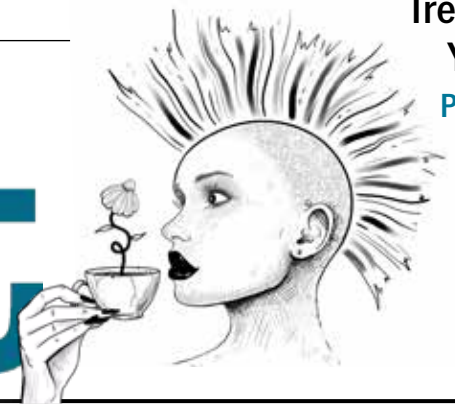


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Vaccination Demand Falls

Local officials urge people to get shots to slow virus spread

By Leonard Sparks

They came in cars, Dutchess County Transit buses and vans.

At the former J.C. Penney space at the Poughkeepsie Galleria, one of two sites where the county regularly administers COVID-19 vaccines, a procession of adults — working people, some still in uniform; retired couples; seniors in wheelchairs pushed by caregivers — streamed through

the doors on Tuesday (April 27).

None of them needed to hear the message Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney and Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro delivered from a podium stationed to the right of the entrance. The two elected officials praised the progress in vaccinating people and the recent drop in infections. Then they got to the point — this one aimed at people slow to get vaccinated or outright opposed.

“We’ve got to do it now,” said Maloney. “We don’t have any time to waste.”

While New York State and Dutchess are

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Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney and Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro (at left) are urging people to get vaccinated as demand slows.

Photo by L. Sparks

Putnam Man Arrested in D.C. Riot

Charged after boasting he stormed Capitol

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

A Putnam County man’s claims that he stormed the U.S. Capitol during the Jan. 6 riot turned off a potential date but apparently turned on a federal investigation, leading to his arrest.

Robert Chapman of Carmel appeared before a federal magistrate judge in White Plains on April 22 following his arrest by the FBI earlier that day on charges he participated in a riot that began as a protest of the election of Joe Biden as president.

He became at least the sixth area person charged in connection to the riot, including men from Beacon, Pawling, Newburgh

and Mahopac. As of Wednesday (April 28), 403 people had been charged from 43 states and D.C., based on a tally by the Program on Extremism at George Washington University.

According to a federal criminal complaint and accompanying statement by an FBI agent, Chapman illegally entered the Capitol building and sought to disrupt government functions. The FBI also alleged that he violated laws prohibiting the use of loud, threatening or abusive language to impede actions by Congress.

When the riot began, the House of Repre-

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Chapman

SUNDOWN AT INDIAN POINT

First of a series

By Brian PJ Cronin

Tonight at 11 p.m., operators at the Indian Point Energy Center on the Hudson River south of the Highlands will do something that environmentalists have been trying to accomplish for nearly 60 years: They will shut down the nuclear plant.

The plant’s third and final nuclear reactor will be deactivated. (The first had to be shut down in 1974 for lack of an emergency cooling system; the second was shut down in April 2020.) In the following days, it will be opened and the fuel rods inside placed in the Unit 3 spent fuel pool.

Once the reactor has been emptied, Entergy, the company that has owned the plant for 20 years, will submit a letter to the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) known as a Certificate of Permanent Cessation of Operations. It will state that all reactors have been emptied of nuclear fuel, and that it would now be impossible for the plant to be restarted.

It will be the end of a facility that has provided thousands of jobs, millions in tax revenues and hundreds of millions of megawatt hours of power, including up to 25 percent of the power used by New York City and Westchester County.

It will not be the end of the controversies.

100,000 fish

The fate of Indian Point may have been sealed by a peace treaty.

In December 1980, an agreement was reached over the only power plant in the Hudson Valley more controversial than Indian Point: the unbuilt Con Edison plant that was proposed for the north face of Storm King Mountain. The decades-long fight to prevent the plant is credited with helping birth the modern American environmental movement and for providing the foundation of environmental law.

