Nelsonville Residents Sue Over Cell Tower
Name village, Homeland, Verizon in federal suit

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Eighteen residents, most from Nelsonville, last week filed a federal lawsuit against the village and two telecommunications companies that plan to construct a cell tower off Rockledge Road, above the Cold Spring Cemetery.

They claim a litigation settlement reached between Nelsonville and the companies over the tower violates state and federal environmental laws and undermines local authority.

The lawsuit asks that a judge invalidate the agreement, which ended an expensive and complex 19-month legal battle between the village and Homeland Towers and its partner, Verizon Wireless, over the construction of the cell tower on a 9.6-acre wooded site. The Nelsonville Village Board ratified the settlement on Jan. 21.

The companies sued Nelsonville in

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Protestors Gather Outside Beacon Mayor’s Home
But city says police funding increase not what it seems

By Jeff Simms

About 25 demonstrators gathered outside the home of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou on Monday (Oct. 19), while the mayor conducted a City Council meeting by videoconference inside, shouting and chanting their displeasure with a perceived increase to the Police Department budget.

The mayor’s 2021 funding proposal, which was introduced to the City Council on Oct. 5, includes about $5.9 million for the department, which is $352,000 (6 percent) more than last year.

However, during the council meeting, City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero said the 2020 budget did not include current salary

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Serino, Smythe Again Battle for State Senate
Race in 2018 decided by 688 votes of 118,000 cast

By Leonard Sparks

State Sen. Sue Serino, whose 41st district includes the Highlands, used overwhelming margins on the Conservative, Independence and Reform Party lines in 2018 to edge her Democratic challenger, Karen Smythe, by 688 votes of 118,180 cast.

On Nov. 3, they face each other again. Both candidates were contacted to discuss their positions; Serino’s campaign did not respond to two emails or a phone message requesting an interview. Smythe’s responses to questions posed by The Current follow.

If Serino responds, we will post her answers online.

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FIVE QUESTIONS: NICOLE POLIZZI

By Jeff Simms

Nicole Polizzi, best known as “Snooki” on the MTV reality show Jersey Shore, plans next month to open The Snooki Shop at 508 Main St. in Beacon.

Why Beacon?
I’ve always wanted to open a store in the area where I grew up [Marlboro]. I always went out with friends in Beacon, or at the waterfront in Newburgh, and we had cheerleading competitions at Beacon High School. For six summers I worked at Renegades Stadium at one of the concessions stands. That was one of my favorite jobs. I felt Beacon was such a beautiful place; we always went to the wine bar there. I was looking at New Paltz and Cold Spring, but I feel like Beacon is the more up-and-coming, more popular town in the area, with people coming in and out of the city. Beacon also reminds me of Madison [New Jersey], where I have my first store. Not only is my family nearby — so my dad can run over if we ever have an emergency — but I have a ton of friends in town and my best friend is going to run the shop. I’m excited that I could keep it tight-knit and family oriented.

What will you sell?
We have clothing for women, plus accessories like hats, slippers, bags. I try to have items for ages 16 to 65, because in Madison I have a wide range of customers. A ton of my mom’s friends want to shop there, so I’ll be catering to everyone.

How will you handle COVID restrictions?
No one will be able to shop without a mask and we’re going to disinfect constantly, including the dressing rooms. It may be a little crazy at the grand opening, because I know a lot of people are excited to come, but we may only be able to fit about 10 people at a time safely.

Will you be in the shop often?
I’m in the store [in New Jersey] all the time. I do VIP events where we’re closed to the public and people buy tickets. I’m there for an hour—and—a-half with the fans, shopping with them, kind of like their personal shopper, and we have Champagne and hors d’oeuvres. It’s like a girls’ day out. But with COVID, I only pop in here and there, because I’m around a lot of older family members. So I’m being cautious when it comes to being around people.

How is your life different from 10 years ago, when you were on Jersey Shore?
I’m a totally different person. I was 21 — I wanted to party and I had no worries. Now I’m a mother of three and married. I still have my fun side, but it’s not like how I was at 21 on the show.

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This year, join the Parade in the Paper!

The parades may have been canceled this year, but we are determined to keep the Halloween spirit up high in Philipstown and Beacon. Through October 27, submit photos of yourself, your children, pets or the whole family in costume. We are also looking for Throwbacks—Grown-ups, we want your childhood Halloween photos! A panel of local judges will choose the winners for each category. Winners will receive gift-card prizes from our local sponsors.

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Thank You to Our Sponsors
Letter to the Editor:

Your article “Putnam Police Panel Invites Feedback” (Oct. 13) quotes a news release by Putnam County that said the county is seeking participation from various and diverse groups about the police reform plan it must create by April 1.

Representatives of several diverse groups submitted comments and offers of participation to the county executive well before this process started, and to the panel’s email box over the past month. As far as I can tell, no one has received any response.

Meanwhile, the Police Policy Review Panel, an all-white, mostly male body, continues to hold closed meetings in a building that’s closed to the public. Members of the public are able to listen to an audio feed but no provision has been made for any community members to ask questions or offer comments.

The panel was formed in response to the governor’s Executive Order 203, which requires participation by diverse members of the community, and failure to comply may result in payments to the county of state or federal funds being held up. The county’s news release sounds pretty good, but the county is not living up to its word.

By locking out representatives of diverse communities, the county is putting much-needed funding in jeopardy.

Dwight Arthur, Mahopac

Editor’s note: An emergency order by Gov. Andrew Cuomo in March — which he has extended seven times, and which now is in effect until at least Nov. 3 — allows government panels to hold meetings by conference call without public input.

Envelope snafu

My husband and I applied for absentee ballots, and I picked them up in person from the Putnam County Board of Elections. When we sat down to vote, we discovered that his ballot lacked the signature area on the outside of the envelope. Ballots without this signature are invalid.

I emailed the Board of Elections but did not receive a response. Fortunately, we had the ability to drive to Carmel to get this rectified in person, but it might have been a big problem if my husband was out of the country as he planned to be. Examine your voting materials carefully and consider voting early in case you need turnaround time as we did.

Irene O’Garden, Garrison

Indian Brook incident

Can you ask Liz Schetvuch Armstrong to check her facts (“Fracas at Indian Brook Prompts Calls for Action,” Oct. 16)? Shame on her and shame on Legislator Nancy Montgomery for being guilty of the same. Shame on Amanda Ricken Simonetta and The Felix Organization for not speaking with the residents involved. It sounds like another entirely divisive accusation.

What is worse about this one was including race bias, which was clearly not the case as you listen to not just one side of what actually occurred. Shame on you, The Highlands Current, for publishing such trash!

Clare Capossela, Garrison

The editor responds: Had we known the identity of the residents involved, we would have contacted them for comment. In a phone call, Capossela, who lives on Indian Brook Road, said she was not present at the incident but knows who was involved. She would not identify the residents, saying that was “not my place.” But she said The Current should have gotten their side of the story or not printed the article.

We live in an incredible area and take for granted all the privileges that we enjoy. This clouds how we see the world and skews reality. The privilege that we take for granted is not the experience for so many people, especially people of color.

Having grown up here and lived much of my adult life in Philipstown, I have often wondered why our community is not more representative of the country in terms of racial diversity. I have lived in other areas but still, I suffer from inherent bias and am aware of this. I have always known that something was not right within myself and within this community.

When I was young, we would shop in Peekskill, Beacon and Newburgh and it struck me that those communities were much more diverse. I speak only for myself, but I did not have enough experience with people of other cultures and backgrounds and therefore felt unprepared to understand the world when I went off to college. That lack of understanding stays with me and weighs on me to this very day.

Discussions of race and privilege are not easy, but that discomfort can no longer be used as an excuse for not engaging in them. The very discomfort we feel can only be alleviated through the recognition that injustice exists all over this country and throughout the world. Taking the easy way out and continuing in our blissful ignorance is a tacit approval of the way things are.

If the televised killing of George Floyd is not enough to make us aware that there

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Counting the Highlands

Self-response rates to the 2020 U.S. census, as of Oct. 16, along with historical data, are at right. Although the Census Bureau had planned to continue the count until Oct. 31, Wilbur Ross, the secretary of the Commerce Department, which oversees the bureau, stopped it early. These percentages do not include households that did not respond but were visited by enumerators.

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Source: 2020census.gov

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are serious problems, then I do not know what will. We need to acknowledge the horrors that Mr. Floyd and so many Black and brown people have endured and work to make a better society.

I realize that people have busy lives and that, by and large, it is not intentional that we ignore problems, especially a problem as big as racism. Raising families and getting to work during a global pandemic feels like enough and I understand that people are overwhelmed. This being the current state of affairs, recognizing and acknowledging the issues of race in America is a first step that all of us can take.

Richard Shea, Philipstown
Shea is the Philipstown supervisor.

It can’t be all of them, but some residents on Indian Brook Road behave as if the road, the park and the marsh are their private property. The only solution is a real parking lot.

Ryan Harbage, Philipstown

The worst thing about this situation is that there are residents on Facebook disparaging these young girls long after the incident was reported. Racism, hate and a fear of change is quite prevalent in this town, even if you can’t see it while walking down charming Main Street.

Tom O’Quinn, Cold Spring

The Current’s headline on this story really missed the point.

Heidi Bender, Cold Spring

The Indian Brook Road residents who engaged in the primitive, cruel verbal abuse of youthful visitors bring major shame on themselves and on our town. They should be prosecuted for a hate crime.

Steve Laifer, Cold Spring

If it’s true, shame on the residents.

Thomas Nastasi, Cold Spring

I understand that residents of Indian Brook Road are not happy about the number of people coming to visit Indian Brook Falls and Constitution Marsh but there is no excuse for what happened on Aug. 21.

I live in the Village of Cold Spring on one of the routes hikers take to get to the trailheads. In my 16 years of living here, I have never seen so many tourists and hikers as I saw this past weekend. There were people walking by all day and into the night as I was trying to go to sleep. Horns were honking and I had trouble driving out of the area earlier in the day because of the illegal parking.

I was not thrilled, but I did choose to live in a beautiful village that other people enjoy visiting. The residents of Indian Brook Road choose to live in a beautiful setting with a state park in their backyards. If I am outside and hikers come by asking how to get to the trailheads, I give them directions. I do not have an unnecessary and non-productive argument with them.

There is no excuse for what happened, and whichever these unknown residents are, did they think they would solve the problem by harassing, discriminating and using racial slurs against a group of young Black women?

Katy Cox, Cold Spring

We should all be furious about this. Cold Spring is still listed on online databases of sundown towns (places that are not safe for Black folks). I hope it sparks a real conversation about what we need to do to change our legacy and make this a safe place for everyone to visit and live.

