on Oct. 6.

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Beacon Asks Residents to Conserve Water

Also, releases numbers for 2020 budget

By Jeff Simms

With little of rain over the summer, Beacon officials have declared a Stage 1 drought, which asks residents to conserve water.

The city draws water from three reservoirs, one of two wells and the Village of Fishkill. The second well, which can provide up to 1.15 million gallons per day, has been out of service since February, prompting the City Council to adopt a six-month building moratorium last month.

City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero reported during the council's Oct. 7 meeting that Beacon's reservoirs have dipped to 60 percent of their combined capacity, which triggers the drought enactment. Voluntary restrictions are not uncommon for this time of year; similar notices were issued in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Beacon's reservoirs are fed by rain or snow and usually recharge during the winter months.

The city is asking residents to repair leaky pipes, limit car washing to commercial facilities, water lawns only in the evening and nighttime hours, limit the washing of sidewalks or driveways, and limit the filling of

swimming pools. Cold Spring also has asked its residents to conserve water (see Page 7).

Budget 2020

At the Oct. 7 meeting, Ruggiero introduced a proposed \$30 million budget, which includes the city's general fund and separate water and sewer funds, for 2020. With residential property assessments up 12 percent and commercial values up 7 percent, the proposal includes tax rate decreases for the fourth and fifth straight year, respectively.

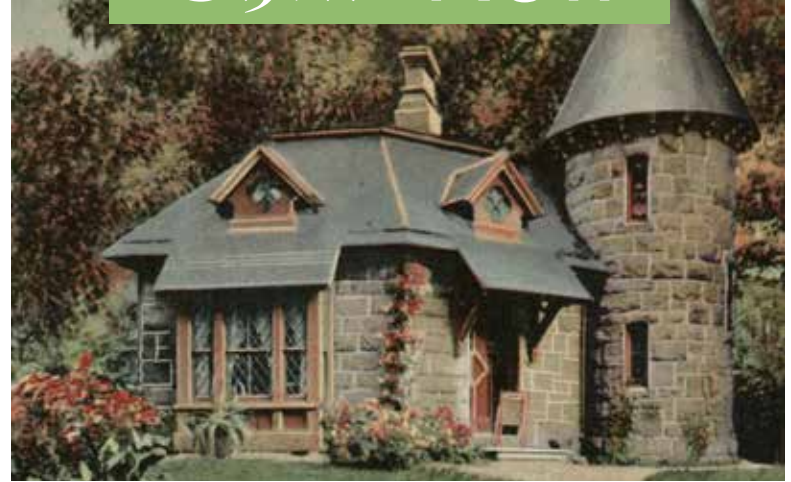
The budget balances \$21.8 million of general fund spending with \$10 million in revenues from fees, an \$11.5 million tax levy that is within the state's 2 percent tax cap and \$380,000 in fund balance spending — a slight increase over last year for the latter. The water (\$3.8 million) and sewer (\$4.4 million) funds show no increase.

Budget highlights include the addition of three full-time firefighters, with 75 percent of the salaries paid through a federal grant; an additional police officer, who will be assigned to Main Street; a part-time climate smart coordinator; and \$12,100 for the Beacon Free Loop bus.

Recycling, at one time a moneymaker for Beacon, has increased to \$100,000 in annual spending, while the Beacon solar farm, opened last year at the city's former landfill, has offset electricity costs for every city-owned building, including City Hall. After streetlights were converted to LED, the cost of operating them dropped from \$83,000 annually to \$7,400.

A public hearing on the budget will be held in November; the council is required by the city charter to adopt it by Dec. 31.

Then & Now



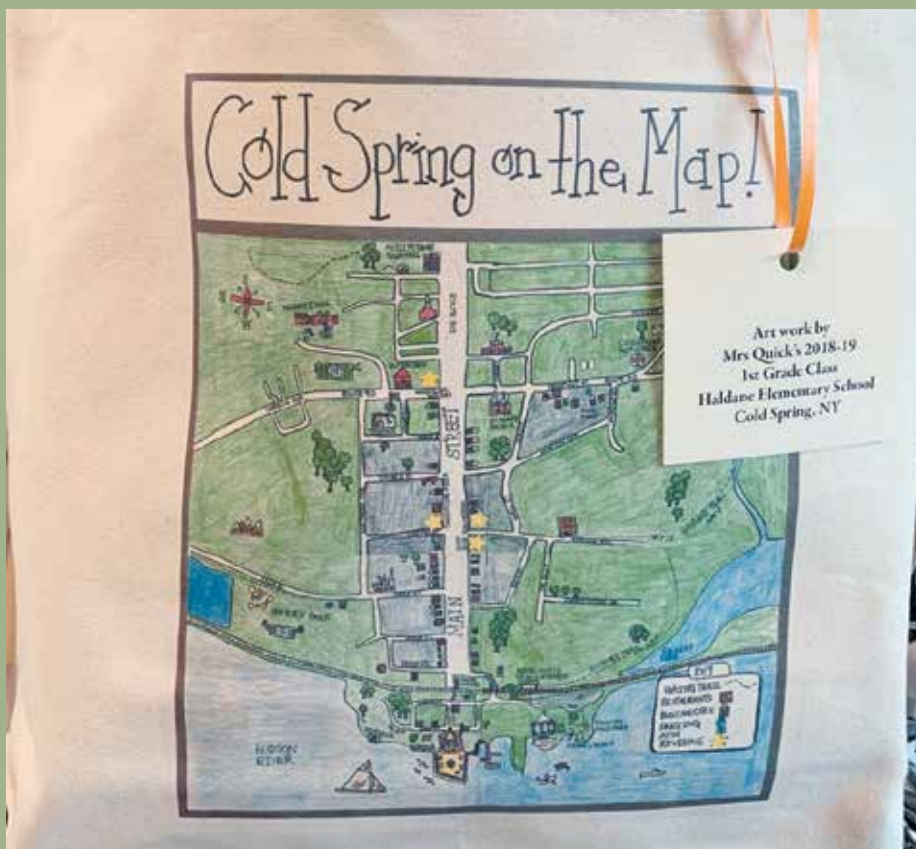
The entrance to the Cragside estate (now the Haldane campus), Cold Spring



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THE TOWN HALL OFFICES (Town Clerk's, Assessor's and Supervisor's) will be closed on October 21, 2019. Effective that date we will be located at 34 Kemble Avenue, Cold Spring, New York. We will resume normal business hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) on October 22, 2019.

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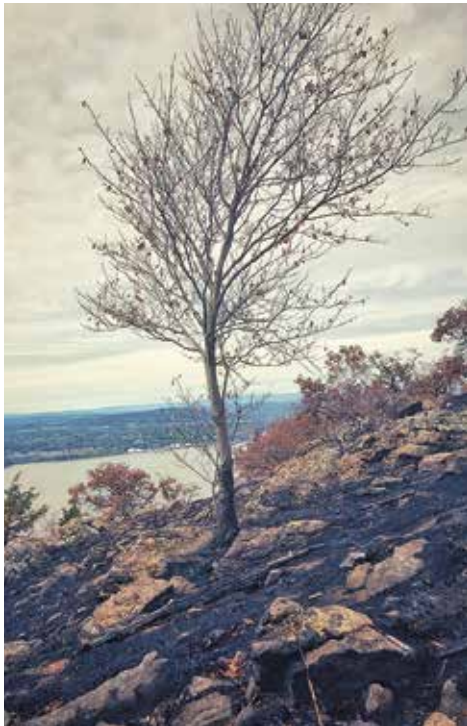
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238 Main Street
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townclerk@philipstown.com



Sugarloaf Reopens

The Wilkinson Trail re-opened on Sugarloaf on Tuesday (Oct. 8) following a wildfire last month that burned at least 50 acres on the mountain, mostly ground cover. The familiar gnarled tree at the summit (top left) survived. Sugarloaf, located north of Breakneck Ridge, is part of Hudson Highlands State Park. Hank Osborn, a senior program coordinator at the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, said a crew would begin to make repairs to the trail soon. “Most of the trees will survive,” he said, noting that the pitch pines on Sugarloaf depend on occasional fires to reproduce.