The treaty reached between the State of New York, Con Edison and environmental groups such as Scenic Hudson, Clearwater and Riverkeeper did more than bring the Storm King battle to an end. As part of dropping its plans to build a plant at Storm King, Con Edison won provisions for a plant that was already up and running: Indian Point, which had been in the crosshairs of the emboldened environmental groups. They had taken note of the operational troubles that were plaguing the young plant, how the American public’s appetite for nuclear power had soured in the wake of the partial meltdown in 1979 at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania and the 100,000 fish that it estimated

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: HOODIE CRESCENT

By Alison Rooney

Hoodie Crescent curated an exhibit that opens Saturday (May 8) at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon to mark Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebration Month. See Page 15.

Were any of the works made in response to anti-Asian violence?

I brought it up with the artists: What shall we do? They wanted to talk about it but also they're scared of random attacks, especially in the city. I asked two artists, one who is Korean, living in Queens, and the other Japanese, in the Bronx, and both were hesitant to take the train up here because of the "hate situation." I said I would pick them up by car. There's no Black Lives Matter conversation going on. This is the first time I look at my face, see that I'm Asian and feel I have to be careful.

How did you come to curate this year's exhibit?

I was born in Japan and lived there until after college. I worked in graphics and textile design and a company hired me in New York. I became a citizen in 2016. My work was in the quilt market and I wound up having fabrics printed in my name that are sold



around the world. I moved to Beacon because family members were here. Last year, board members at the Howland sent me an email to be on the gallery committee. I said yes. It's a beautiful building and I'm only two minutes away. I started doing posters for each show. In December they asked me to be on the board, and they asked me to curate the show.

How did you find the artists?

Through the community. We wound up with Korean, Indian, Chinese and Japanese artists, ranging in age from 20s to 60s, and working in painting, sculpture, mixed media, fiber art, metal art, installation, printmaking and photography.

How did you come to be called "Hoodie"?

My last name was Furihata, and the first part of it sounded like "Hootie," like the band Hootie and the Blowfish. So, my nickname became Hootie. An American friend said, "I don't like it. Why don't you use Hoodie instead?" So I did, but computer systems kept on asking me for a last name. I thought, Cher and Madonna don't need a last name, but it kept asking. I thought about how deeply I love crescent moons. I thought Hoodie Crescent sounded nice, so I changed it legally. Now my fabrics all have this name because there's no reason to promote my Japanese name, which people couldn't pronounce.

On the poster you designed for the Howland show, you use the words "contempo EAST to PERFORM." What is their significance?

Contemporary is our mutual concept. We don't do traditional art. *East* is where our heritage comes from. We *perform*, in a way, in the space simultaneously. "Each artist's words are in each artist's art. Please listen to it; please feel it; please look at it." That is my statement for anti-Asian hate. Come over to look at it — how we live in this country. Don't say, "Go back to your country" — this is our country.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Golf: Great sport or stupid game?

It takes a lot of skill. But I only go to the driving range.



~ Jazmyn O'Dell, Cold Spring

It's the dumbest game I've ever heard of; it's the most stagnant game.



~ Michael Arnone, Beacon

I'd say it's a great sport; it appeals to all ages and abilities.



~ Joey Di Gregorio, Cold Spring

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Republicans in Working Families' Clothing?

Democrats say GOP trying to deceive voters

By Jeff Simms

A candidate running for Beacon City Court judge is facing June primaries to get onto the Democratic and Working Families lines on the fall ballot — despite being endorsed by the local chapters of both parties.

Greg Johnston, a public defender and Democrat, is challenging Timothy Pagones, who is seeking a second 10-year term on the court, which handles misdemeanors, traffic infractions and other small claims. Beacon has one full-time justice who serves for 10 years and one part-time justice who serves for six years. As a Republican, Pagones won six-year terms in 1999 and 2005 and in 2011 he ran unopposed for a 10-year term.