Mina Elwell, Cold Spring

Correction

In a story on two vacancies on the Beacon school board (“Three Beacon School Board Candidates Withdraw,” Oct. 16), we referred to former board member James Case-Leal as being white. In fact, he is Hispanic. We also stated that Case-Leal said “he should be replaced by a person of color.” To clarify, in his letter of resignation, Case-Leal wrote that he was leaving “in order to open an additional space for John Galloway Jr. and Jasmine Johnson, two well-qualified candidates of color, to both be appointed” to his seat and the one vacated by Michael Rutkoske.

Cold Spring crowding

Thank you for this article (“Chaos in Cold Spring,” Oct. 16). I am grateful for the Cold Spring leadership and its thoughtfulness in examining quality-of-life issues.

I also am concerned about the report of (Continued on Page 6)
people lining up at 4 a.m. for assistance from the Philippston Food Pantry. If you drop off food on a Saturday morning, you will see all the bags nearly holding places down the walk, just blocks from where hundreds of tourists were showing up to shop and dine. This topic needs its own article. I encourage everyone to donate as they can to help our pantries.

Judith Rose, Cold Spring

I think this is called “burying the lede.” The shocking story here is that so many of our neighbors are struggling with food insecurity and rely on charity, not that they make too much usage while accessing it.

Teddy Nagel, Philippston

We seriously need to waste policing on the food-pantry patrons? C’mon, Cold Spring. Have a heart!

Lloyd DesBrissy, via Facebook

The editor recently reported that Andrew Bach, coordinator at the Philippston Food Pantry, told The Current she wasn’t aware of people lining up at 4 a.m. until she called the Cold Spring Police Department on an unrelated matter. She has since spoken to all pantry clients to let them know they cannot arrive that early. Clients have lined up around 7:30 a.m. in the past for the 9 a.m. opening. She added that donations from Glynwood, local vendors, an anonymous donor of Foodtown gift cards and support from Foodtown itself have helped the pantry deal with a 150 percent increase in clients since the pandemic shutdown began.

The Village needs to establish what is parking versus storing a vehicle on a public street, i.e., storing a weekend car on the street during the week instead of in New York City. Academy Street cannot handle two-sided parking.

Irene Pieza, via Facebook

I understand the safety concerns and the frustration with the flood of tourists but a parking system does not exist in the village and the fines are not $45. I received a ticket in October and was amazed at how many tourists were parked there, as well. The police officer did not even fill the ticket completely.

I have no problem paying for parking but when a village is just ripping off visitors with $150 to $200 fines, it sounds like corruption. It seems to be doing everything to keep tourists away: ridiculous fines, no traffic lights, no organized parking. I wonder if local businesses have the same state of mind and are not willing to welcome tourists.

Natalia Ogden, Scarsdale

When has Cold Spring ever been shy about giving out tickets? The revenue would be good for the budget.

Geraldine Fuller, via Facebook

Does anyone think the congestion will get better once the Fjord trail is constructed?

Robert Vargo, via Facebook

I drove down Route 9D at about 5 p.m. on Saturday and was amazed at how many cars were parked not only on the highway but on all the side roads. It must be difficult for residents to enjoy their village on weekends.

Doreen Evangelista, via Facebook

Is there no space for parking in all of Cold Spring? This is not a new issue. Implement a park-and-ride to and from a dedicated, income-producing site. There are so many ways to think outside the box.

Carmen Nieves, via Facebook

Why is it that if you park four blocks away from Main Street in the village lot, you have to pay, but anywhere else is free? The Village Board has ideas but zero true resolution. Change is drastically needed this November.

Craig Muraszewski, via Facebook

People should use the train station on weekends and whoever manages Dockside should have organized parking there.

Michael Jones, via Facebook

Slow down

I implore the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department to more stringently patrol Route 9D between Bear Mountain Bridge and Route 403, especially on the weekends. Many vehicles — primarily motorcyclists with no mufflers — travel the corridor in excess of 65 mph, pass on the double-yellow line and honk at those who travel at the posted speed. They are noisy, dangerous, rude and breaking the law. They need to be ticketed and stopped from disrupting the beauty and relative tranquility of our roads.

Jim Semmelman, Garrison

A bit of fun

With all the sad news surrounding us every day it was such a joy to see the acuerdoing Shackelford family pictured over the years in their Halloween costumes (“Holi-day Cards, Halloween Style,” Oct. 16). It made me smile.

Joe Chapman, Garrison

Reader endorsements

Thank heavens that we have early voting in 2020. State Sen. Sue Serino opposed this positive development. Serino, who represents the Highlands, has consistently voted against early voting, citing costs. Yes, there are expenses, but voting is a distinguishing feature of a democracy.

Serino even voted against allowing COVID-19 to be an excuse for getting an absentee ballot. She also voted against expanding voter registration by allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to register, although they would not be allowed to vote until they turned 18.

Serino appears to be in lockstep with the Republicans, who are afraid to make it easier for citizens to vote because they think large turnouts don’t help them. Her opponent, Karen Smythe, knows large turnouts in elections are a good thing for our
democracy. Smythe welcomes making it easier for all eligible citizens to vote. Early voting starts Saturday (Oct. 24). Vote!

Susan Anspach, Cold Spring

I'm concerned about Sue Serino's positions on reproductive choice at a time when the U.S. Supreme Court is approaching a majority of justices who are willing to overturn Roe v. Wade. Serino recently voted against the Reproductive Choice Act, which would have made Roe v. Wade legal in New York state even if the Supreme Court overturns the federal precedent. As a woman, I want to make sure all women in New York have the ability to make their own choices about when, if and how to bear children. Serino is too conservative for our district, and I'm proud to support Karen Smythe, whose positions on choice, climate change, jobs and human rights are the ones we need in our state Legislature.

Donna Minkowitz, Beacon

I urge readers of The Current to vote for Jessica Segal in her challenge against Dutchess County Judge Peter Forman on Nov. 3. As a public-defense lawyer, I am most concerned with which candidate will be fair as a judge and will uphold the rights of the accused. So I looked up the incumbent's record on criminal cases over his career and was troubled by what I found.

There were numerous appeals in the last couple of years alone in which a defendant challenged Judge Forman's sentences as excessive. While I only found one in which the appeals court agreed and reduced the man's sentence, I suspect that many of those sentences would shock the conscience of people who, like me, believe that mass incarceration is not the way forward to a safer, more equitable and productive society.

The cases that troubled me most were decisions by the appeals court finding that Judge Forman failed to uphold well-established rights held by the accused. In one case from 2019, Forman denied the defendant a hearing on whether the police had sufficient basis to search his home, and even withheld important police paperwork from the defense. The appeals court overturned the defendant's conviction and ordered that the defendant be given the police papers and the hearing. In another case, Forman was rebuked for allowing the prosecutor to argue that the defendant, because he had been convicted of the crime previously, had a propensity to commit burglary.

The appeals court, citing well-established principles, found that such arguments denied the defendant a fair trial and ordered that a new trial be held. I even found two cases in which the appeals court concluded that Forman wrongly denied a party's application for a fee waiver based on financial hardship.

We need a judge who believes in full disclosure of the evidence, the rights of the accused to challenge the charges against them and, particularly, the rights of the indigent.

Laurie Dick, Beacon

I have known Judge Peter Forman for more than 30 years. He served as Beacon City Attorney while I sat on the City Council in the early 1990s. In 1999, Judge Forman was elected to the position of family court judge, and in 2010 he was elected to the county court.

He has served the residents of Dutchess County with distinction since 1999; he has been rated “highly qualified” by the nonpartisan screening panel of the Dutchess County Bar Association, and the New York State Official Reporter has selected 12 of his opinions to be published since 2010. Over the past 20 years, 93 percent of his decisions have been affirmed by the Appellate Courts. He knows the law.

Most importantly, he has presided over a drug treatment court for the past 15 years. In this non-adversarial court, those who suffer from drug additions are given a second chance to obtain long-term sobriety without the stigma of a felony conviction.

Please join me in supporting lifelong Beacon resident and community leader Peter Forman as he seeks reelection on Nov. 3.

Joseph Guarneri, Beacon

With Election Day just around the corner, I wanted to talk about veterans’ issues that have affected the $26,000 service veterans who reside in New York. More than half of them are over age 65 and need qualified care.

Career politician Sean Patrick Maloney has been representing the 18th U.S. House district since 2013 and campaigned on a message of helping veterans, yet within the veteran community we know all too well his office's history of failing to return phone calls or address the issues that affect us daily.

You can keep your Valentine's Day cards, Congressman. We need a real leader who is not controlled by the far left, someone who comes with vast real-world experience. That's why I am voting for Chele Farley, engineer and business owner, to represent me in Congress.

Paul Harrington Sr., Newburgh

For more reader endorsements, see highlandscurrent.org. They can be submitted to editor@highlandscurrent.org.

Tree Removal

We would like to comment on the scheduled tree removal on Parrott Street in Cold Spring. The last of the five tall, mature trees has been marked. It seems a bit aggressive to me to remove all five at the same time.

We’ve lived on this street for 27 years. The first thing we noticed when we drove down the street were the beautiful old, tall trees that lined both sides. What’s left is still out front, although for now it’s just a charm all its own.

Thinking back, several years ago a limb came down in front of our house and then-Mayor Seth Gallagher took the time to come and meet with us. He contacted an arborist, and several limbs were removed. It’s still out front, although for now it’s just a charm all its own.

Five trees that have survived the better part of a century all reaching a stage requiring removal at the same time seems unusual. We anticipate that on Halloween in 2021, when 800 to 1,000 children come to our door, their reaction will be, “What on earth happened?”

In the last couple of years several mature trees have been cut down, such as the monumental and unique tree on the corner of Bank and Parrott. This has already altered the look and the shade on the street.

We would like to know if there is a plan moving forward. Shouldn’t there be some consideration given to replacing at least some of the trees with one of the native species? Can this be phased over the next few years so that there is some variety of appearance? Parrott Street was here when Abraham Lincoln came to inspect the West Point Foundry and we suspect it wasn’t lined with ornamental dwarf trees.

We hope they’ll still be here for us to see the trees change color this year, because we have not been apprised of their scheduled removal.