Photos by Brian PJ Cronin



AROUND TOWN



▲ ONE MORE STORY —

Nearly 20 years ago, working with a limited budget, Butterfield Library Director Gillian Thorpe (right) asked her mother, Valerie Reid Robertson (left), to paint a tree on a support beam and ceiling in the children's room. On Oct. 3, with her mother looking on, Thorpe read *Miss Twiggley's Tree* at story time beneath the mural, which will be removed during renovations. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.

Photo by Ross Corsair



▲ **AFRICA TO BEACON** — Dressed in traditional robes, Les Filles de Illighadad performed on Oct. 6 at the Howland Cultural Center. Its four members live in a commune in central Niger at the edge of the Sahara, and one of them, Fatou Seidi Ghali, is the first Tuareg woman to play guitar professionally. The group also played a calabash drum, which is a half-gourd immersed in water. The visit and concert were arranged by Club/Draw.

Photo by Ross Corsair

◀ **LATE BUS** — A New York City school bus returning elementary students from apple-picking at Hurds Family Farm in Modena on Oct. 4 became stuck while attempting to make a U-turn at the intersection of South Mountain Pass and Route 9D in Garrison. The driver said his GPS had directed him to 9D because I-87 was shut down. The children waited on South Mountain Pass and a state police trooper directed traffic until a tow truck could pull the bus out.

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The Calendar



By Alison Rooney

Oren Cohen is an old-school photographer — *very* old-school.

His studio, Beacon Tintype, which opened earlier this year on the west end of Main Street, offers “heirloom portraiture” through a process called wet collodion, invented in 1851 by Frederick Scott Archer, who printed photographic images on pieces of tin.

“It was the follow-up technology after daguerreotypes, and pre-dates silver gelatin printing,” Cohen explains. “You can find tintypes made during the Civil War-era or earlier in antique stores or flea markets that haven’t been treated with care, yet have held up well.”

Cohen, who grew up in Manhattan, says he became interested in photography and filmmaking at a young age, particularly street photography, black-and-white and cityscapes. When digital cameras became standard, he says he found them lacking not because of the quality of their images but the quantity.

“The more photos I took, the less precious they became,” he says. “These days, we take more photographs in one day than were taken in the entire 20th century. Think

about selfies, bursts, more images than ever with our phones. They come to mean less because they’re disposable.”

Cohen returned to using film cameras and “went down the rabbit hole in shooting 35mm, silver-gel darkroom printing. About eight years ago I saw a tintype image, and knew right away I had to learn about it. There’s a haunting quality to them, and one thing I like is that my hand is in every part of the process.”

The photographer’s enthusiasm is evident as he describes that process.

“The [wet-plate] images are made on tin and on glass,” he says. “I coat a tin plate with collodion — I make all the chemistry myself. I soak it in my darkroom in a silver solution, and I make the tin a light-sensitive medium. Then I put it into a large-format film back [a holder], and bring it out into the studio. I compose the image on my large-format

camera, then I take the photograph.

“I go back into the darkroom, because I have to develop it before the chemistry dries out. There is just a five-minute window between preparing the plate and developing it, give-or-take a bit when humidity and heat are factors. I then ‘stop’ it in a water bath and the subject can stand with me and watch it develop.

“After fixing the plate, I rinse it thoroughly multiple times, dry it down, then varnish it, to protect it. I box it and it’s ready to go.”

Cohen uses vintage lenses, mostly from the late 19th century. “They differ from modern lenses, which are surgically correct and extremely sharp across the whole film plane,” he explains. Petzval lenses, developed around 1840, are sharp in the center but fade at the edges because of the curvature. “They are more suited for portraits, because there’s a poetic resonance to them,”

says Cohen, who had a studio in Newburgh before opening his storefront in Beacon.

“The portraits we make here I expect to last 150 years or more,” he adds. “What’s important is to make something with intention, to leave behind something lasting.”

Cohen shoots both indoor and out. He suggests clients wear classic, simple clothing — he doesn’t typically shoot people in historic costumes. “The studio portraits are more instantaneous because they’re fast, using strobes,” he explains. “Outside we’re in soft, natural light, so exposures can last from 4 to 11 seconds.

“The longer exposures are interesting because you have to hold for the shot and that is revealing. Anyone can hold a specific gesture or facial expression for a split second, but holding for 11 seconds brings out something deeper — the longer exposures are more soulful and revealing. The sitter drops their wall.”

Beacon Tintype, at 149 Main St., is open Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., or by appointment. Call 917-803-7895 or visit beacontintype.com.



An outdoor photo shoot



Oren Cohen with some of his vintage equipment

Photos by Melanie Ratterree

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)
For a complete listing of events, see highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY

SAT 12

Record & CD Fest

BEACON

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. VFW Hall | 413 Main St.

Shop for vinyl, CDs, DVDs, cassettes, concert posters, music books and stereo equipment (turntables, receivers and speakers) offered by 20 vendors. *Free*

SAT 12

Trees of Denning's Point

BEACON

10 a.m. Water Ecology Center
199 Dennings Ave. | 845-838-1600

Beacon Institute educator Rebecca Rew will lead a tour along the trails of the state park to discuss the lives and times of its oldest inhabitants, from black walnuts to cottonwoods. *Free*

SAT 12

Book Drive for Incarcerated People

BEACON

Noon. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Donate new or gently used books to be distributed to prisoners by the Mid-Hudson Library System. Popular adult fiction in paperback and graphic novels are preferred. Leave books in the red bin in the Youth Services area any day after noon through Nov. 1.

SUN 13

Catoberfest

BEACON

4 – 8 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery
2 Churchill St.
catoberfest.brownpapertickets.com

Enjoy food and live music at this annual benefit for Mid Hudson Animal Aid, a cat sanctuary in Beacon. *Free*

SUN 13

Open to the Sky

BEACON

Route 9D and Main St.
beaconhebrewalliance.org

The Beacon Hebrew Alliance will again offer ongoing events through SUN 20 under a sukkah, or temporary hut, constructed at Polhill Park. They will include a potluck dinner/story slam, meditation and chanting, a “death cafe,” folk singing and talks about immigration and climate change. See website for details. *Free*

THURS 17

A Conversation with Sheriff Langley

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Bring your questions, ideas and concerns for the Putnam County sheriff.