This year, Pagones filed nominating petitions with the county Board of Elections to appear on the Republican, Conservative, Democratic and Working Families lines — the only four that remain after New York State cut the Green, Libertarian and Independence parties from ballots when they failed to receive 130,000 votes, or 2 percent of the votes cast, in the most recent presidential election.

Unlike most elected offices, judges do not have to be registered as a member of a party or get the party's authorization to file to appear on its line in a primary.

By forcing Democratic and Working Families primaries against Johnston, who filed for both lines as well, Pagones could dispense with the first-time candidate's challenge before the general election. Pagones dropped his Republican Party registration in 2019 to become an independent.

Pagones says his four nominating petitions reflect that independence. "Not only should a judge be impartial, but a judge should appear impartial, and that is why I am not affiliated with any political party," he said on Thursday (April 29). "This position should go to the person who is most qualified. That is why I am giving the Democratic and Working Families party the chance to vote and have me represent them in November."

Another variation on the theme is taking place in Fishkill, where Town Board incumbents Kenya Gadsden and Jacqueline Bardini, both Democrats, are being challenged by John Forman and Carmine Istvan, both Republicans.

Gadsden and Bardini filed nominating petitions to appear on the Democratic and Working Families lines, while Forman and Istvan filed for the Republican and Conservative lines. At the same time, Justin Golon and Robert Reynolds Jr., who, unlike the incumbents, are not endorsed by the Working Families Party, filed petitions to run on that line.

Golon's and Reynolds' petitions were notarized by Andrew Forman, the brother of Republican candidate John Forman, who is a former Dutchess County legislator. Both candidates also list Ronald Davis, the chair of the Fishkill Republican Committee, as a

contact on their petitions. Davis is running against Yvette Valdes Smith to fill the 16th District seat in the Dutchess Legislature, which includes Ward 4 in Beacon.

What's the overall strategy? If Golon and Reynolds win the primary and appear on the Working Families line on the November ballot, they could siphon votes from the incumbents, aiding the Republican candidates.

"The Republicans know they can't win [the general election] on the Republican line," said Lisa Jessup, the chair of the Beacon Democratic Committee. After running often on the now-removed Independence Party line, Republican candidates "are making a desperate attempt to disqualify candidates who received Working Families endorsements," she said, calling it "a coordinated attempt to deprive voters of the choice to vote for these legitimate candidates on the Working Families line."

A lawsuit filed this month on behalf of Republican candidates also asks the Dutchess Board of Elections to disqualify the Working Families petitions filed by Gadsden, Bardini, Valdes Smith and a number of other candidates in the Highlands because voters' signatures were not "wet," or originals, but submitted digitally.

(Five of the six Democratic candidates for the Beacon City Council, along with Dutchess Legislator Nick Page, who is from Beacon, are named in the suit because they filed petitions for the Working Families line, but the outcome will not affect them because all are running unopposed and will not have primaries.)

Working Families officials have said the petition filings are legal, citing an executive order by Gov. Andrew Cuomo last year that allowed for electronic notarization and witnessing of nominating petitions because of the pandemic.

A judge on Wednesday heard arguments for lawsuits that have been filed in at least eight counties around the state, including Putnam, where the plaintiffs include Legislators Joseph Castellano and Ginny Nacerino, both Republicans who are running for re-election. A decision in the cases, which are being consolidated except for a Saratoga County lawsuit that has already been dismissed, may come as early as today (April 30).

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Crosswalks

A crosswalk is a kind of promise. When we step into the street, we believe that drivers will stop. The white lines are a promise that we will be safe. The Highway Department takes care to re-paint the lines every year or so. The crosswalks ask us to trust one another. Those lines are useless, or even worse, an actual hazard, unless we can.

About 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, I was driving north on Chestnut Street and saw a young man about to enter the crosswalk at the corner of Oak. I stopped, as did the driver of a southbound vehicle. The man started into the walk, when, suddenly, a silver-gray SUV bolted around me. The pedestrian saved himself only by leaping backward. The SUV tore north to the light and headed east on 301.