Jeff Barrett and Diana Stenzel, Cold Spring

We asked Jennifer Zeaich, chair of the village Tree Advisory Board, to respond. She wrote: "As volunteers committed to protecting our village trees, the members of the Tree Advisory Board understand the sadness expressed here and agree that the removal of these aging Norway Maples and all the gifts they provide will be a deep loss for lower Parrott Street and for our community forest. This decision was not made lightly and not without years of trying other options with all of our heart and hope. With a commitment to conservation, we have had tree professionals monitor and advise on the care of these trees over the past many years and have used public funds to prune several and install cables on one, and have tried our best to keep them, even though they are clearly in decline, as long as we could reasonably ensure public safety. "Unfortunately, their condition has deteriorated more rapidly in the last few years, and the village has received numerous complaints about the safety of these trees from other residents of the street. We have been advised by an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture on each tree and cannot in good conscience continue to take our preferred graduated approach to their management. We have already planted five trees on this block over the past several years to help mitigate this loss and plan to plant more trees on Parrott Street as soon as enough funds are raised. We hope residents will consider donating to speed this effort. See coldspringtree.weebly.com."
Molinaro said on Oct. 21 that the outbreak be required and outdoor capacity must be allowed to reopen at 50 percent. The state said on Oct. 18 that ski resorts without incident,” said Dutchess County theaters could mitigate the risk and reopen no cluster zones. “We’ve said for months that have a positive rate of 2 percent or less with 50 people maximum per screen. Counties to operate at 25 percent capacity with up to $\text{106}$.

The number of people with COVID-19 who are currently hospitalized in New York state as of Oct. 21 stood at 986; the number of intubations was 106.

The state noted on Oct. 20 that while Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania meet the criteria for the travel advisory, a quarantine on these states is not practical. Instead, it discouraged non-essential travel to and from these states.

After allowing vehicle owners to put off getting their annual inspections done, the governor said inspections that expired after March 1 would remain valid. The deadline also applies for driver’s licenses and vehicle registrations that expired after March 1 and haven’t yet been renewed.

The state Department of Health on Oct. 18 released a draft, six-phase COVID-19 Vaccination Administration Program. If a vaccine becomes available, it would be distributed to (1) high-risk populations and essential health care workers in areas with high COVID-19 prevalence; (2) those same groups in areas with low prevalence; (3) lower-risk populations/other essential workers in areas with high prevalence; (4) those same groups in areas with low prevalence; (5) the general population in areas with high prevalence; and, finally, (6) the general public in areas with low prevalence.

Within each phase, priorities would be given to: (1) health care workers in patient care, long-term-care facility workers who interact with patients and long-term-care patients at highest risk; (2) first responders, teachers, child care providers, public health workers, essential frontline workers, such as pharmacists, grocery store workers and transit employees, other long-term-care facility patients and higher-risk individuals; (3) individuals over 65 and those under 65 at higher risk; (4) all other essential workers.

Questions? Dutchess County posts updates at dutchessny.gov/coronavirus and has a hotline at 845-486-3555. Putnam County posts info at putnamcountyny.com/health.

**COVID-19 by the Numbers**

**PUTNAM COUNTY**

Number of confirmed cases: **1,768** (+58)

New Cases in Philipstown: 4

Tests administered: **57,867** (+3,623)

Percent positive: **3.1** (-0.1)

Number of deaths: **63** (+0)

**DUTCHESS COUNTY**

Number of confirmed cases: **5,382** (+93)

Active Cases in Beacon: 12

Tests administered: **206,891** (+10,635)

Percent positive: **2.6** (-0.1)

Number of deaths: **164** (+1)

Source: New York State Department of Health, with weekly changes in parentheses, as of Oct. 21. New cases in Philipstown for the week ending Oct. 15

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Source: Johns Hopkins University, as of Oct. 19.
VOTER FAQ

Why are there so many political parties?

To qualify as a party in New York, an organization must have had a candidate for governor who received at least 50,000 votes in the preceding election. After the 2018 election, eight parties were recognized: Conservative, Democratic, Green, Independence, Libertarian, Republican, Serve America Movement (SAM) and Working Families.

Beginning with the 2020 presidential election, the rules will change and the number of parties will shrink. In order to qualify, a political organization will need to have had a candidate who received at least 130,000 votes or 2 percent of the total (whichever is greater) in the last gubernatorial election as well as the last presidential election. Using that criteria, the only parties that qualified in the 2018 gubernatorial election were the Republican, Democratic and Conservative; they will also need to achieve the same minimums in the 2020 election.

I received a call from a candidate saying she knew I had received my absentee ballot. How did she know?

Anyone can apply, using the Freedom of Information Law, for voter registration information, including who applied for an absentee ballot, when the person applied and the address where the ballot was sent.

Can I post a ballot selfie?

Under state law, counties must have one polling site for every full increment of 50,000 registered voters, although they can choose to have more. Putnam has 69,409 registered voters so it must have at least three. It created five, including one at Fishkill Town Hall.

Can I still vote in person if I submit an absentee ballot?

Yes. Absentee ballots aren’t counted until after Election Day, so if you vote in person, election officials will void your mail vote. During the June 23 primary election, 22 voters in Putnam and 90 in Dutchess did that. However, it’s still a crime to intentionally vote twice. According to a database compiled by the Heritage Foundation, there have been two convictions in the state since 1983 for doing that and three for forging absentee ballots.

Why does Putnam have only one early-voting site?

Rather than turning people away from politics, the contentious battles of the past four years have drawn many to the polls.

The number of people registered to vote has jumped 14 percent in Dutchess and 15 percent in Putnam since 2016, according to data released on Oct. 19 by the Board of Elections in each county.

Democrats led the charge, with an increase of 25 percent in Dutchess, 23 percent in Beacon, 22 percent in Putnam and 36 percent in Philipstown.

Republican registrations jumped 11 percent in Putnam and 7 percent in Dutchess. They were flat in Philipstown at 1 percent and fell by 7 percent in Beacon.

The percentage of independent voters, or those with no party registration, grew by 11 percent in Dutchess and 16 percent in Putnam but only 6 percent in Philipstown and 3 percent in Beacon.

The figures below do not include registered voters who have not cast a ballot in the last two federal elections.

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**Whom Does the Highlands Support?**

By Chip Rowe

In July we shared tables showing how much each federal candidate for elected office had received from local donors in the first half of 2020, as compiled by the Federal Election Commission (fec.gov). The chart below provides similar figures through Oct. 19.

Individuals may give up to $2,800 per federal candidate for elected office had raised $1,882 for his campaign and had $447 on hand.

As of Oct. 19, Maloney had $1.15 million on hand.

The Highlands Current on Money in Politics (followthemoney.org) tracks which groups and individuals give to candidates for state and federal offices. The top donors for elected officials and candidates in the Highlands are:

### Campaign Contributions

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#### SUE SERINO (R) NYS Senate, Highlands, 4 campaigns

1. NYS Senate Republican Campaign Committee $1.2 million
2. American Federation of State County & Municipal Employees $31,900
3. Civil Service Employees Association $23,125
4. Cathy Young Campaign Committee (NY Senate 57) $21,000
5. Neighborhood Preservation PAC (Landlords) $20,500
6. NYS Association for Homeowners $17,650
7. Real Estate Board of New York $16,250
8. Rent Stabilization Association of New York (Landlords) $15,250
9. Peckham Industries (Construction, White Plains) $13,500
10. Friends of Betty Little (NY Senate 45) $12,800

#### KAREN SMYTHE (D) NYS Senate, Highlands (challenger), 2 campaigns

1. Karen Smythe $308,759
2. NYS Democratic Senate Campaign Committee $193,172
3. Mason Tenders District Council of Greater NY $32,000
4. NYS Democratic Party $26,000
5. Communications Workers New Jersey District 1 $22,800
6. New York State United Teachers $22,800
7. Michael Dupree (Hyde Park) $16,000
8. Dutchess Democratic Women’s Caucus $14,000
9. Michael Fleischer (Hyde Park) $12,682
10. Tenants PAC $11,200
11. Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 21 $10,000

#### JONATHAN JACOBSON (D) NYS Assembly, Beacon (2020 campaign)

1. Jonathan Jacobson $25,000
2. International Brotherhood of Teamsters $4,700
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#### ANDREW GAUZZA (R) NYS Assembly, Beacon (challenger) (2020)

1. Andrew E. Gauzza $10,001
2. Town of Newburgh Republican Committee $500

#### SANDY GALEFT (D) NYS Assembly, Phlippsburg (2020)

1. 1199SEU United Health Care Workers $10,500
2. Steven and Sandy Galet $8,784
3. NYS Association of Realtors $7,953
4. Marie Carpenter (Ossining) $6,290
5. Manhattan Beer Distributors $6,000
6. Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy Committee $5,500
7. Medical Society of the State of New York $5,113
8. David Swopa (Ossining) $5,000

#### LAWRENCE CHIULLI (R) NYS Assembly, Phlippsburg (challenger) (2020)

No funds reported raised or spent.

#### REP. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY (D) District 18, 7 campaigns

1. Sean Patrick Maloney Campaign Committee $2.45 million
2. Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee $102,418
3. Jon L. Strayer (NYC/Garrison, philanthropist) $97,600
4. Peter B. Lewis (Progressive Insurance, philanthropist) $60,200
5. Americap / The Fund for a Greater America $55,000
6. Tim E. Gill (software developer, philanthropist) $52,500
7. Joe Pac (Jobs Opportunities & Education) $51,800
8. Jonathan Lewis (venture capitalist, son of Peter) $50,000
9. David Bohrner (tech entrepreneur, philanthropist) $50,000
10. Adam J. Lewis (environmentalist, son of Peter) $50,000

According to OpenSecrets.org, which also tracks campaign finance, individual contributions made up 58 percent of Maloney’s contributions, PACs account for 26 percent, and donations of $200 or less are 13 percent. As of Oct. 19, Maloney had $1.15 million on hand.

#### CHELE FARLEY (R) District 18, challenger, 2 campaigns*

1. Chele Farley $283,486
2. New York Republican Federal Campaign Committee $20,000
3. 21-19 individuals each gave $10,000 to $11,000 each
4. Congressional Majority Committee $10,000
5. Value in Electing Women PAC $10,000
6. Elise for Congress (Rep. Elise Stefanik, NY-21) $9,800

*Farley challenged Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand in 2018. According to OpenSecrets.org, large individual contributions made up 65 percent of Farley’s contributions, PACs account for 9 percent, and donations of $200 or less are 15 percent. As of Oct. 19, Farley had $255,000 on hand. As of Oct. 19, the third candidate for the seat, Scott Smith, had raised $1,882 for his campaign and had $447 on hand.

### Political Actions Committees

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Here Are Your Choices

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order. In the general election, you can vote for any candidate you wish, regardless of party registration.