SAT 19

Solar-Powered Boat

BEACON

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Beacon dock

The Solaris will leave the Beacon Institute dock on the half-hour for the Newburgh boat launch, returning on the hour. Exact change required. Also SUN 20. *Cost: \$2*

SAT 19

Castle to River Run

GARRISON

6:30 a.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive | 845-424-4618
salomonnytrailseries.com/castle-to-river-run

In this fifth and final race of the 2019 Salomon New York Trail Series, test your endurance during a 50k (8 a.m.), half marathon (9 a.m.), 5k (9:30 a.m.) or kid's dash (11:30 a.m.) around the Highlands (including along Benedict Arnold's escape path)



Meadow Run, Oct. 20

during peak foliage season. Unlike in years past, runners will not be able to run near the castle, which is on private property. *Cost: \$65 (50k), \$45 (half marathon), \$25 (5k), free (kids)*

SUN 20

Meadows & Trails Run

CORNWALL

7:30 a.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
120 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506
hhnm.org

Support the nature museum's programs and run or walk a scenic course on the grounds of the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in this third annual benefit. Same-day registration begins at 7:30 a.m., 5k walkers start at 9 a.m., 5k runners at 9:15 a.m., and the kid's dash at 9:20 a.m. *Cost: \$30 (\$40 after Oct. 17)*

SUN 20

Car Show

BEACON

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Main Street | 914-474-1891

The Beacon Chamber of Commerce and the Dutchess Cruisers Car Club will present this ninth annual event with vehicles both vintage and new, along with live music, raffles and food. Vehicle registration is \$15. *Free*

SUN 20

Pumpkin Fest

BEACON

Noon – 5 p.m. Riverfront Park
1 Flynn Drive | beaconsloopclub.org

Pick up a Hudson Valley pumpkin and enjoy pumpkin pie, cider and stone soup. Two solar-powered music stages will feature local talent at this annual Beacon Sloop Club gathering and there will be children's activities and environmental displays. *Free*

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 12

Socktober

COLD SPRING

12:30 – 2 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Raven Howell will read from her

new children's book, *Glimmer: Sing of Sun*. Enter a raffle to win a copy by bringing a pair of new socks for the library socks drive. *Free*

SAT 12

Garri*Con

GARRISON

1 – 4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Chris Duffy, Drena Fagen, Regina Gelfer, Jordan Jeffries, Alessa Kreger and Dan Weise are among the artists scheduled to appear at this fifth annual comics celebration. Come in costume and take pictures in a green-screen photo booth. *Free*

SAT 12

Fall Festival

PHILIPSTOWN

1 – 4 p.m. Stepping Stones
25 Lady Blue Devils Lane | 845-809-5007
childcaresteppingstones.com

There will be a show with characters from *Frozen*, magic, a bounce house, pony rides and pumpkin-painting at this benefit for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Call ahead to enroll children in the “trike-a-thon.” The rain date is SUN 13. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 per additional child)*

TUES 15

Creepy Science Crafts

GARRISON

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

Make crafts that are fun, spooky and silly. Costumes welcome. *Free*

WED 16

Free Tutoring

BEACON

7 p.m. United Methodist Church
60 Union St. | 845-831-0365

Each Wednesday and Thursday during the school year, volunteers offer assistance to elementary students. Registration by phone is suggested to provide an appropriate teacher.

THURS 17

Pumpkin Painting

BEACON

6 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Grownups are invited to get messy. Pizza, pumpkins and paint provided. *Free*

SAT 19

Not-So-Haunted Barn

WAPPINGERS FALLS

4 – 7 p.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | stonykill.org

Visit the animals and enjoy the fall with crafts and family activities. Brian Robinson will present a Birds of Prey show at 5 p.m., and draft-horse wagon rides will be provided by the Hudson Valley Driving Association. The proceeds will be used for livestock care. *Cost: \$5 donation (children 3 and younger free)*

SUN 20

Duo Scorpio

BEACON

Noon. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012
howlandmusic.org

As part of its Classics for Kids series, the Howland Chamber Music Circle will present harpists Kathryn Andrews and Kristi Shade. *Cost: \$10 (children free)*

TALKS AND TOURS

SAT 12

The Ghost in the Mist

BEACON

6 – 8:30 p.m. Memorial Building
413 Main St. | 845-831-0514
beaconhistorical.org

Costumed guides will lead lantern-lit, hourlong tours in which they share stories of local legends, haunted places and historic Beacon “ghosts.” Tours leave every 30 minutes. Also SUN 13. *Cost: \$15 (\$10 children)*

TUES 15

Battle of Britain

BEACON

6 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Historian Matt Soltis will share the story of the first major battle fought entirely with forces from the air. *Free*

TUES 15

Inclusive Community Planning

BEACON

6 p.m. Beacon Institute
199 Dennings Ave. | bire.org

Chronogram will host this panel with Michael Oats, president of the Hudson Valley Economic



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Development Corp; Sarah Salem, a Poughkeepsie council member; and Joe Czajka, senior vice president for research, development and community planning at Pattern for Progress. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)*

WED 16
Autumn Color Garden Tour

COLD SPRING
5 p.m. Stonecrop | 81 Stonecrop Lane
845-265-2000 | stonecrop.org
A staff horticulturist will lead a tour of fall highlights. *Cost: \$10 (members free)*

SAT 19
The Right to Vote

COLD SPRING
5 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St. | 845-265-4010
putnamhistorymuseum.org
Historian John Cilio will discuss the fight for the national right to vote for women that culminated in the 19th Amendment. *Cost: \$10 (members free)*

VISUAL ART

SAT 12
How We Live
PEEKSKILL
4 – 7 p.m. Hudson Valley MOCA
1701 Main St. | 914-788-0100
hudsonvalleymoca.org

This sculpture and video exhibit with selections from the Marc and Livia Straus Family Collection will follow the museum’s *Death is Irrelevant* show and explore creativity across humanity. A discussion with the curators is scheduled for 4:45 p.m. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 seniors, military, students, children; under 8 free)*

THURS 17
Putnam Arts Funding Info

COLD SPRING
6:30 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | 845-803-8622
putnamartscouncil.org
The session is mandatory for nonprofit organizations that wish to apply for 2020 Arts Link Grants from the Putnam Arts Council. In 2019 the council awarded 27 awards to 20 organizations that ranged from \$800 to \$3,500.

SAT 19
Abstract Pop

BEACON
4 – 7 p.m. The Lofts at Beacon Gallery
18 Front St. | 845-202-7211
loftsatbeacon.com
Robert Paschal’s paintings take their plots from the literature and the artistic influences of Dadaists.



Stellar, Oct. 12

MUSIC
SAT 12
Luthier’s Show and Sale
BEACON
2 – 7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
Makers and players will gather to strum, admire and buy and sell hand-crafted guitars, violins, ouds and basses. *Cost: \$5 donation*

SUN 13
Sitkovetsky Piano Trio
BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012
howlandmusic.org
Alexander Sitkovetsky on violin, Wu Qian on piano and Isang Enders on cello will perform a program that includes works by Rachmaninoff, Beethoven and Saint Saëns. *Cost: \$30 (\$10 students)*

SUN 13
Sarah McQuaid
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The Madrid-born, Chicago-raised and Cornwall-based songwriter will sing her dark melodies while performing on guitar, piano and drums. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

THURS 17
Yves Lambert Trio
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The band plays traditional Quebecois roots music that it promises will be passionate and poetic. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 19
Robin Holcomb
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org

A critic in *The New York Times* called Holcomb’s music “a new American regionalism, spun from many threads — country rock, minimalism, Civil War songs, Baptist hymns, Appalachian folk tunes, even the polytonal music of Charles Ives. The music that results is as elegantly simple as a Shaker quilt, and no less beautiful.” *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SECOND SATURDAY
SAT 12
Prints by Tom McKeveny
BEACON
2 – 9 p.m. Catalyst Gallery | 137 Main St.
845-204-3844 | catalystgallery.com

SAT 12
Eustatia
BEACON
4 – 6 p.m. 12 Monell Place
845-309-9247 | globalartmuseum.com
This exhibit, which will feature work by Yibai Liao, Joseph Ayers, Michael Zelehoski, Emil Alzamora and Matt Kinney, is a benefit for Global Art Museum, a nonprofit that arranges dialogues between artists and designers. At 5 p.m. there will be a dance and sound performance by Claire Deane and Mark Trecka.