If you live in the village, odds are high that you have seen similar incidents. Far too often, pedestrians are menaced by reckless drivers. Our efforts to stop this kind of behavior are not working. By now, we should all know we cannot rely on a single police officer patrolling the streets to be at the right spot at the right time to observe every offense and respond, especially not when the nation is awash in weapons and those officers are being asked to take their lives into

their hands with every traffic stop.

We need to redirect a big portion of the \$500,000 Cold Spring spends every year for police salaries, cars and uniforms into an investment in pedestrian crossing lights and — importantly — traffic cameras at pedestrian crossings and the stop lights. We must make dangerous, uncivil behavior much riskier, but we need to do this thoughtfully, using technology to keep all citizens safe, including the police.

Michael Armstrong, *Cold Spring*

Tax relief

There are many important provisions in this year's state budget, including record funding for our schools, our environment and our health care system ("What's Inside the State Budget," April 16). I want to highlight a budget provision that has not gotten much attention: the property tax circuit breaker, totaling \$382 million and helping more than 1 million middle-class families.

As chair of the Real Property Taxation Committee in the Assembly, I know that too many families are struggling to keep up with rising property taxes. While we have programs like STAR and the property tax cap, they do not go far enough to provide relief. That is why, beginning in 2006, I

introduced a property tax circuit breaker to relieve our tax burden. After 15 long years I can finally say: This program is now law.

The credit will be available when you file your 2021 taxes next year. Qualifying individuals must reside at their address for at least six months in the current tax year, be enrolled in or eligible for the STAR program, spend more than 6 percent of their income on property taxes and earn less than \$250,000 annually. Credits will be up to 14 percent of the remaining property tax obligation, depending on income. Credits will be between \$250 and \$350. As this program is implemented the state Tax Department will provide more information.

While this is a far cry from enough, it is a beginning. I am proud to have fought for this property tax relief and I know we can enhance the program in the coming years.

Sandy Galef, *Albany*

Galef's district includes Philipstown.

Haldane drama

I had the privilege of seeing Haldane Drama's double bill of *The Trojan Women* and *Helen* on Sunday night ("The Shows Will Go On!" April 16). It was the first time I've attended a live performance of any kind in, well, what seems like forever. I can't imagine a more vibrant and potent reminder of the enduring power of storytelling than these two productions directed by Martha Mechalakos. (I am sorry to have missed a third play, *Eurydice*, which was performed on alternate nights.)

What an inspired choice to come back from an enforced pause with tales adapted by Ellen McLaughlin from Euripides! These stories are 2,500 years old. Many of the characters have names like Cassandra, Poseidon, Menelaus and Athena. And yet, as brought to vivid life by a fearless cast of young artists behind clear masks, at times they seemed to speak directly to the experiences we've all lived through these last months.

Thanks for blazing the way back to live theater, you guys. I'll never forget it.