FEDERAL

• President/Vice President
  Joseph Biden/Kamala Harris (DEM/WF)
  Howie Hawkins/Angela Walker (GRE)
  Jo Jorgensen/Jeremy Cohen (LIB)
  Brock Pierce/Carla Ballard (IND)
  Donald Trump/Michael Pence (REP/CON)

• U.S. House (District 18)
  Chele Farley (REP/CON)
  Sean Patrick Maloney (DEM/WF/IND)
  Scott Smith (LIB/SAM)

NEW YORK STATE

• State Senate (District 41)
  Sue Serino (REP/CON/IND/ROS)
  Karen Smythe (DEM/ENG/SAM)

• State Supreme Court, 9th District (Vote for 4)
  The 9th District (of 13) covers Dutchess, Putnam, Orange, Rockland and Westchester counties. Judges serve a 14-year term.
  Richard Guertin (REP/CON) — Middletown judge
  David Hasin (REP) — Woodbury town justice
  Alexandra Murphy (DEM/CON) — former asst. Manhattan D.A.
  Robert Ondrovic (DEM/CON) — trial attorney, White Plains
  Mark Starkman (REP) — private practice, New Windsor
  Sam Walker (DEM/REP/CON) — Mount Vernon judge
  E. Loren Williams (DEM) — Newburgh judge

FOR VOTERS IN

PHILIPSTOWN

• State Assembly (District 95)
  Lawrence Chiualli (REP/CON)
  Sandy Galef (DEM)

• Putnam County Court Judge
  Anthony Mole (REP/CON/LIB/IND)

• Putnam County Coroner
  Wendy Erickson (REP/CON/IND)

• Philipstown Town Justice
  Camille Linson (DEM/ENG/LIB)

• Cold Spring Trustees (Vote for 2)
  Heidi Bender (Onward!)
  Kathleen Foley (Forge Ahead)

FOR VOTERS IN

BEACON

• State Assembly (District 104)
  Andrew Gauzza IV (REP/CON)
  Jonathan Jacobson (DEM/WF)

• Dutchess County Court Judge
  Peter Forman (REP/CON/LIB/IND)
  Jessica Segal (DEM/WF/GRE/SAM)

PARTY KEY:

DEM = Democratic | REP = Republican | CON = Conservative | GRE = Green
IND = Independence | LIB = Libertarian | ROS = Rebuild Our State
SAM = Serve America Movement | WF = Working Families

Polls will be open

Tuesday, Nov. 3
from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Election Results

Check highlandscurrent.org after 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, for unofficial results.

Where to Vote

Early in Person

Putnam County

Board of Elections
25 Old Route 6
Carmel

SAT 24: 9a - 2p
SUN 25: 9a - 2p
MON 26: 9a - 5p
TUES 27: 9a - 8p
WED 28: 9a - 5p
THURS 29: 9a - 8p
FRI 30: 9a - 5p
SAT 31: 9a - 2p
SUN 1: 9a - 2p

Dutchess County

Town Hall
807 Route 52
Fishkill

SAT 24: 12 - 5p
SUN 25: 12 - 5p
MON 26: 9a - 5p
TUES 27: 12 - 5p
WED 28: 9a - 5p
THURS 29: 12 - 5p
FRI 30: 9a - 5p
SAT 31: 9a - 4p
SUN 1: 12 - 5p

The deadline to register to vote on Nov. 3 has passed. To verify you are registered and locate your polling place, visit voterlookup.elections.ny.gov.
Questions for Candidates: Cold Spring Village Board

Heidi Bender and Kathleen Foley are running unopposed for two open seats on the Cold Spring Village Board. Below are their written responses to questions posed by The Current.

Under a state mandate, the Village Board must complete a review of the Cold Spring Police Department’s policies, procedures and practices by April 1. How significant is that review and what should it include?

- **Bender:** Everything starts locally, so it’s very significant. We won’t know what must be included until we have all the information. The repeal of 50a (that made police disciplinary records available under the Freedom of Information Law) gives citizens the opportunity to know their police officers better. Making that information publicly available will be a big step in the right direction and offer the Village Board guidance.

- **Foley:** Analyzing all available data is the other crucial step; that information should also be made public. Who is being stopped? Who is being ticketed? What kinds of crimes are being given time and attention and which ones are not? Who is being taken to court and who is being let off with a warning? The changes needed might be minor, but we won’t know until we take an in-depth look. I know Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke has the best interests of the village in mind and I look forward to working with him on this process.

Aside from the police review, what do you consider two priority issues facing the village in 2021-22, and what steps are needed to address them?

- **Bender:** How to stay safe and sane during this pandemic is a major issue. Even if a vaccine becomes available, the roll-out will take time, and it won’t be 100 percent effective. I’d like to examine available outdoor spaces, including Dockside, Mayor’s Park and Tot’s Park, creatively reimagining how we can make better use of them. We need to find ways to come together, while staying safe, and have a plan in place for spring. Parking and crowd control are major issues. You can’t go to a village meeting without the issue of parking coming up. The Village Board is already thinking about it and plans are in place to reestablish a parking committee. Parking would be an easy way to bring in revenue from tourists, but we also have to balance the needs of residents and Main Street businesses. Meters, residential parking permits and overflow lots are all possible solutions. I feel confident that the parking committee and the board can come up with a plan that will work well for everyone. And we really need the support of the state parks department to handle crowd control and preserve our beautiful trails. Both Mayor [Dave] Merandy and Town Supervisor [Richard] Shea are passionate about this issue.

- **Foley:** Cold Spring has a skilled, professional police force under the leadership of Larry Burke. He has a strong moral compass and a deep commitment to community policing. And, as with any department, the CSPD can always be improved. The governor’s executive order for police reform is significant because it provides a catalyst for examining our public-safety program, assessing needs and creating a local model for participatory policing.

We’re lucky we have a police force that reports directly to the village and always is willing to be accountable. We need to agree what goals we’re hoping to reach. Our process must be based on objective data. It must consider many voices in respectful ways and build and strengthen the community’s relationship with our officers. This is a great opportunity for community-specific innovation. I’ve put forward a plan at forgeaheadwithfoley.com.

Aside from the police review, what do you consider two priority issues facing the village in 2021-22, and what steps are needed to address them?

- **Bender:** How to stay safe and sane during this pandemic is a major issue. Even if a vaccine becomes available, the roll-out will take time, and it won’t be 100 percent effective. I’d like to examine available outdoor spaces, including Dockside, Mayor’s Park and Tot’s Park, creatively reimagining how we can make better use of them. We need to find ways to come together, while staying safe, and have a plan in place for spring. Parking and crowd control are major issues. You can’t go to a village meeting without the issue of parking coming up. The Village Board is already thinking about it and plans are in place to reestablish a parking committee. Parking would be an easy way to bring in revenue from tourists, but we also have to balance the needs of residents and Main Street businesses. Meters, residential parking permits and overflow lots are all possible solutions. I feel confident that the parking committee and the board can come up with a plan that will work well for everyone. And we really need the support of the state parks department to handle crowd control and preserve our beautiful trails. Both Mayor [Dave] Merandy and Town Supervisor [Richard] Shea are passionate about this issue.

- **Foley:** Our village and town are popular tourist attractions. Residents have felt under siege, especially during COVID. New York State’s lack of stewardship of Hudson Highlands State Park is spilling over into quality-of-life impacts for villagers, putting our already-strained first responders in danger and damaging our local landscape and ecosystem.

The tourists aren’t going away, so we must secure better park management by the state to make visitor dollars work for Cold Spring. Revenue-sharing, created by designating appropriately, paid parking, limiting and requiring permits for trail access and establishing impact fees, will reduce and offset adverse consequences in the village. We need to ensure that the state protects our natural resources as if our local economy and community character depend on it — because they do.

We need to make urgent repairs to the village’s dams. Work has been stalled for years by bullying by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. We need alternate access to clean drinking water so that we can lower dam levels and make critical fixes. Trustee [Steve] Voloto made headway identifying legal professionals who have negotiated with the DEP on behalf of other Hudson Valley communities. That firm is reviewing our position. I would like to retain their legal expertise to secure permissions the DEP has withheld, get an agreement on the books and get the job done.

Aside from the police review, what do you consider two priority issues facing the village in 2021-22, and what steps are needed to address them?

- **Bender:** Aside from the police review, what do you consider two priority issues facing the village in 2021-22, and what steps are needed to address them?

- **Foley:** Aside from the police review, what do you consider two priority issues facing the village in 2021-22, and what steps are needed to address them?
Questions for Candidates: Dutchess County Judge

In the race for Dutchess County judge, Republican incumbent Peter Forman faces a challenge from Democrat Jessica Segal. Below are their written responses to questions posed by The Current.

Judges are meant to be impartial, so what distinguishes one candidate from another?

Forman: In this race, my judicial experience is the distinguishing factor. I have more than 20 years of judicial experience. In the last 10 years as County Court judge, I have presided over dozens of felony trials. During my judicial career, more than 200 of my legal decisions have been reviewed by appellate courts and I was affirmed 93 percent of the time. I am the only judge in Dutchess County who has served in all of our full-time courts: Family, Supreme, Surrogate and County. In addition to my criminal caseload, I have presided over numerous civil matters, including: negligence, medical malpractice, commercial disputes, divorce, and civil commitment of dangerous sex offenders, to name just a few. I have been rated highly qualified by the non-partisan judicial screening panel of the Dutchess County Bar Association.

I have also spent 15 years presiding over drug treatment courts in both Family and County Court. In drug court, an individual charged with a felony who also struggles with addiction is referred by the court to treatment programs to allow the individual to address his or her substance abuse. The individual is monitored over a period of 18 to 24 months by a treatment team that I chair. More than 90 people have graduated from our drug court program in the past five years and become sober and contributing members of society. Depending on the circumstances of each case, a graduate may have a felony conviction reduced to a misdemeanor and have the record of conviction sealed.

Segal: Voters should look at the candidate’s experience, their record and their reputation. I have 20 years of hands-on experience as both a prosecutor and a defense attorney. I have handled thousands of cases. In that time, not one of my cases or trials has been reversed by an appellate court for misconduct, ineffective assistance of counsel or other error of law. This is important for voters to know because when a judge or an attorney has a case reversed, it means that an appellate court found, for example, that someone’s rights were violated. It’s traumatizing for the victims and wastes taxpayer money and court resources when cases have to be redone. Voters should also consider people’s direct experience with the candidate. I am proud to be regarded in the community for my integrity, my balance of strength and compassion, and my commitment to treating all people with dignity and respect.

Should a judicial election be as important to voters as an election for a more visible office, like a mayor? Why?

Forman: As a sitting judge campaigning for the fourth time on a county-wide basis, I strongly believe that decisions made by trial courts often affect people’s daily lives more directly than decisions made by officials in the legislative and executive branches of government. Decisions made in a criminal matter, although made in the context of an individual defendant’s case, have an impact on the safety of the community as a whole. Every individual that overcomes his or her addiction through drug court benefits not just the individual but the community as a whole.

Segal: Yes. County Court judges make decisions that have a direct impact on the safety of our community. They have the power to decide whether someone struggling with addiction or post-traumatic stress disorder gets jail time or the opportunity to get treatment. They decide if someone is granted a pistol permit and whether that permit is subsequently suspended or revoked. Judges are the embodiment of our Constitution in action, interpreting the rights and privileges it affords each and every citizen of the U.S. Judges are crucial to ensuring that our criminal justice system is fair and treats everyone equally under the law, without personal bias. That is the cornerstone of our justice system. County Court judges serve a 10-year term — every voter in this community should know who is making these decisions and make sure they have a voice in choosing that person.