SAT 12
Vintage
BEACON
5 – 7 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org
Ten photographers from the Beacon Photography Group will share their “vintage-inspired” visions.

SAT 12
The River
BEACON
5 – 8 p.m. Beacon Institute
199 Main St. | bire.org
Evan Turk’s pastel, plein-air paintings capture life in the Hudson Valley through every season.

SAT 12
Hatched in the Drift
BEACON
5 – 8 p.m. No. 3 Reading Room
469 Main St. | photobookworks.com
Mariam Aziza Stephan and Julia Johnson will be the guests at this reception for their show, which features works on paper by Stephan and poetry by Johnson.

SAT 12
Sleepwalker
BEACON
6 – 8 p.m. Denise Gianna Designs
480 Main St. | 845-216-4196
This pop-up shop by Sally Streets will showcase a line of textile products made from patterned sheets purchased at estate sales. See Page 2.

SAT 12
Stellar
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. RiverWinds Gallery
172 Main St. | 845-838-2880
Science and nature meet in Canace’s collage and textural paintings.

SAT 12
Without Fear and Full of Love
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6 – 9 p.m. BAU Gallery
506 Main St. | 845-440-7584
baugallery.org
Meghan Spiro’s show will be mounted in Gallery 1, Joel Werring and Pamela Zaremba’s work in Gallery 2 and the Beacon Room will have a collection of small works by member artists.

SAT 12
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BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Hudson Beach Gallery
162 Main St. | 845-440-0068
hudsonbeachglass.com
This show features sculptures and drawings by Tanja Bos.

SAT 12
Halloween Kaiju / Erica Borghstijn-Prinse / Katie Gamb
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery
163 Main St. | 212-255-2505
shop.cluttermagazine.com/gallery

SAT 12
What I Saw
BEACON
7 – 9 p.m. Oak Vino Wine Bar
389 Main St. | oakvino.com
Randy Calderone will showcase a decade of his photos shot on the streets of the Hudson Valley and the world.

STAGE & SCREEN

SUN 13
Maz Jobrani
PEEKSKILL
7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The Iranian-American comic is known for his role on the CBS sitcom *Superior Donuts*, his podcast *Back to School* and his book, *I’m Not a Terrorist, But I’ve Played One on TV*. *Cost: \$32.50 to \$52.50*



FRI 18
Bobby Collins / Joey Kola
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The comedians and writers will each perform stand-up. *Cost: \$25 to \$35*

FRI 18
Häxan: Witchcraft Through the Ages
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Story Screen Beacon
445 Main St. | storyscreenbeacon.com
This 1922 Swedish-Danish film is a “curious and groundbreaking mix of documentary and silent-horror cinema” that was once banned. *Cost: \$10*



SAT 19
Vic DiBitetto
PEEKSKILL
8 & 9:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
After selling out at the Paramount in 2018, the comedian returns for two shows with opener Eric Tartaglione. DiBitetto has been called a cross between Rodney Dangerfield and Ralph Kramden. *Cost: \$25 to \$55*

SAT 19
The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave.
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org
This 1920 German horror film, about a hypnotist who uses a somnambulist to kill, will be screened as part of the library’s Silent Film Series with live musical accompaniment by Cary Brown. *Free*

CIVIC
SAT 12
Municipal ID After Hours
BEACON
Noon – 3 p.m. City Hall
1 Municipal Plaza | 845-838-5011
cityofbeacon.org
The City Clerk’s office will be accepting applications and taking photos for city identification cards.

TUES 15
School Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Haldane High (Room 211)
15 Craigside Drive | 845-265-9254
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ViaHero co-founders Sarah Hawkes and Greg Buzulencia

Photo by A. Rooney

Local Heroes

Beacon firm pairs world travelers with residents

By Alison Rooney

When in doubt, ask a local — or an e-local.

ViaHero, an online platform created in 2016, pairs world travelers with local residents in 21 cities and countries. And this year, its co-founders, Greg Buzulencia and Sarah Hawkes, paired the firm with Beacon.

ViaHero

Founded in Pittsburgh in 2016, the company had moved to New York City but relocated to Dutchess County because of the natural appeal of the Hudson Valley — and because the spouses of its founders, by happenstance, both landed jobs in the Hudson Valley within two weeks of each other.

Buzulencia is a self-described “travel-planning nerd” who at age 16 convinced AAA to hire him as its youngest Trip Tix

planner, helping travelers plot routes.

“I’d been planning family vacations since I was 10, and continued doing all this research for friends and family through my 20s,” Buzulencia recalls. “I was obsessed with figuring things out so trips were as easy as possible and travelers could dive deep into the culture, because that’s what I loved about travel.”




When his paying job at a startup began cutting into the time he could spend helping plan trips, Buzulencia decided he needed to start charging. He was surprised when he received little resistance.

“I wondered why people were willing to pay” for travel planning, he says. “So I told people I’d plan their trip for free, with the only requirement being they had to chat with me afterward about what I was providing that was most interesting.

“It was never about skipping the must-see sites,” he says. “Of course you shouldn’t go to Barcelona and not see [architect] Gaudi’s work.” But what came through from Buzulencia’s research was that “people loved when I was able to put them in more local

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situations.” Because he was providing personalized recommendations, “people felt they were getting a deeper experience.”

To find local travel planners (“heroes”), Buzulencia contacted friends living in places people wanted to visit, and those friends connected him to other locals. He and Hawkes launched ViaHero with just one country, Cuba, which had only recently opened to tourists. Over the next two years, the platform expanded to Colombia, Puerto Rico, Japan and Mexico City.

The site, which has six employees and plans to hire more, encourages travelers to “see the world like a local.” Each of its destinations has 12 to 15 resident planners, some of whom are former tour guides and some of whom double as Airbnb hosts. The guides connect with the travelers through email, then plan itineraries, which can include where to stay, where to eat, what to see and insider tips.

All of this is accessible as a guidebook that can be printed or stored. Each guide earns about 70 percent of the fee paid by the travelers, which is \$30 to \$40 a day per group.

Buzulencia says they are now seeing repeat customers. “People returning from trips are excited at the service,” he says. “A local insight allows you to dive as deep as you want into a culture. Most people never have that access. The guides are dispersing



The first place ViaHero matched travelers with locals was Cuba.

U.S. State Department

travelers off the beaten path.”

He says about half of ViaHero’s early users are millennials “looking for access to hidden gems” because they “fear missing out on a unique experience.” The other half are early retirees in their 50s and 60s.

“They can still have the service and support [of a tour group], but also be independent,” he says. “It empowers people to travel to places they wouldn’t go to otherwise and others simply to travel.”

ViaHero’s move north, Buzulencia says,

was “on a little bit of faith. We hope to grow the company here, but still have access to the talent and relationships we have in the city. Beacon is the farthest north we felt we could go for that combination.”

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Does the Man
Owe You Money?

*\$5.4 million in unclaimed funds
due Highlands residents*

By Chip Rowe

Each year, we publish a list of some of the thousands of people and businesses in the Highlands who are owed money by New York State. The state comptroller maintains a database of checks — utility refunds, the balance of forgotten bank accounts, stock dividends, insurance payouts, security deposits, unused gift cards — that for whatever reason were returned to sender.

Companies are required by law to report dormant accounts to the state and, if the owner can’t be located, turn over the funds to the comptroller. The agency maintains a public database of these “unclaimed funds” to match lost money with lost people.

So far in 2019 the comptroller has distributed \$315 million, but \$16 billion remains. That includes \$1.3 million owed to Cold Spring and Philipstown residents and businesses, \$798,000 to those in Garrison and \$3.3 million to those in

Beacon, for a total of \$5.4 million from 10,027 dormant accounts.