Davis McCallum, *Philipstown*

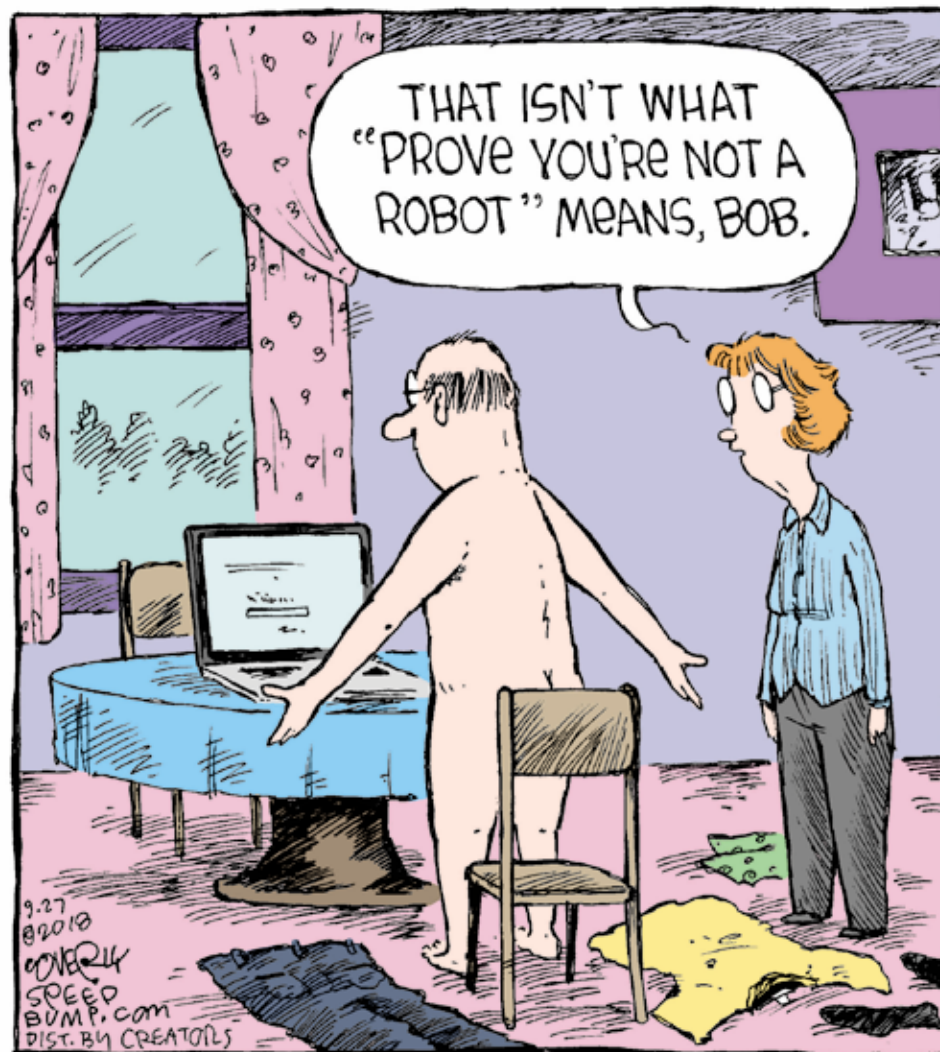
McCallum is the artistic director of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival.

Airbnb rules

The proposed short-term rental permitting system in Cold Spring seems overly restrictive and overly complicated ("Cold Spring Poised to Regulate Airbnbs," April 23).

I favor preserving the availability of long-term rentals, and the requirements that short-term rentals be limited to owner-occupied buildings for a maximum of 60 days per year addresses that concern. I also understand the desire to have an on-call

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Shazam!

After our bench was crushed on Feb. 2 by an avalanche of heavy snow, we contacted Andrew Saweikis of SWAK Metals in Garrison (swakmetals.com) to see what might be done. People need a place to sit.

He suggested fixing the rocker would be great project for his welding students at the Rockland County BOCES in West Nyack and in early March transported the damaged goods to its metal shop.

Last week, the bench was returned to our Cold Spring office, gloriously transformed.

The damage was worse than expected, Saweikis said, but his students managed



to revive the rocker with an assist from the auto collision class. (The paint came



from C&E Hardware in Cold Spring and the parts from Fall Fittings in New Paltz.)

Thanks to all from the present staff and future passersby.

LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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manager as a prerequisite.

But the need to apply and reapply for permits, and the restrictions on how close together short-term rentals can be seem unnecessary and impossible to implement fairly. I hope the board will reject the permit system as proposed.

Tara Vamos, *Cold Spring*

The proposal limits the number of short-term rentals in the village to 34, but there are more than that being operated now. It should be interesting.

Cathryn Fadde, *via Instagram*

Fadde is a candidate for the Village Board.