Discuss, depending on your position, the merits of voters re-electing a candidate with experience serving at the County Court level, or of voters electing a new candidate who could offer a fresh perspective.

Forman: The criminal justice system is complicated, both procedurally and substantively. At this moment we are experiencing a major adjustment to the system due to the discovery and bail reform laws enacted by the state Legislature.
Questions for Candidates: State Assembly, District 104

In the race for the state Assembly seat that represents the district that includes Beacon, Democratic incumbent Jonathan Jacobson faces a challenge from Republican Andrew Gauzza IV. Below are their written responses to questions posed by The Current.

Why should voters choose you over your opponent?
- Gauzza: I have leadership qualities which my opponent lacks. My current occupation is as a project manager, and I was the grand knight at my college's Knights of Columbus chapter. I am somebody who will lead from the front, and that is what this district needs in Albany.
- Jacobson: When I ran for this office two years ago, I said I had the experience necessary to hit the ground running and get the job done, and I have done just that. I believe that my record reflects the values of our residents in the 104th District. I am proud of the many landmark pieces of legislation we passed which I supported, including the Reproductive Health Act which codified Roe v. Wade; the Comprehensive Contraception Act; the "Boss Bill"; the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act; early voting and other reforms to make voting simpler and easier; common-sense gun safety, including the Red Flag Bill, which establishes a process to remove guns from those who are deemed a threat to themselves or others; and GENDA [Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act], which protects LGBTQ+ rights.

Do police departments need reform and, if so, what should the Assembly do about it?
- Gauzza: I believe that while police reform is necessary, defunding police departments is a dangerous idea which would do more harm than good. I believe that directing more funding toward de-escalation training and nonlethal options would be a more efficient remedy, and I would back this fully in the Assembly.
- Jacobson: Police reform is necessary but each police department, and the municipality it serves, has different needs and challenges. I agree with the approach by Gov. [Andrew] Cuomo to have each municipality come up with its own plan of reform after listening to the local citizens. During the session, I supported the police reform legislation, which passed. Once the legislation and the local reforms have been in effect for a while, we should evaluate the situation and see if any more legislation is necessary. I expect that the Legislature will hold public hearings and the governor will create a commission to study the issue.

Would you support or oppose term limits on state legislators? Why?
- Gauzza: I would absolutely support term limits on state legislators. Career politicians do little good for our state and make it difficult for new ideas to get through. I would support term limits on not only the Legislature but the governor, as well.
- Jacobson: I oppose term limits on state legislators. We have term limits — it is known as elections. I would keep the two-year term which gives great accountability to the voters. One problem with limiting the number of years a legislator can serve is that the unselected staff gains too much power since the elected legislators are frequently leaving. I believe in the elected official having the ultimate say since only the elected official is accountable to the voters.

COVID-infected patients. After writing to the Department of Health, this directive was reversed. I secured an additional $25,000 for the Beacon City School District for a soundboard for the theater at the high school. I was the prime sponsor of seven bills which have been signed into law, including a major change in the election law extending the time to change one's party enrollment.

NOTICE

TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Philipstown at her temporary office: if by Fed Ex: Town Offices, 34 Kemble Ave., Cold Spring, New York 10516, if by Mail: PO Box 155, Cold Spring, New York 10516 until 2:00 pm, October 29, 2020. When the same will be publicly opened and read aloud for sale to the Town of Philipstown of:

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- BANK RUN, FILL, TAILINGS – DELIVERED & FOB
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- WASHED CRUSHED STONE – DELIVERED & FOB
- MANUFACTURED CRUSHED ITEM 4 – DELIVERED & FOB
- SCREENED ITEM 4 – DELIVERED & FOB
- NYSDOT ITEM 203.07 SELECT GRANULAR FILL FOB & DELIVERED
- STONE FILLINGS – DELIVERED & FOB
- SAND FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL FOB & DELIVERED
- CURB MIX WITH RAP
- STONE SCREENINGS- DELIVERED & FOB
- SMOOTH BORE CORRUGATED POLYETHYLENE SOLID PIPE- DELIVERED

Meeting the specifications of the Town of Philipstown Highway Department. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the office of said Town Clerk at the above address. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. All purchase contracts awarded pursuant to this notice shall be subject to the provisions of Section 103-A, 103-B and 103-D of the General Municipal Law.

DATED: October 14, 2020
TARA PERACCIOLI, TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

OPEN CALL!
Questions for Candidates: State Assembly, District 95

I n the race for the state Assembly seat that represents the district that includes Philipstown, Democratic incumbent Sandy Galef faces Republican Lawrence Chiulli, who also challenged her in 2018. Below are Galef’s written responses to questions posed by The Current. If Chiulli responds, his answers will be posted at highlandscurrent.org.

Why should voters choose you over your opponent?

Galef: During this pandemic and the economic and health uncertainties we face, I feel I would bring the most value to the position. I believe that my experience in government during these critical times really does matter. I can bring important knowledge to the decisions we make in the Legislature that impact residents.

Chiulli: Given all the serious issues raised across our country and the rallies calling for change in the area of criminal justice, it is important that each community review the status of their police department and determine what can be done better to provide fairness in all actions and to all people no matter their race or ethnicity. We must then continue to take action to address ways we can assist our police forces, especially through more funding of policing programs. This summer, the Legislature passed a sweeping reform package to bring more accountability and transparency to the criminal justice system. We must continue to add to those reforms with community support as we go forward.

Would you support or oppose term limits on state legislators? Why?

Galef: Instead of term limits, which give more power to non-elected staff and erode experience in decision-making, I support public financing of campaigns so more people can run for office. Elected officials can now be term-limited if the public determines to vote them out. We recently passed legislation to start partial/public financing of statewide and legislative campaigns along the lines of what is done in New York City and Connecticut. The goal is to enable more candidates to get on the ballot by helping with campaign costs, limiting special-interest money and capping the costs of campaigns. This program is intended to provide the voters with many more choices on the ballot.

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Chiulli: I know that Beacon is looking at municipal- ities and investing in our infrastructure. As we look to get people back to work, one of the things underlying that is education. We have an opportunity to highlight and focus and invest more in career and technical training. Beacon, in particular, is far away from the services and the programs that BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services) offers, and so finding a way to bring BOCES to Beacon is something that I’ve spoken with a few people about — some folks have specific locations as to where that might happen.

There could be virtual programs in continuing to expand relationships with high schools to ensure that we are providing kids with all the options they have, and similarly with Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES.

Can the state avoid cuts to local municipalities and school districts?

Galef: The first part of that depends on what the federal government decides to do. Even with federal aid there will continue to be issues and I’m not sure that the state will be able to avoid cuts. The state needs to have the right priorities for spending. We need to make sure that we are funding the programs that are so desperately needed and I believe we need to look at increasing revenue — for example, having an increased tax rate for the highest income and ensuring that corporations are paying their fair share.

Chiulli: The MTA raised the idea of huge cuts to Metro-North’s Hudson Line service because of the large-scale drop in ridership. (Daily ridership on all Metro-North lines is down an average of 83 percent since March 1.) Can the state stop or limit those cuts?

Galef: This is a big one. There’s no simple answer here, either. Even if the federal government comes in with aid, it’s not just, “OK, here’s some money and now you’re fine.” The MTA had issues prior to this recession and COVID-19. The number of people using the system is not going to change in the short-term. So it is not reasonable to assume we’re going to have full service with a quarter of the ridership. They should be preparing for the best growth on the other side because I believe that we will come out of this.

Congestion continues to be a problem around Breakneck Ridge and Indian Brook Falls. Do you plan to work at the state level for solutions?

Galef: It’s absolutely a state concern. It’s not OK for the state to say you’re on your own to manage it. What I’m hearing is there have been a lot of people who’ve talked about a lot of things but things don’t get implemented. This touches why I’m running for office. My background is business. You need to work together with the people involved and focus on the goal and get it done. There are probably little solutions and big solutions. Let’s get them done.

We don’t want to tell people, “Don’t come here,” because tourism is part of the economy of Philipstown. But we also don’t want to have the tourists have no sense of respect for the place or the residents, and we also want to have respect for the natural environment. We have so many beautiful places to go. Let’s expand where we’re encouraging people to go. Breakneck Ridge is fabulous, but there’s also Fahnestock Park and there’s beautiful places in Dutchess County, as well.

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What do you see as the top statewide issues the Legislature has to tackle when it begins a new session in January?

First and foremost is going to be the pandemic. We need to make sure that we are continuing to keep the virus at bay. The underlying issue, the biggest one, is going to be the budget. It will be an important question as to whether federal aid is coming. That will make a big difference.

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Southern Dutchess: Resist! organized a rally in Beacon on Saturday (Oct. 17) in support of women’s rights.

Photos by Amy Kubik
Beacon filmmaker explores legacy of Jersey deathtrap

By Alison Rooney

As a child, Seth Porges visited Action Park several times — and lived to tell about it.

The amusement park, which opened in 1978 in Vernon, New Jersey, about an hour from Beacon, was well-known for what it lacked, which was basic safety protocols. This past August, a 90-minute documentary about the park, which the Beacon resident wrote, produced and co-directed, was released on HBO Max, where it immediately became the streaming service’s top draw.

In the film, Class Action Park, one person summed up the park this way: “Imagine teenagers you know right now opening an amusement park — that’s what it was.” Another interviewee called it the “chaos summer park, with too much alcohol and too little oversight.”

Judging from local response to the film on social media, Action Park looms large in the memories of many past and present residents of Beacon who visited the park during the 1980s and early 1990s.

Porges, who was raised in Washington, D.C., brought his own memories to the project. “Action Park was a freewheeling chaotic experience, in the guise of a gated amusement park,” he says. “The rides looked ripped from my 7-year-old imagination — a doodle a 6-year-old would draw in the margins of a notebook. As I got older, I wondered, could these memories possibly be real?”

“You might wonder how could people go to this deathtrap, but that’s why they went,” he says.

Porges first examined Action Park as the writer of a short 2013 documentary that went viral online. That response led Porges to more sources and stories, which, collectively, led to the feature-length film.

“In 2019, I got together with my friend Chris Scott, and he asked me why I hadn’t done anything bigger,” Porges says. “I said I needed a collaborator, and a month or two later we had cameras rolling.”

The film intersperses vintage footage of the park with interviews. As they filmed, Porges says the arc of the story bent in ways that he had not foreseen. An interview with the members of the Larsson family, whose 19-year-old son and brother, George, died on an Action Park ride in 1980, shifted the content from its original rosy, nostalgic glow to cover-ups, criminality and tragedy.

“Until that point, a lot of the danger and death felt very abstract,” Porges recalls.