As a public service, *The Current* obtained a list from the comptroller of residents and businesses in the Highlands, dead or alive, who appear in the database. The list below is of names added this year. The full lists, with unclaimed money dating to 1985, are posted at highlandscurrent.org.

Because the public database does not reveal how much is owed, applying for the funds can feel like playing a scratch-off lottery ticket. The amount could be a penny (although the comptroller only pays on claims of \$3.01 or more) or \$8 million — the two extremes. Your odds aren’t bad; 30 percent of payouts are for more than \$100.

If your business or name appears below, or you are the next-of-kin, visit osc.state.ny.us/ouf. You will be prompted to complete a form, which can usually be submitted online but in some cases must be mailed with further proof of identity. Call 800-221-9311 with questions.

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Out There

And the Teens Shall Lead

By Brian PJ Cronin

Thirteen years is a transitional age in a boy's life: Old enough to deploy sarcasm, but not quite old enough to recognize when it's being used against you.

"So ... that's the right way to go?" called out Tom Campanile, the assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 437, which is based in Garrison. It was a beautiful autumn Sunday and Campanile and I, along with three other adults, were on our way down Bull Hill (Mount Taurus), finishing a hike with seven Scouts ranging in age from 11 to 13.

"Instead of staying on the yellow trail and ending up back in the parking lot we started from, we're going to take the white trail, end up at Little Stony Point, and walk all the way through Cold Spring and Nelsonville to the parking lot?" Campanile asked (suggested) to the boys, who had been charged with mapping the route.

We could not see the Scouts, who had already turned onto the white trail, but after a few seconds, a voice answered back.

"Uh ... yes?"

When Troop 437 goes on hikes, the oldest scouts are in charge. This time, that was Dashiell and Iain. To earn hiking merit badges, the troop was on a 5-mile hike to the summit of Bull Hill, one of the many hikes they must complete of up to 20 miles. Dashiell and Iain picked the route and led the orienteering.

The group cut a detour on the Split Rock Trail and Lone Star Trail from the plan because Dashiell and Iain decided to nix it. When they made that decision, the adults kept their mouths shut. If the Scouts aren't endangering themselves, the group goes along.



Photos by B. Cronin

Sometimes though, if a decision would result in an extra hour of hiking, on a route that would pass alongside busy roads, the

Scouts get nudged.

"Are you *sure*?" Campanile asked about their route plan.

After a moment, one of the teens called back: "We've decided to take the yellow trail."

The adults smiled at each other. I felt a strange combination of admiration and jealousy. When I was in Boy Scouts, we did not get to make decisions. We didn't pick the route. We were not granted the responsibility of choosing our menus on campouts and cooking the meals for everyone, even if it resulted in being served, as one parent, John Pieza, put it, a "not-quite-baked potato" or burned ramen.

The adults now do their own cooking — they call themselves the Rib-Eye Patrol — but the kids still choose and cook their own. If the meals are sugar and spaghetti, that's what they cook and eat. They also deal with the consequences.

Before the hike, Campanile asked if everyone had brought a compass. There was an uncomfortable silence. More than once, as the teenagers led us off down an unmarked herd path, an adult would have to innocently call ahead: "You guys see any trail markers?"

At the same time, the children were allowed to make the sort of mistakes that lead to knowledge. The best way to learn how to not get lost is to let yourself get a little lost once in a while. That is a tough lesson for parents, too, as they reluctantly allow their teenagers to sometimes learn the hard way.

We made good time, completing the 5.3-mile hike, with more than 1,200 feet of climbing, in less than three-and-a-half hours, including breaks. The Scouts were happy to linger at the summit, enjoying the views of Philipstown and the Manhattan skyline. The adults who lead Troop 437 treat this particular badge very seriously, using the hikes as a way to connect the kids to the unique place they're fortunate enough to grow up in — to live in the place where they are.

When he's not writing for The Current or teaching journalism at Marist College, Brian PJ Cronin can usually be found outside doing something questionable. You can reach him at bcronin@highlandscurrent.org. Anyone interested in joining Troop 437 or Cub Scout Pack 137 can find more information at beascout.org.

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Putnam Budget *(from Page 3)*

the county jail — a state mandate — and \$4.6 million for the Bureau of Emergency Services.

Odell cautioned that because the Indian Point nuclear plant is scheduled to close in 2021, the county will receive less tax revenue for public safety. “Next year when we all meet again, we will have to come up with another \$400,000,” she said.

About \$10.6 million in spending is earmarked for early intervention and prekindergarten, and \$3.2 million for community college chargebacks, through which counties pay about a third of the tuition for each student who attends a community college outside of the county he or she resides in.

Medicaid, another state mandate, will cost \$9.6 million. “It’s the single-largest line item in our budget, and we have no control over it,” said Odell.

About \$7 million would go toward debt service, which she said would bring the county’s long-term debt down by \$24.4 million, or 28 percent lower than when she took office in 2011.

The county will pay \$5.7 million to administer health care benefits to 945 employees and retirees. Health-insurance costs increased \$1.3 million, or 8 percent, Odell said.

She pointed out that with the addition of early voting, and because 2020 is a presidential election year, which means more

Dutchess County 2020

Marc Molinaro, the Dutchess County Executive, will present his proposed 2020 budget on Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. at the County Office Building in Poughkeepsie. To secure a seat, RSVP to countybudget@dutchesscountyny.gov or 845-486-2000 by Oct. 24.

participation, the Board of Elections is expected to receive an additional \$332,000.

In addition, Odell said she has earmarked \$9.1 million for “quality of life services.” That includes \$5.2 million for parks and recreation, which includes Tilly Foster Farm, the county golf course, the bikeway and other county-owned properties; as well as funding for the Youth Bureau; and for outside agencies including libraries and the Putnam Humane Society.

About \$2.8 million is slated for the Putnam Moves transportation system, \$3.7 million for maintenance to roads and bridges, and \$1.6 million for snow removal.

Of the total \$165 million in expenses, Odell said about \$52 million (32 percent) is discretionary, while the remaining \$113 million pays for mandates.

To balance the budget, Odell proposed taking \$3.1 million from the county’s \$19 million general fund balance. Department

revenue is expected to be \$23 million, with state and federal aid at \$30 million, and property taxes bringing in \$44.6 million. Sales taxes are anticipated to generate \$64.4 million.

“History has shown us that small property tax increases, within the tax cap, combined with prudent conservative fiscal spending practices, results in a fiscally strong Putnam County that meets its fiscal and social responsibilities,” Odell said.

During a public hearing that immediately followed the presentation, two residents criticized the county over personnel issues.

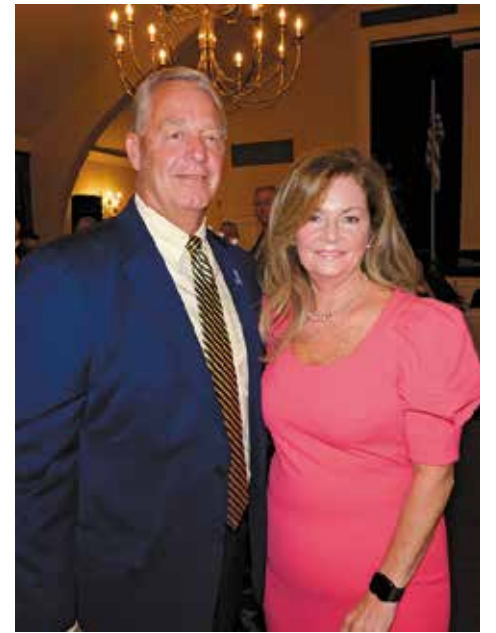
Kathleen Foley of Cold Spring pointed out that while some elected officials and department heads receive annual raises, union workers in the Health Department, Sheriff’s Office and other agencies remain without contracts.