A \$1,000 fine might be worth it, depending on how much you make on your rental. Sixty days a year seems restrictive — 104 (for each weekend day in the year) would be my minimum.

Pedro Rivera, *via Facebook*

Many people rent out their homes only once or twice a year, such as during West Point graduation, and this would put a cap on the number of people allowed to do that.

Eliza Brown, *via Facebook*

Taking away or restricting an income source during a pandemic is not the work I'd like to see from the Village Board. I'm disappointed that this is on the top of the Village Board's to-do list. More pressure, less relief. Oh wait, the bathrooms at the end of Main Street will finally open, so I suppose some relief.

Melia Marzollo, *via Facebook*

Reformed Church

There is a substantial difference between a church at its essence and the building hosting the congregants when they meet ("Church to Be Sold for Bar, Hotel," April 23). However, it's still not easy to see a historic building such as the Reformed Church of Beacon losing its purpose, not just now but several years ago.

J. Carlos Salcedo, *Philipstown*

I think converting the church to a bar, hotel and entertainment venue is grand.

Now someone will take care of the building. It is a heavy lift for a church with no one coming to services.

Kelly Ellenwood, *via Facebook*

This is going to be an amazing addition to our community. Beacon needs, and will benefit from, a venue that hosts live entertainment.

Donald Arrant Jr., *via Facebook*

A true performance space would be amazing in Beacon. We have had wonderful professional musicians perform at Quinn's and the Howland Cultural Center, but both are limited in terms of space, lighting and acoustics. This could be the Beacon version of the Angel Orensanz Center on the Lower East Side.

Erin Giunta, *via Facebook*

Beacon festival

It's too late to host a "maker faire" festival at Riverfront Park on May 22 and 23 ("Is Beacon Ready for a Crowd?" April 23). The city should receive at least 60 days' notice.

Paul Yeaple, *via Instagram*

Shakespeare plans

If there were ever a win-win outcome, this is it ("Shakespeare Plans: An Update," April 9). The transformation of The Garrison golf course to permanent open space, with the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival as a unique cultural amenity that economically supports the communities in which it resides is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

We, as residents and as taxpayers, need to encourage our local authorities to support this extraordinary and important contribution to our community.

I first aspired to play The Garrison golf course in the early 1990s and have played here many times (never very well). I have been a resident of Cold Spring for almost two decades and, importantly, acknowledge that the world and our place within it is changing. Unabated and uncontrolled suburban growth presents dire consequences to our open air, food and water supplies, and can lead to noise and traffic issues and overburdened municipal services like schools.

As a former public official responsible for

economic development, as well as a fiduciary and board member to several park and land conservation groups, I know firsthand how difficult finding the right balance between growth and conservation can be, and how unique the proposed solution really is. "The responsible use of land" is a hallmark of great public policy. The public land use review process plays a key role in achieving this balance.

It's never easy for people to accept change; the fear of the unknown is innate to all of us. I urge our community leaders to remember that HVSF has been a terrific community partner for over 30 years and makes immeasurable positive contributions to each of our daily lives. Any change may affect us each slightly differently, but through the deliberate review process, I'm confident that reasonable people can exchange their respective views and an even better plan may result.

This proposed plan conserves the bulk of The Garrison golf course as open space forever, facilitates a unique cultural use with economic opportunities and provides huge upside advantages for all the members of our communities.

Improved quality of life, positive financial impact from job creation and the associated economic multiplier to our local economy uniquely combine to make Chris Davis's gift and the HVSF plan a true win-win-win for all of us. Please urge your local

representatives to support this plan.

Robert Lieber, *Cold Spring*

I urge HVSF to contemplate quite seriously the flaws in its plan.

My family has lived in Garrison for about 100 years. We have seen the changes from agricultural to summer houses to commuters to recent ex-urbanites. Values that we treasure seem to be fragile. The rural aspect — so highly praised — is under threat, as if it is merely a backdrop for individual entertainment. On the contrary, there is a strong active group of people who cherish the rural aspects. They realize the importance of environmental stewardship.