“Once we heard them tell their story, I felt ashamed at having laughed about what happened at the park, and my perception changed quickly. That experience became immensely important when we began shaping the film.”

The teenagers who flocked to the park in the 1980s are now middle-aged. Their memories provide much of the film’s dark humor, as do short animations. Most scenes between fond remembrances and disbelief. One after another of the rides is pronounced — with a grin — “the most dangerous one.”

Here’s one person interviewed in the film, Chris Gethard, talking about the Colorado River Ride: “Everybody talks about Tarzan Swings, Cliff Dive, Cannonball Falls, [but] Colorado River Ride may have been the most under-rated dangerous ride. They would just let the laws of physics take over, which sometimes meant you would fly really fast, and sometimes meant that you would get stuck at certain points on the ride that they hadn’t designed all that well. And then you would get punted by another tube. That thing was just a fucking whirlpool machine. There was no rhyme or reason.”

Along with the bemused looks back, the film dives into the story of Action Park’s founder, Gene Mulvihill, who, in his enthusiasm for coming up with outrageous attractions, flouted such niceties as safety and insurance coverage. He also was accused of money-laundering and other crimes. That contributed to the demise of the park, which went bankrupt and closed in 1996. It is now a far-tamer water park called Mountain Creek.

Porges says he can’t imagine another Action Park. “We live in an era where kids don’t go outside as much,” he says. “In the ’80s they were running free, scraping their knees, going to Action Park. We look back at our childhoods as carefree. We didn’t have jobs, we didn’t have to answer to anybody. We look at Action Park and remember this heightened version of it where we could do whatever we wanted.”

In the film, Porges offers a more tempered take: “Whether you grew up in the ’80s or another decade, a lot of people’s growing up was laced with darkness. In retrospect, there are a lot of ‘How did I survive?’ moments.” He later added: “Back then, when parents opened their doors they were truly letting their kids out. You wonder why the latchkey kids then are today’s helicopter parents? Action Park gives us a way of understanding it.”

Porges says the Larsson family liked the film, despite their personal loss. “They trusted us; they told us nobody had ever reached out to them,” he says. “Their story had been repeated in a fictitious manner, and when we called, they said, ‘We have things to say.’”

Class Action Park can be streamed at hbomax.com, which is free for seven days and then $14.99 per month, or it’s included in HBO subscriptions through providers such as Hulu and Optimum. The trailer and more information is online at class-actionpark.com.
COMMUNITY

SAT 24
Lions Club Shredder Day
COLD SPRING
9 a.m. – Noon. The Nest
44 Chestnut St. coldspringlions.org/shredder
Materials to be shredded must be placed in the trunk in advance, with all paper clips and binders removed. Shredding of boxes or plastic bags is not allowed. Lions Club members will empty boxes and bags into the shredder and return containers to the vehicle’s trunk. Patrons will not be allowed to leave their vehicle. Donations are encouraged to benefit local groups and the needy.

SAT 24
Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
FISHKILL
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Walmart
26 W. Merritt Boulevard
The Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office will accept medications for safe disposal.

SAT 24
Fall Craft Fair
WAPPINGERS FALLS
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dutchess Stadium 1500 Route 9D
mib.com/hudson-valley
Browse crafts by more than 30 artisans and enjoy treats from artisans and taste from the Putnam Valley Resident’s Coalition Farmer’s Market and artisan fair. There will be musical performances and raffles throughout the day. Cost: $10 donation

TALKS

SAT 24
West Point Foundry Tour
COLD SPRING
10 a.m. Putnam History Museum 63 Chestnut St. bit.ly/349gC7P
Mark Polkow, chair of the Putnam History Museum and the author of West Point Foundry, will lead a hike through the Preserve and discuss its history. Free

SAT 24
Year of the Sword
GARRISON
4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library bit.ly/YearofTheSword
In this rescheduled event, the Philipstown Reform Synagogue will mark Holocaust Remembrance Day with a discussion, via Zoom, will be on Give Us the Ballet, by Ari Berman.

THURS 29
History Book Club
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Split Rock Books 845-265-2080 splitrockbooks.com
This month’s discussion, via Zoom, will be on Give Us the Ballet, by Ari Berman.

SAT 31
Revolutionary War Redoubts Tour
GARRISON
1 p.m. North Redoubt Trail Head 332 Snake Hill Road | bit.ly/2HyQyKw
Putnam History Museum trustee Craig Watters will lead a 3-mile moderate-to-strenuous hike and discuss the chaining of the Hudson River and the role of the redoubts. Cost: $10

VISUAL ART

FRI 30
Collaborative Farm Project
BREWSTER
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm 100 NY-312 | collaborativedecorations.org
Artworks by more than 30 artists are installed for self-guided tours. This is the show’s closing weekend. Also SAT 31 and SUN 1.

KIDS & FAMILY

WED 28
Mask-Making Workshop
GARRISON
4 p.m. Garrison Art Center garrisonartcenter.org
Children ages 8 and older will study artist-made masks and learn how to construct their own inspired by tribal arts. Cost: $10

MUSIC

SAT 24
Loren Connors
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 845-831-4988 howlandculturalcenter.org
The guitarist will perform via a livestream as part of the Elysium Furnace Works series. Cost: $10

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SUN 25
Jeremy Denk
KATONAH
3 p.m. Caramoor
914-232-1252 | caramoor.org
The pianist will play a program online that includes works by Thomas “Blind Tom” Wiggins, Scott Joplin, Tania León and Frederic Rzewski, bookended by Mozart’s Sonata in C minor and Beethoven’s Piano No. 32 in C Minor, Op. III. Cost: $10

SUN 25
Collin and Eric Jacobsen
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Chamber Music Circle
howlandmusic.org/ALIVEmusica.html
AliveMusica presents the founders of the Brooklyn Rider string quartet in an online program that includes works by Heinrich Biber, Reinhold Gliere, Collin Jacobsen and Maurice Ravel. The concert is co-sponsored by the Chapel Restoration and other arts organizations. Register online. Cost: $20 donation

THURS 29
Pumpkin Sail Concert
BEACON
7:30 p.m. Clearwater
facebook.com/sloopclearwater
Reggie Harris, Maggie, Dean Stevens and Thomasina Winslow will headline a livestream fundraiser to benefit Hudson River Sloop Clearwater.

FRI 30
Melomane
COLD SPRING
5 p.m. Little Stony Point
3011 Route 9D | bl.3y/34hJx
Guitarist Pierre de Gaillande will reunite original members of the band for socially distanced outdoor concert. Free

SUN 1
Callisto Quartet
KATONAH
3 p.m. Caramoor
914-232-1252 | caramoor.org
Violinists Paul Aguilar and Rachel Stenzel, violist Eva Kennedy and cellist Hannah Moses will present a livestreamed program that includes three pieces by composer Bela Bartok.

SAT 24
Putnam Early Voting
CARMEL
9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Board of Elections
25 Old Route 6 | putnamboe.com
Continues daily through SUN 1. See Page 11 for times.

SAT 24
Dutchess Early Voting
FISHKILL
Noon – 5 p.m. Fishkill Town Hall
807 Route 52 | elections.dutchessny.gov
Continues daily through SUN 1. See Page 11 for times.

CIVIC
SAT 24
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

SAT 24
School Board
BEACON
7 p.m. Beacon High School
845-838-6900 | beaconk12.org

MON 26
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845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

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TUES 27
Board of Trustees
COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Via Zoom
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

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Philippstown and Beacon residents picked up trash along the Hudson River on Saturday (Oct. 17) as part of the ninth annual Riverkeeper Sweep. The volunteers included, at Little Stony Point Park, members of Girl Scout Troop 2032 and Brownie Troop 1091 from Cold Spring. More than 259 tons of debris have been removed between Brooklyn and the Adirondacks since the first cleanup in 2012.

Photos by Ross Corsair
Making Connections

Beacon artist ‘pulls threads’ to pair works

By Alison Rooney

Code-switching is the practice of alternating in conversation between two or more languages or dialects. It also has come to refer to when people who don’t have power adopt the language or accent or presentation of those who do.

When Jean-Marc Superville Sovak was asked by the Samuel Dorsky Museum at SUNY New Paltz to put together an exhibit addressing the reckoning which has followed the killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, the Beacon artist began by considering what art institutions put on their walls. Whom, he asked, are museums meant to serve?

The resulting exhibit, We Wear the Mask — its title taken from a poem by Paul Laurence Dunbar — continues through Nov. 22. It consists of 18 works and artifacts selected from the more than 6,000 objects in the Dorsky’s permanent collection, spanning nearly 3,000 years.

From the start, Sovak, who was born in Montreal to parents who are Trinidadian and Czech, had big questions to ponder. He says he recognized that the pieces in the Dorsky collection were likely not chosen by people of color. “We need to figure out how we can make space for everyone,” he says. “This exhibit is a ‘We see you, we get through.’”

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Although the size of the Dorsky collection was daunting, Sovak says he “started pulling on some threads I found in the collection, and wove them into race and representation. Because there was such a range in terms of the age — from Egyptian funerary figures on up — it felt like a lot to get through.” He says he came to see the curation as more of a discourse on how the museum can look at itself.

He notes that most of the works are not by Black artists. “Obviously institutions, not specifically the Dorsky, were not designed to address people of color because they were not administered by people of color,” he says. “So, it became more about the kind of power dynamics visible in the work.”

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Early on, an engraving by African American artist Henry Ossawa Tanner of Christ walking on water caught his eye. As Sovak explains in a video that accompanies the exhibit, he had to ask himself what, if anything, it had to do with race and representation.

“I’m code-switching right now,” says Sovak: “Talking about race, you’re talking about power, hierarchy, power dynamics, caste,” he explains. “Most museums’ collections of what we call ‘African art’ are problematic, because Africa’s heritage is scattered. How do we address that, besides the obvious solution of repatriating it? I found a connection between the mask, with its idealized aspects of femininity, and the photo, which has something to say about black gay beauty.”

Sovak also paired two sculptures. One, by an African American artist, Richard Howard Hunt, is a casting for a work called “Freedmen’s Column,” which “shows liberty coming always at the price of someone being compromised,” Sovak says. “It’s trying to spread its wings but is already compromised.”

The other sculpture is a bit of a mystery. “Nobody [at Dorsky] knew what it was,” he says. But his research revealed that “it bears an almost exact resemblance to objects from a traditional tribe, the Tuareg, in Mali. They would pitch their tents and hold down the corners using these objects.”

The two sculptures have different functions: “One is very specific but removed from its specificity, and the other has the function of elevating the idea of compromised freedom and liberty. The way they talk to each other has something to say about the way that they came about. That’s what I mean by there are threads — even though the objects might not seem to have any connection to each other. That was the task at hand.”

The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, located at 75 Mainheim Blvd., in New Paltz, is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. See newpaltz.edu/museum or call 845-257-3844.