“You don’t have the public’s health and safety, and employees, in mind,” she said. The comment sparked applause from union workers gathered at the back of the room.

Scott Reing of Carmel, who chairs the Putnam County Democratic Committee, also said union members deserve a contract. “Somehow it has become a partisan talking point,” he said.

Reing said he also disagreed with Odell’s statement that “zeros don’t work” when considering how much to raise the tax levy. “That is not a conservative way to run government,” he said.

The Legislature’s committees will review



Joseph DeMarzo, deputy commissioner of the Department of Social Services, Mental Health and Youth Bureau, with County Executive MaryEllen Odell

Photo by H. Crocco

Odell’s proposal throughout the month, and another public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse in Carmel. The Legislature is expected to vote on the budget on Oct. 29. Odell’s proposal is online at putnamcountyny.com/budget2020.

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Code Update *(from Page 1)*

- The speed limit throughout the village should be raised from 15 to 30 miles per hour to conform with state law.
- Three new chapters should be added: Outdoor Lighting Standards, Steep Slopes and Waterfront Consistency.
- Village-owned parcels west of the railroad tracks, as well as the West Point Foundry and the former Campbell estate sites owned by Scenic Hudson, should be designated as PR-1 (Parks and Recreation).
- The Butterfield redevelopment site should be zoned B-4A to reflect its change from a medical facility to mixed-use.
- A detailed description of acceptable recyclable materials should be added.
- Any new construction or major renovation of a multi-family or multi-use structure should be configured so that each residence, business or office is individually metered for water usage.

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Attendees at the Oct. 3 meeting also had suggestions, including:

- Combine the Foodtown and Drug World plazas (B-2 Business), with the M&T Bank/The Nest parcels across the street (B-3 Business) into one zone.
- Give the Planning Board flexibility to require the use of permeable surfaces to reduce surface water runoff.

Several people commented on the code's treatment of short-term rentals, or what the revised code refers to as "overnight accommodations." The committee recommends that these rentals, such as those booked

through Airbnb, be limited to three sleeping rooms per home, that the rooms not have their own cooking facilities and that owners must be present and provide off-street parking and proof of insurance and fire inspection.

Pat O'Sullivan, a Garrison resident who with his wife owns property in Cold Spring, read a letter he subsequently sent to Mayor Dave Merandy. He said there seemed to be a push to "accommodate the already illegal short-term rentals" and suggested the village "start from zero" by requiring hosts to obtain permits that would ensure compliance with regulations.

"You need to envision what you want the village to be," O'Sullivan wrote. "And make the regulations conform to that standard."

Early noted the village on Oct. 1 approved

hiring a part-time code enforcement officer and fire inspector, although another trustee, Lynn Miller, argued in a letter to *The Current* that the positions were not created solely in response to Airbnb concerns [see Page 5].

The code and proposed revisions can be viewed at bit.ly/cs-code-update in a redlined version that shows deleted and added text. There is also a summary of changes by chapter. Comments may be submitted to the committee until Oct. 30 through the village clerk, either in person or by mail (85 Main St., 10516), or by email to vcscerk@coldspringny.gov.

Once finalized, the document will be forwarded to the Village Board, which will schedule a public hearing and could make its own changes before voting.

Cold Spring Board *(from Page 7)*

tor, Vinny Tamagna, "seemed resistant" when the mayor suggested a switch to smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles.

The trolley committee will present its recommendations at Magazzino Italian Art on Thursday, Oct. 17.

In an Oct. 9 email, Ramirez said the trolley committee has an opportunity to be a catalyst for change. "Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could help influence our village to collaborate with our county, and vice versa, to improve services that already exist?" she wrote. "This is a significant moment for Mayor Merandy and trustees

to work with the county, perhaps in a way they haven't before."

In other business ...

- More than 40 municipalities, mostly in Florida and Texas, have been attacked this year by hackers, who freeze computer systems until a ransom is paid that is usually less expensive than reconstructing the system. On Oct. 3, Cold Spring board members discussed the possibility of the village purchasing insurance, which would cover the cost of restoring the system and any ransom paid as a last resort. Murphy said a \$1 million policy would cost \$836 annually.

- The cost of recycling continues to escalate. Garbage disposal is \$84.50 per ton and recyclables are \$87.48 per ton. (Village crews collected nearly 58 tons of trash and 18 tons of recyclables in September.) The village uses single-stream collection, co-mingling all recyclables, but Murphy said dual-stream collection, in which paper and cardboard are picked up one week and plastic and cans the next, could be less expensive.

- Larry Burke, the officer-in-charge for the Cold Spring Police Department, reported 93 calls for service in September. There was one arrest, for driving with a suspended

license. Drivers were ticketed for 62 traffic violations, including 17 for speeding, and 62 parking tickets were issued.

- Water levels in village reservoirs dropped by more than 11 percent in September, after less than a quarter-inch of rain. Voluntary conservation measures are in effect.

- Trustees approved a request by the sloop Clearwater to dock at Cold Spring from Oct. 16 to 18. As a nonprofit it pays no fee for docking for up to 21 days a year, so Murphy suggested the village ask Clearwater to offer programs to Haldane students.

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Relatives as Parents *(from Page 1)*

she lives in Iowa. I have permanent guardianship, so he's with us forever. Our other daughter is his aunt — and his sister."

Juneann: "I have my 17-month-old grandson. I have three other kids in our house — they're 20, 21 and 25."

Mary: "I have my grandson. He's 19. I've had him since he was 1. I expected to have him temporarily, but it's a never-ending process. He tries with his mom, but his mom doesn't understand him."

The women were attending a monthly meeting of the Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP), which Cornell Cooperative Extension has been overseeing in Dutchess County for more than a decade. The Beacon group was launched earlier this year; meetings are also held in Fishkill, Poughkeepsie and Amenia. (In Putnam County, the CoveCare Center hosts twice-monthly RAPP meetings in Carmel.)

The support sessions are open to any relative or family friend, male or female, who is caring for a child who is not their own. Most are grandparents. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that more than 2.5 million grandparents are the primary caregiver for at least one grandchild, and that about 10 percent of children in the U.S. live in a household run by a grandparent or other relative because the parents are deceased or have given up or been legally barred from caring for them.

Most RAPP sessions run for 90 minutes, usually in the early evening (in Fish-

kill, it's on a Tuesday morning) and begin with a meal before the children depart for "play therapy" with a counselor.

Some sessions function as a support group, "where everyone gets to say what's going on in their life," trade advice and offer encouragement, while others include speakers on topics such as finances, explained Jessica Canale, the family and consumer education program leader for Cornell Cooperative Extension, who coordinates the groups. She said that one gathering included a visit from a therapy dog, "which was technically for the kids, but..."

There are also family excursions such as visiting an apple farm with a corn maze and animals. During the holidays, parents can drop a child off at the RAPP offices for a half-day to go shopping, dine out or catch up on sleep. The Cornell Cooperative Extension also offers referrals to psychologists, educators, food banks, clothing sources, financial managers and a foster family coalition. It supports 10 to 14 families with summer-camp scholarships.

At the recent meeting in Beacon, a social worker, Sherryl Redding, spoke on "how parenting your grandchildren can bring joy in your life." The goal of her work, she said, was to keep the children with family members and out of foster care.