My concern about the development of the property is just that: development. No matter how many or few acres are involved, no matter how thoughtfully you plan to construct, no matter how important you believe this project is, the land will be damaged beyond repair. That is a huge self-regarding blow to our community.

You may not realize that open (unbuilt-on) land is vitally important. It is not something inert waiting for the person with "vision." If you think about The Garrison golf course land, consider the many vital reasons that land must be conserved.

Betsy Calhoun, *Garrison*

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Warehouse Gets New Owner, But Not New Use

Nelsonville board also sets budget for 2021-22

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

A Nelsonville warehouse has a new owner but not a new use and does not require a building permit, village officials concluded this month after residents questioned activity on the site.

The building, at 3 Brook St., between Main Street and Foundry Brook, sits on a 7.3-acre lot that contains wetlands.

In early April, after trees were removed that had partially obscured the warehouse and fuel storage tanks appeared, neighbors contacted village officials.

Cary Downey, of Downey Energy, purchased the parcel from Sandy Saunders, a Garrison farmer who, according to Nelsonville officials, continues to occupy at least part of the building. Based in Cold Spring, Downey Energy sells propane, oil and other fuels.

Its new Nelsonville tract is in a commercial zoning district, although the opposite side of Brook Street is zoned residential and has two homes.

"Unless there's a clear violation or a clear change of use or a reason for the village to step in, legally we're kind of bound to allow a property owner to do what they can," Mayor Mike Bowman explained on April 19



Upgrades are underway at the warehouse acquired by Downey Energy on Brook Street in Nelsonville.
Photo by L.S. Armstrong

at a Village Board meeting. Downey's operation "is not a change of use because the zoning currently is for warehouse" activity and "it's going to be a storage yard for new equipment."

Katie Brennan, who lives across Brook Street, told the Village Board that "my main concern is if there's anything flammable, in large quantities."

"That's not allowed, especially with the wetlands" and because the brook leads to the Hudson River, Bowman said. "If they do store trucks or any kind of filled propane canister, that would be a change of use." He said Downey has agreed to keep the tanks 50 feet from the wetlands.

In an interview on April 12, Bill Bujarski, the code enforcement officer, said the tanks will not contain fuel, and that Downey planted new trees, although Brennan said on April 19 they do not hide the building.

Bowman said that while the village received many calls from anxious residents, others "stop me on the street and they're happy to see the building being used because they thought it was an eyesore before."

Downey, who was busy this week with federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration staff training, could not be reached for comment.

2021-22 budget

The Village Board on April 19 approved a \$417,900 budget for 2021-22, a 4.4 percent increase over the current year.

The budget, which takes effect June 1,

anticipates collecting \$412,736 in revenue (including property taxes), an increase of about 18 percent. Other revenue sources include short-term rental licensing and higher rent for the former firehouse. The budget requires spending \$5,164 from the reserve, or savings, account. The property tax share remains about the same, at \$284,393.

Income from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department rental of the firehouse building will rise to \$14,400 annually, from \$12,000, and the village expects \$4,000 in permit fees from homeowners who host short-term rentals. The board has drafted a law to regulate the practice, which it will likely fine tune in coming weeks. Nelsonville also expects an additional \$1,000 from building permit fees.

The budget includes \$45,000 for maintenance on village-owned buildings, such as \$25,000 for roof repairs. Allocations for street maintenance and snow removal increase slightly.

Board members will draw the same pay: \$4,500 for the mayor and \$2,650 for each of the four trustees.

A resident, Heidi Wendel, asked the board, in upcoming budget cycles, to earmark funds for the Nelsonville Woods, whose care "is a big deal to a lot of people." The forest is largely maintained by volunteers.

In other business, the board discussed ways, including a crosswalk near Fishkill Road, to control traffic on Main Street-Route 301, a state highway. Trustee Dave Moroney said that when the village earlier inquired about a crosswalk, the state Department of Transportation said a crosswalk would not work because traffic moves too fast. The board agreed to approach the agency again.