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A pairing of a Deangle wood mask by an unknown Mande artist with a Carl Van Vechten photo of Claude Marchant

“Madonna and Child with Two Angels” by an unknown Ethiopian artist

“Boy With Telephone,” by James Van Der Zee

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Mouths to Feed

Witch Way

By Celia Barbour

No eye of newt, toe of frog or adder’s fork spiced up the meals I cooked for the witches. In fact, their diets were notable mostly for their ordinariness. They ate chilli with cornbread, pasta with red sauce, stir-fry over rice, mac and cheese and chicken curry during the two weeklong occasions that I helped cook for their annual regional gatherings many years ago. They also ate a lot of sweets. Hardly a day slipped into night without all 120 of them clamoring back into the cleaned-up kitchen for bedtime milk and cookies.

Not to say that everything about them was run-of-the-mill. Their outfits, for example. Both men and women wandered the woods in Druidian robes, earth-goddess getups featuring elaborate fruit-and-flower head-dresses, gold lamé evening gowns, fairy wings and even, well, nothing (due to state health regulations, they had to restrict their nudity to non-food-service settings).

Even more striking was their gratitude. If they liked a meal, some jolly subset of them would appear in the kitchen to beat out their thanks on drums. Other times, they’d offer a simple, solemn bow.

One of the recipes I learned during those weeks came from a lovely but scatter-brained kitchen colleague who was always late, always forgetful and always whipping things up on the fly. One evening she completely forgot it was her turn to make the bedtime snack. With a half hour to go, she threw together simple peanut butter cookies from memory that were remarkably delicious. “How’d you do that?” I asked her.

“You just multiply,” she said. “It’s one cup peanut butter, one cup sugar, one egg. For a big group, you just multiply.”

I was skeptical that such a barebones recipe could result in actual cookies. Nonetheless, I memorized it on the spot (not hard) and have tried it many times since. Indeed, it works! However, I’ve also tweaked and improved it, because that’s the kind of magic I like to perform.

“They called themselves “witches” rather than Wiccans or Pagans as a way of reclaiming a term originally used to insult them. What relief and gratitude they must have felt when they could gather freely, in a place that tolerated their faith.

Research suggests that some contemporary witches practice “black” magic, working with dark forces toward dishonorable ends. But the ones I met during those weeks seemed more like Glinda’s temperamental cohorts. They adhered to a belief system which prioritizes nature and women. They cast spells in hopes of saving the planet.

I think about them every October because, well: Witches. It’s their season, after all, along with ghosts, goblins, skel-

Spookily Easy Peanut Butter Cookies

Makes 2 dozen 1½-inch cookies

Bob’s Red Mill makes white rice flour as well as sweet rice flour; either works here. If you can’t find rice flour, pulverize rice in your blender until very fine. These cookies are gluten-free, but not (obviously) allergen-free. Take extra care with all your cooking equipment and utensils if any peanut-aller-
gie people use or visit your kitchen. Peanut butter is hard to wash off surfaces!

1 cup smooth or crunchy pure peanut butter (be sure to use the kind containing nothing other than peanuts and salt)
1/2 cup white sugar
2 tablespoons rice flour (see headnote)
1 large egg
1/2 teaspoon sea salt, plus more for sprinkling (optional)

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Combine the peanut butter, sugar and rice flour in a medium bowl. Mix thoroughly until no dry patches remain. Add the egg and salt (if using) and mix to combine. Scoop or roll the batter into balls and arrange on the baking sheet. Flatten gently using the tines of a fork.

Bake 10 to 12 minutes, turning the pan halfway through baking. If you like sweet-salty cookies (as I do), sprinkle the tops with a few grains of sea salt.

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Saffron Station
Philipstown doctor joins experiment to grow spice
By Alison Rooney

A
fter closing her solo practice, dermatologist Hara Schwartz, who lives in Philipstown and is the mother of twin 7-year-old boys, says she craved a project — preferably a big one. 

A friend, Hannah Milman, the former longtime craft editor for Martha Stewart Living, suggested Schwartz transform an abandoned greenhouse on the Route 9D property where Schwartz and her family recently bought a home, by growing saffron.

This is not as entirely out-of-left-field as it seems, because Milman is a steward of the New York Saffron Project, which is experimenting with the cultivation of saffron in New York City and across the state. Each location is named for its ZIP code, so once Milman had a look at the greenhouse — which was built in the early 1950s by Lord & Burnham — Experiment Station 10516 was born.

Schwartz and Milman will be selling saffron tea and plants at the Cold Spring Farmer’s Market on Saturday, Oct. 31. They will be joined by Laura Sansone, founder of the New York Textile Lab, who sells products dyed with locally harvested saffron and other plants.

Saffron, or *crocus sativus*, is a labor-intensive crop to harvest, which makes the spice expensive and limits its use in the kitchen. According to the North American Center for Saffron Research & Development, which is based at the University of Vermont, it is grown mostly in West and Central Asia and the Mediterranean region in places with low soil fertility and limited rainfall. (It’s most commonly associated with Spanish paellas and Mediterranean and Middle Eastern cuisine.) Until recently, scientists assumed that saffron could only be grown in colder regions in high tunnels, but research has proved otherwise.

Schwartz, whose family moved to Continental Village when she was in elementary school, was intrigued by the idea of becoming a saffron farmer and, with help from horticulturalist Brian Bergen, she dug in.

“I wouldn’t call myself a gardener, but I am a great student and enjoy learning,” she says. “I am attracted to the hard, manual work this project requires and I love getting my hands dirty.” After cleaning the greenhouse, she planted 2,000 saffron bulbs, which are known as corms. Most were planted in terracotta pots left behind in the greenhouse, and she and her sons also planted 300 in an outside garden.

“Unlike most crocus-type plants, saffron corms bloom sometime between October and November,” she explains. “Sprouts appear in September and October, followed by flowering. The harvesting of the three filaments, called stigmas, and the drying of the spice occur around October or November.”

Saffron leaves remain green and continue to grow over the winter. “From April through September and October, followed by flowering. The harvesting of the three filaments, called stigmas, and the drying of the spice occur around October or November.”

The late afternoon sun shines on the greenhouse panes.

The large greenhouse is being given a clean-up, but otherwise will be left in its circa 1950s original state.

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An abundance of saffron corms
Photos by A. Rooney

year before renaming it Richley’s Country Florist for seven years and then changing the name to Everlastings Shop while shifting to dried flowers and antiques.

Schwartz says the Richleys have been sharing photos and stories, some of which were passed to them by the Fincks. She says many greenhouse treasures were left behind, including wooden crates, terracotta pots, tools and other artifacts.

“I’m enjoying every minute of this,” she says.
Protest (from Page 1)
figures for police officers because the city was negotiating a contract with the Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association, the police officers’ union. The budget was adopted in December, while the PBA contract was adopted in January and expires at the end of 2021.

Because of the negotiations, “when we put the [2020] budget together, it was based off 2018 salaries,” Ruggiero said.

Susan Tucker, the city’s finance director, said: “I’m not putting increases into the salary lines until a contract is settled,” noting that the anticipated spending was included in the 2020 budget in a contingency fund.

If the proposed 2021 budget is adopted, spending on the Police Department would represent 26 percent of the city’s general-fund spending. (The water and sewer funds, which would have 2 percent increases, are budgeted separately.)

The council for the next several weeks will meet virtually with department heads to discuss budget needs; police and fire are scheduled for Monday (Oct. 26).

Ruggiero said on Tuesday that he would bring figures to that meeting to show what the 2020 police budget would have been if salary figures from the current PBA contract had been used.

If the city were to downsize the Police Department, the contract’s per-shift requirement would not change, and the remaining officers would have to work overtime to meet the requirement, Kyriacou explained.

“Our ability to affect staffing in the Police Department is affected by collective bargaining,” he said. “Right now, if we are to reduce staffing, it will simply increase 15 percent in terms of overtime.”

The proposed budget does eliminate the department’s K-9 program — the officer will receive fewer patrols, according to the mayor.

Several callers Monday night criticized Kyriacou for other elements of the budget, including the decision to not raise taxes to the maximum allowed under a state tax cap and a $25,000 reduction from last year in the Recreation Department’s budget.

The recreation decrease, Ruggiero said, is due to the city not hiring as many after school counselors as it typically would because of the pandemic shutdown. There are no cuts in the department’s services or programming, he said.

Kyriacou addressed taxation during the meeting, calling property tax “one of the most regressive taxes we have.”

Because buildings with more than three apartments are considered commercial properties, rather than residential, they are taxed at a 30 percent higher rate, he said.

“In the current real-estate market, with low vacancy rates, any tax increase is fully passed along to renters,” the mayor said. “It’s one of the reasons to be careful. Some people can say ‘I’m happy to pay additional tax,’ and I’m one of those people, but you meet people on fixed income, especially seniors. People of fixed income are hit in exactly the same way as people of substantial means. We end up losing people for that reason. It’s not that straightforward.”

After the meeting, both the fire and police departments on Monday, the City Council is scheduled to confer with the heads of the highway, water and sewer departments on Nov. 12. A public hearing on the budget will take place Nov. 16. The council must adopt the budget before Dec. 31, although the vote has historically been earlier in December.

On Monday, Council Member Terry Nelson asked residents for patience.

“I know there’s a lot of frustration,” he said. “This [budget] process is a very tedious one. Think of it as a family road trip. You’re figuring out what to take with you, and along the way you’re going to take things away that are not necessary. Be patient. This is going to take a while but we’re going to get there.”

Lawsuit (from Page 1)
2018 after the Zoning Board of Appeals, in a decision backed by the Village Board, denied their application to construct the tower. AT&T Mobility, which also hopes to use the tower, sued the village separately.

The residents brought their own legal action “so that our village can follow the law without being bullied by the telecoms,” David Eisenbach, a leader of the group, explained on Monday (Oct. 19). He said records from Village Board meetings, plus news articles quoting Mayor Michael Bowman and his predecessor, Bill O’Neill, “reveal the telecoms bullied and intimidated our elected officials, who felt they had no choice but to agree to the settlement.”

He added that the residents want the village to allow more public input on changes to the cell tower plans made after the settlement and that the “ultimate goal is to find a sensible location” for the tower. On Thursday (Oct. 22) he suggested the Butterfield redevelopment complex in Cold Spring or the Philipstown Highway Department on Fishkill Road in Nelsonville as possible locations.

The settlement, according to the lawsuit, “is a fundamentally flawed, illegal and dangerous litigation tool.”

The 33-page lawsuit accuses the cell-tower companies of employing a “squeeze-and-settle gambit” and wielding their resources with such a “hefty thud” that Nelsonville “caved” and failed to represent the interests of its citizens.

The lawsuit also charges that the settlement “bargains away” village zoning control and law-enforcement powers, represents “a spot zoning,” and “promotes private interests at the expense of the general welfare.”