Redding spoke of the emotions a child may feel being separated from his or her parent or parents. "They have regret that they aren't living with their birth parents, like 'normal' kids in their classroom," she said. "Another emotion is guilt. A lot of kids feel like it was their fault." Therapy



Social worker Sherryl Redding (left) discussed how children might feel while being raised by relatives. Photo by A. Rooney

can help, she said. "You may have explained [the situation] to them, but their reality was different. In the process of parenting, it's so easy to see the tough times and rejection we sometimes get from our older kids who are not with their parents."

Redding asked each woman to take an index card to write, on one side, about a struggle, and on the other, a blessing that came from that. One participant revealed that her grandson's father was addicted to opioids. She said the child had been placed in foster care for three weeks before coming to her. "He was gone, which was heart-breaking," she said of her grandson. "I'm sorry — I don't want to be angry anymore." Redding responded: "It's no easy journey;

you're adjusting to having a baby. We're going to help you find some blessings."

Another woman described her situation as a struggle because the child has medical problems, but "our blessing is that out of medical issues we have developed a lot of support for our family. Now we have a new diet. We're going to be super-healthy — not even canned vegetables." To this, Redding offered: "He's teaching you a lot of patience, because you've helped him."

Megan and her husband have been attending the sessions in Beacon for about a year. "It helps tremendously," she said. "Here you're not alone and outside of here it feels alone a lot. A lot of us are not super-young, and it's wonderful to have the legal questions, the psychology questions, even meditation. The kids get to have that camaraderie with other kids" who are in a similar situation.

RAPP meets at the Beacon Rec Center, 23 W. Center St., on the fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. For information, call Canale at 845-677-8223, ext. 137, or email jmc646@cornell.edu.

In Putnam County, meetings are held on the first and third Thursday at 6 p.m. in Carmel at CoveCare, 1808 Route 6. For information, see covecarecenter.org or call Wanda Crowley at 845-225-2700, ext. 224. The meetings are coupled with Family Connections, a support group open to any parent or caregiver facing challenges. Childcare is available.

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Rent Stabilization *(from Page 1)*

buildings constructed after the “urban-renewal” era of the mid-1960s, including units built during the development boom of the last few years, would be unaffected.

Beacon officials say they’re gathering data to determine how many buildings fall within the ETPA parameters. That includes sorting through building permits to determine whether structures have been rehabbed, which the state defines as at least 75 percent rebuilt. Once that evaluation is finished, the issue will go back to the City Council for discussion, City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero said.

The council could then explore rent stabilization, which, if adopted, would involve Dutchess County creating a board to set maximum allowable annual increases. The ETPA does not allow for rent control, which puts a ceiling on the price a landlord can charge.

Council Member Terry Nelson asked his colleagues to look into rent stabilization in March, and the council adopted a resolution, joining Newburgh, New Paltz and other municipalities in the region that asked the state to extend and expand the expiring ETPA.

“Affordability comes up often in Beacon, and when it’s spoken about, it’s often about the new developments,” Nelson said this

week. “But the people already living here have also been neglected. Those constituents need to be served, too.”

Nelson said he’d like to see a higher percentage of newly constructed units set aside to be rented at below-market rates, either voluntarily or through a revised affordable housing law. Beacon requires 10 percent of new developments of 10 units or more to be “affordable,” which is based on a percentage of the county’s median income.

“It’s going to be ‘look yourself in the mirror’ time for some of the developers to think about whether they want to be part of this community,” Nelson said.

Developers and landlords have argued that below-market rate requirements make investing in housing unsustainable. In New York City, some landlords have suggested rent-stabilized buildings could lose up to 45 percent of their value, while developers have cautioned the Beacon Council that too many regulations will scare investors away.

But “that’s something I can’t really worry about,” Nelson explained. “I have to worry about the constituents first.”

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley is planning to hold a forum to help landlords understand the new law in Beacon later this month.

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~Terry Nelson, Beacon City Council member

The New Rent Law

The Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act, which was signed by Gov. Cuomo on June 14, earlier passed the Senate, 36-26 (Sue Serino, whose district includes the Highlands, voted no), and the Assembly 95-46 (Sandy Galef, whose district includes Philipstown, voted no, and Jonathan Jacobson, whose district includes Beacon, voted yes).

Among its provisions, the law:

- Makes the rent-regulation system permanent, rather than requiring the Legislature to renew it every four to eight years.
- Removes provisions that allowed landlords to remove units from control when the rent became high enough, the unit became vacant or the renter’s annual household income reached \$200,000.
- Limits landlords and their immediate family from claiming more than one unit in a building for owner use, which removes it from rent control.
- Removes the “vacancy bonus” that allowed owners to raise the rent by up to 20 percent each time a rent-controlled unit

became vacant. It also removed a “longevity” bonus that allowed owners to raise rents depending on how long the previous tenant had occupied the unit.

- Lowers the rent increase cap from 6 percent to 2 percent in New York City and from 15 percent to 2 percent elsewhere in the state.
- Limits the amounts that owners can raise the rent to pay for capital improvements to the building or individual units.
- Raises the number of tenants in a building who must agree to purchase apartments before the building can be converted to condos from 15 percent (which included outside investors) to 51 percent (who must all be residents).
- Bans landlords from using “blacklists” of people who appear in police reports and court documents.
- Limits security deposits to one month’s rent.
- Creates the misdemeanor crime of “unlawful eviction,” punishable by a civil penalty of \$1,000 to \$10,000 per incident.



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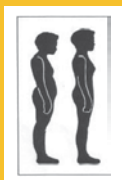
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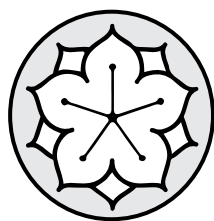
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POP: 60%

WSW 4-8 mph

RealFeel 69/42

Tuesday

63/45

Mostly cloudy, a shower possible in the afternoon

POP: 30%

WNW 4-8 mph

RealFeel 66/43

Wednesday

66/45

Clouds and sun with a couple of showers possible

POP: 30%

SSE 6-12 mph

RealFeel 63/36

Thursday

57/39

A morning shower possible; otherwise, mostly sunny

POP: 30%

WNW 8-16 mph

RealFeel 54/41

Friday

54/40

Mostly cloudy

POP: 25%

WSW 3-6 mph

RealFeel 56/38

Pollen

High

Moderate

Low

Absent

Absent

Absent

Absent

N.A.

Grass

Weeds

Trees

Molds

Source: National Allergy Bureau

SUN & MOON

Sunrise Sat., 10/12

7:04 AM

Sunset Sat. night, 10/12

6:20 PM

Moonrise Sat., 10/12

6:15 PM

Moonset Sat., 10/12

5:36 AM

Full

Last

New

First

Oct 13

Oct 21

Oct 27

Nov 4

POP: Probability of Precipitation; The patented AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature® is an exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, pressure and elevation on the human body. Shown are the highest and lowest values for each day.