Village officials received the document on Wednesday (Oct. 21) and on Thursday Mayor Mike Bowman said they are working with the village lawyer and insurance company to meet a 21-day deadline to answer the claims.

Homeowners’ lawyer did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The lawsuit argues that the settlement failed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and Endangered Species Act, as well as the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Neither the village and cell-tower companies nor the presiding judge “conducted any environmental review of the project before adopting” the settlement, the lawsuit states. “With any study of the project’s impact on threatened and endangered species, its environmental impacts might well be irreversible.”

A Cold Spring homeowner who lives on Parsonage Street, which borders Nelsonville, and a couple who live on East Mountain Road South in northern Phillipstown joined the Nelsonville residents as plaintiffs in bringing the legal action, which contends that the tower is “in such close proximity” to Nelsonville properties as to “generate adverse environmental impacts that are unique and fundamentally different from [those facing] the public at large.”

(East Mountain Road is about 2 miles from Nelsonville.)

Among likely threats to residents, the complaint lists “light and visual pollution,” increased stormwater runoff, causing erosion; elimination of habitats for birds, mammals and native plants; and displacement of animals, including the endangered Indiana Bat and threatened Northern Long-Eared Bat.
Phil Schatzle (1934-2020)

Philip Louis Schatzle, 86, of Cold Spring, died Oct. 18, surrounded by family members.

He was born in Nelsonville on Sept. 20, 1934, the son of Frances and Mary (Nevins) Schatzle, and raised there. He settled in Cold Spring after his marriage to the former Margaret McKenna.

Phil graduated in 1952 from Haldane High School, where he excelled academically, musically and athletically. He held a bachelor’s degree in science education from Albany State University, a master’s degree from Teacher’s College and an administrative degree from SUNY New Paltz.

Phil taught chemistry for 38 years at Briarcliff High School. He was given the affectionate nickname “King Philip” by his students and was honored with a New York State Teacher of the Year Award. He also coached tennis and served on the Briarcliff State Teacher of the Year Award. He also coached tennis and served on the Briarcliff Alumni Committee.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1956, at age 22, serving in Germany during the Korean War. He later joined the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, and served as VFW commander for more than 10 years.

In 2017 he was inducted into the New Highlandscurrent.org Highlandscurrent.org

Phil enjoyed tennis, gardening, swimming, church services and his pets. He loved to play the piano and would perform for patients at the Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne. For Christmas parties and events, he would dress up as Santa. He had a great sense of humor, his family said, and often told funny stories about growing up in Nelsonville.

Besides his wife, Margaret (“Big Peg”), he is survived by his children, Suzanne Schatzle, Philip Schatzle (Claudia) and Margaret Mary Schatzle (“Little Peg”), as well as a granddaughter, Arielle Schatzle-Lhotan, who called him “Poppy.”

He also is survived by his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Packy and Betty Ann Shields; a cousin, Terry Lahey; and his childhood friends, Edward Engelbrecht, Ray Champlin and Jimmy Cone. His four brothers died before him.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered today (Oct. 23) at Our Lady of Loretto. Memorial donations may be made to the American Legion/VFW, c/o Tom Kivel, 3501 Route 9, Apt. E, Cold Spring, NY 10516.

Jasmine Velez (1983-2020)

Jasmine Velez, 36, of Carmel, died Oct. 10 in a crash at the intersection of Route 9 and Route 301 in Phillipston.

Velez was the passenger on a motorcycle. Details about the accident were not immediately available from the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office.

Velez was born Nov. 5, 1983. A graduate of Carmel High School and Ithaca College, she was the program director at the Haverstraw clinic of the Lexington Center for Recovery, a nonprofit agency that provides services to those suffering from alcohol and substance abuse.

Velez is survived by her 9-year-old daughter, according to the center, which launched an online fundraiser for her benefit at bit.ly/velez-fund.
**SPORTS**

**Cross-Country**

**Haldane Performs Well at Milton Invite**

*Both teams finish second in their groups*

By Skip Pearlman

**T**he Haldane High School cross-country teams turned in solid performances on Oct. 17 at an invitational meet at the Hudson Valley Sports Complex in Milton.

The boys finished second in their group, which included Greeley, Yorktown, Pelham, Nyack and Ardsley. Walter Hoess paced the Blue Devils, finishing fifth in 18:01. Luke Parella was sixth in 18:04 and Everett Campanile was eighth in 18:09.

Among the other Haldane runners, John Kissingler was 19th in 19:45 and Conrad White was 21st in 19:53. Newcomers Rowen Kuzminski finished in 20:02 and Julian Ambrose in 20:12.

“T’m thrilled beyond belief,” Coach Tom Locascio said after he meet. “We haven’t had three runners finish in the 18-minute range in several years. That really helps with team scoring. And our fourth and fifth runners also broke 20 minutes. Hoess turned in a solid performance and Luke and Kisslinger each had a fantastic last 200 meters.”

The girls’ team also placed second in their group, paced by Shannon Ferri, who won in 20:51. Newcomer Caroline Cates finished sixth in 23:02; the other finishers were Celia Drury, Helen Nichols and Erris Maguire.

“We had an injury to our No. 2 runner [Eloise Pearsall] on the course, so she did not finish,” said Locascio. For that reason, “the girls didn’t score as well as we thought, but Cates was great in only her second race and Celia also ran strong.”

Haldane is scheduled to compete at a second Milton Invitational on Saturday (Oct. 24).

**Boys’ Soccer**

Haldane 3, Croton-Harmon 0
Lourdes 4, Haldane 0
Putnam Valley 3, Haldane 0
Beacon 7, Arlington B 0
Chase Green (5), Derek Bilyeu (1), Warren Banks (1)
Beacon 6, Peekskill 1
Banks (5), Miguel Ruiz (1)

**Girls’ Tennis**

Beacon 7, Brewster 0
Lourdes 6, Beacon 1
Lourdes 7, Beacon 0
Ketcham 4, Beacon 3
Briarcliff 5, Haldane 0
Pleasantville 3, Haldane 2
Briarcliff 4, Haldane 1

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Puzzles

CrossCurrent

Across
1. Manhandle
5. Kimono sash
8. Hollywood clasher
12. Otherwise
13. Paid athlete
14. Swindle
15. Glass made of lava
17. Small songbird
18. Series of battles
19. Individual
20. Too thin
21. Prompt
22. Evergreen type
23. Happen
26. Andean vultures
30. Courts
31. Email alternative
32. Pedestal occupant
33. Panacea
35. Golfer’s aid
36. Rowing need
37. Junior
38. Suspicious
41. Pal
42. Hot tub
45. Stereo hookup
46. Bacon
48. Pod vegetable
49. Plant bristle
50. Fairy tale baddie
51. Lowly worker
52. Thickness

Down
1. Cat call?
2. Actress Jessica
3. Cold War abbr.
4. Mumuu accessory
5. Put one’s two cents in
6. Highland hillside
7. Charged bit
8. Early era in England’s 20th century
9. Mentor
10. File command
11. Transmitted
16. Gloomy
20. Card player’s call
21. Janitor
22. Hounds’ prey
23. Possess
24. Bill’s partner
25. Trig ratio
26. Rotating part
27. Peculiar
28. Scepter
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7 Little Words

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

Clues
1. acting sister of Kate Mara (6)
2. capital of Scotland (9)
3. longing (8)
4. they help you to step up (5)
5. putting on a new jacket, say (10)
6. many artists in the 1800s (9)
7. unplanned (10)

Solutions

ROO VER YEA EDI NG
RGH ANT TAL ING CI
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Girls’ Soccer Roundup

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Beacon 8, Peekskill 0
Lourdes 6, Beacon 1
Lourdes 5, Beacon 0

The Bulldogs fell twice last week, at home and away, to a tough Our Lady of Lourdes team.

At Beacon on Wednesday (Oct. 21), the Poughkeepsie squad scored two minutes into the game, although the rest of the first half was competitive. The Bulldogs had scoring opportunities, but an inability to finish has been a continuing problem.

The second half was a different story, as Lourdes hurt Beacon with its speed on the outside of the field.

“We made some adjustments [after the first Lourdes goal], and the team played phenomenal with simplified roles,” said Coach Hugo Alzate. “They followed the plan and it led to some effective counterattacks and built a lot of confidence. But in the second half, they broke us down on the flanks. Their speed makes them a dangerous team.

“We learned a lot against Lourdes in those two games,” Alzate said. “And there were a lot of positives from our leaders, and our young group. We’re really looking forward to the rest of the season.”

Beacon’s win on Oct. 15 over Peekskill came on Senior Day. Kasey Senior, a 12th grader, and Reilly Landisi, an eighth grader, each had two goals in the win, including their first varsity goals. Eighth grader Rory LaDue also scored her first varsity goal and Devyn Kelly and Chelsea DerBoghossian each scored.

The Bulldogs (1-2) are scheduled to host Poughkeepsie today (Oct. 23). Beacon will visit Haldane on Saturday (Oct. 24) and Ketcham on Monday.

North Salem 4, Haldane 0

Haldane knew it was in for a fight on Tuesday (Oct. 20) against North Salem, and the Tigers gave the Blue Devils all they could handle, going up 3-0 by halftime.

Coach Steve Schweikhart said each goal took a little more out of his team.

“We were solid the first 10 minutes,” he said. “But when North Salem scored 12 minutes in, I thought we got back on our heels, and they took advantage.”

That’s when the Tigers started to control possession and the game, he said.

“They started coming in waves, because they knew we were not connecting passes and getting out of our defensive third with any success,” the coach said. “It led to constant pressure on our defense. We were hoping to get out of the first half down 2-0 so we could regroup and maybe make a push in the second half, but when they made it 3-0 just before the half, that made things a lot more difficult.”

The team played better in the second half, but it was too late.

“We challenged the girls at halftime to play with more confidence and heart,” Schweikhart said. “I have no complaints there at all. It is difficult to play a quality team like North Salem without a true center midfielder.

We had Sara Ferreira holding down the fort for the first two games, but she injured her knee and is out for at least two weeks.

“We had Sophia Scanga and Finola Kiter filling that role today, and they both did an admirable job. But it’s tough to ask kids who have not really played that position to step in and deal with a team like North Salem.”

Schweikhart said he’s seen good signs in the team’s first week. “Our defense has been unbelievable in the first three games,” he said. “Mazzie Maxwell, Bianca Harmancin, Essie Florke and Ella Ashburn have far exceeded our expectations.

“Ruby Poses has done a great job in the net as well,” he added. “Because we’re not scoring right now, her efforts have kind of been lost in the shuffle.”

Haldane lost at Croton-Harmon, 1-0, on Thursday (Oct. 22), to fall to 0-1-3. The team is scheduled to host Beacon on Saturday and Lourdes on Monday.