CROSSCURRENT

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ACROSS

1. Bar order

5. Stick out

8. String tie

12. Incite

13. Blonde shade

14. Disney's — and the Detectives

15. O or W

17. Even, as a score

18. — Abner

19. Gap

21. Charley horse

24. Military status

25. Tatters

26. Quite attractive

30. Past

31. Paycheck extra

32. Altar affirmative

33. Artist Rene

35. Toppled

36. Commotions

37. Jaunty chapeau

38. Tray

41. Help

42. Neighborhood

43. Mississippi flower

48. The View alumna Lisa

49. Gorilla

50. St. Louis team

51. Shakespeare's shrew

52. Bow the head

53. Pumps up the volume

DOWN

1. Lazy person

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2. Historic period

3. Ovum

4. Kingdoms

5. Hoosegow

6. Tars' org.

7. Netherlands city

8. Cause to go

9. Leave out

10. Stead

11. Automaker Ransom Eli —

16. Speed

20. Hostels

21. Study at the last minute

22. Sitarist's offering

23. Enthusiastic

24. Carries on

26. Subway employee

27. Layer

28. Between jobs

29. Filly's brother

31. Wait

34. Devastate

35. Indy Jones' hat

37. Crib

38. Polio vaccine pioneer

39. Met melody

40. Fasting period

41. On in years

44. Mil. address

45. Felon's flight

46. Little devil

47. Fool

SUDOCURRENT

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Answers for Oct. 4 Puzzles

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VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

Girls' Soccer

Haldane (7-3-2) defeated Peekskill, 3-1, and Putnam Valley, 4-0, but dropped a 3-1 decision at league rival Pawling.

Against winless Putnam Valley, Jade Villella had two goals and Chloe Rowe and Bela Monteleone each had one. Goalie Shianne Twoguns, filling in for an injured Abigail Platt, didn't need to make a save. "We played a sound match," said Coach Steve Schweikhart. "Chloe was a demon all match on the wing, and Bela had a nice game in the midfield."

Anna Rowe, Chloe Rowe and Villella each had a goal in the win over Peekskill (2-9) and Twoguns had five saves. "Anna's goal was just fantastic," the coach said. "Chloe's goal was the result of a nice sequence that led to the ball going to the far post, where she was positioned perfectly."

Against Pawling (8-4), Monteleone had Haldane's lone goal, assisted by Villella, and Twoguns had 10 saves. "There was nothing she could do on the goals, and she stopped a couple of other breakaways," Schweikhart said. "We could have done more to protect her."

Haldane travels to North Salem (7-6) today (Oct. 11) and finishes its regular season next week hosting Pawling on Oct. 17 and playing two games at a Croton tournament.

Beacon defeated league rival Peekskill twice, 4-0 and 5-0, to improve to 3-10 and improve its chances of grabbing a spot in Section 1, Class A playoffs.

In the two wins, Analiese Compagnone had three goals and an assist, Claire Derrenbacher had two goals, and Maddie Bobnick, Katelyn Rosa, Gabby Del Castillo and eighth-grader Chelsea DerBoghossian each had one. Emelie Lenaburg had two assists and



Maura Lane plays first singles for Beacon.

Photo by S. Pearlman

keeper Shianne Canada earned her second and third shutouts of the season. "Shianne was a wall," said Coach Hugo Alzate.

"Injuries have bitten us all season but we're finally starting to get some of our girls back," he said. "Hopefully that will give us enough of a push to make a run."

Beacon's remaining games are against Hendrick Hudson (6-5) and Arlington (6-5).

Volleyball

Haldane won three times, blanking Putnam Valley, Beacon and Keio Academy.

Against Putnam Valley, Melissa Rodino, Grace Tomann and Olivia Monteleone each had seven kills and Sofia Viggiano had six kills and 14 digs. "The girls played every point as if it were game point," said Coach Kelsey Flaherty. "The offense dominated in the front row."

Against Beacon, Rodino had 14 assists, Monteleone had 12, and Maria Barry added five aces and six kills. In the victory over

Keio, Tomann paced the team with 11 kills, Taylor Farrell had four aces, and Monteleone scored nine kills.

"This was an overall great week for us," Flaherty said. The Blue Devils travel to Blind Brook on Oct. 15 and then host North Salem on Oct. 16 and Putnam Valley on Oct. 18 for senior night.

Girls' Tennis

After losing six seniors to graduation from a **Beacon** team that went 10-6, then having three other players decide not to return, Coach David Ryley wasn't sure what to expect in 2019.

He built the largely new squad around sophomore Maura Lane (first singles), senior captain JoAnna Galbo (first doubles) and senior Olivia Lynch (third doubles) and said he has been pleasantly surprised with the results.

The newcomers include freshmen Isabelle Ray (second singles) and Farah Jaafar (third singles); sophomores Emma Sandison (second doubles), Lindsay Darcy (second doubles) and Lydia Lambert (fourth doubles); juniors Kelly Murphy (first doubles) and Alex Moroch (fourth doubles); and senior Lila Young (third doubles).

"All of them have been exciting this season," Ryley said. "We'll be very competitive next year."

Beacon (6-8) was scheduled to play its final match against Lourdes on Thursday (Oct. 10). It will not compete in the postseason. In its two most recent matches, it lost to Mahopac, 5-2, with wins from the doubles teams of Galbo/Murphy and Young/Lynch, and also to Haldane, 6-1, with Lane winning at first singles in what Ryley called her best match of the year.

Among the winners for **Haldane**, the doubles team of Mairead O'Hara and Caroline Nelson improved to 13-1. The Blue Devils are 8-6 with two matches to play against Briarcliff and Valhalla.

Coach Simon Dudar said he hopes to send two doubles teams to the conference tournament (O'Hara/Nelson and Anna Brief/Julie Geller), which will include 24 schools.

Football

Beacon (2-3) took a 28-0 home loss to Brewster last week. Santino Negron led the Bulldogs with 14 carries for 66 yards, and quarterback Jason Komisar ran eight times for 52 yards. Quazir Hayes had 40 yards receiving.

Defensively, Angel Feliz and George Pinkhardt each had four solo tackles, and Negron and Hayes each had three. "We were beaten by the big play and gave up two long touchdowns," said Coach Jim Phelan. Beacon travels today (Oct. 11) to undefeated John Jay Cross River for a 6 p.m. kickoff.

Haldane, meanwhile, improved to 2-3 with a 48-30 victory at Croton (1-3). The Blue Devils scored three times in the first quarter and led 36-14 at halftime.

Quarterback Dan Santos scored on a 40-yard fumble return and had two rushing TDs, Darrin Santos had a 43-yard scoring run, Julian Forcello had a TD and Charles Benichoux had two (a 63-yard run and a 76-yard kickoff return). Haldane visits Briarcliff (4-1) on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 1:30 p.m.

Boys' Soccer

Beacon (8-3-1) defeated Lourdes, 2-1, at home (Warren Banks had both goals) and Peekskill, 5-2, on the road to remain undefeated in league play. Against Peekskill, Miguel Ruiz had two goals and Derek Bilyeu, Javier Piguave and Zach Neyen each had one. The squad also defeated Ketcham, 2-0, and Banks and Regan LaDue each scored.

Coach Craig Seaman noted that the team has been anchored by its defense, led by senior center-back Carter Pedersen.

Haldane (1-9) took some lumps this week, dropping decisions to Putnam Valley (4-1, with a goal from Jesse Sherman) and Poughkeepsie (3-0), in a match that saw the Blue Devils initially keep the Pioneers at bay before giving up three goals after the half.

Graeme McGrath had six saves in net for Haldane against Putnam Valley and keeper Ben McPherson, who had been out with a concussion, stopped eight shots against Poughkeepsie. Fred Osborne also did well in his first game on defense, said Coach Craig Canavan.

Against Putnam Valley, "we played OK, but some silly fouls cost us," Canavan said. "They have a few guys who are very good, and we couldn't deal with them." He said senior forward Riley Johanson "gave us some good work. He was a good presence up top."

Haldane travels to North Salem on Saturday, Oct. 12, and to Westlake on Oct. 15.



SISTER ACT — The Haldane girls' soccer team, which is 7-3-2, has three sets of senior-freshmen sisters: from left, Allie and Sara Ferreira, Jade and Liv Villella and Anna and Chloe Rowe.

Photo by Scott Warren