NOTICE

The Philipstown Planning Board

will hold a special meeting on Thursday, May 13th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. virtually via Zoom.

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TM#60-1-59.2 & 59.3

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If you are unable to join, please send any written comments to the above email addresses.

Four Candidates for Four Seats in Beacon

Only incumbents file for school board

There are four candidates for four open seats on the Beacon school board, all incumbents, the district announced after the Wednesday (April 28) deadline for nominating petitions had passed.

Elissa Betterbid and Flora Stadler are seeking second terms after being elected in 2018 with James Case-Leal, who resigned

last year. John Galloway Jr. was appointed in October to serve the remainder of Case-Leal's term.

Jasmine Johnson was appointed by the board in September to serve six months of the 18 months remaining in the term of Michael Rutkoske, who resigned in July.

The top three vote-getters will serve three-year terms, while the fourth-place finisher will complete the last year of Rutkoske's term.

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Vaccine Demand (from Page 1)

near joining Putnam County in the milestone of administering at least one vaccine dose to half their populations, public officials are confronting a concerning reality: the waning demand for shots while the country is still well short of the 75 to 85 percent vaccination rate considered necessary for herd immunity, when the virus essentially runs out of people to infect.

The administration of first doses, a good measure of how many people are getting vaccinated, is down sharply in the state, from an average of nearly 115,000 during the first week of April to about 71,900 for the seven-day period that ended Wednesday (April 28).

The trend is also downward in the seven-county Mid-Hudson Region, which includes Dutchess and Putnam. The region's counties administered an average of about 8,800 first doses a day for the seven-day period ending Wednesday, far below the average of nearly 14,000 a day during the first week of April.

At a recent vaccination clinic organized by Putnam County for people receiving their first dose, just 46 of 500 appointments were filled, said Maloney.

Dutchess and Putnam, along with the state, are now allowing walk-in appointments at their sites, including Poughkeepsie Galleria and the Philipstown Recreation Center in Garrison.

They also are waging a vigorous public relations campaign, posting memes on social media sites about the vaccines' safety and effectiveness. Dutchess has recruited clergy and nonprofit leaders to reach the unvaccinated and is holding pop-up clinics in rural areas and communities that are not close to county- or state-run sites.

Convincing people will require "conversation after conversation — at Dunkin' Donuts, at the church, at the soccer field," said Molinaro, whose father died last year of COVID-19. "We continue to vaccinate and we continue to educate, and when we're done, light will overcome the darkness and we will get back to living again."

Polling tells part of the story.

One in four adults said they will not get vaccinated, according to the results of a national poll released on Tuesday by the

Marist Poll Results

If a vaccine for the coronavirus is made available to you, will you choose to be vaccinated or not? If you have already received the vaccine, please say so. (Figures represent percentages.)

	Yes I Will	Already Received	No	Unsure
DEMOCRAT	14	78	7	1
REPUBLICAN	12	40	44	3
INDEPENDENT	19	51	26	4
BLACKS	17	49	25	8
LATINOS	25	43	31	1
WHITES	12	62	23	2
COLLEGE GRADUATE	15	70	15	1
NOT COLLEGE GRADUATE	16	49	32	3
GEN Z (18-39)	24	48	26	2
GEN X (40-55)	15	49	32	4

Note: The survey of 1,809 adults was conducted April 19 through April 21 by The Marist Poll. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the contiguous United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. The poll can be found at maristpoll.marist.edu.

Marist College Institute for Public Opinion for PBS NewsHour and National Public Radio. The opposition is strongest among Republicans, especially men; white men who are not college graduates; people 40 to 55 years old; and Latinos. The findings are consistent with previous surveys by Marist and other pollsters.

Molinaro said others face real-world challenges: working adults who find it difficult to carve out the time needed to travel to a clinic because they have multiple jobs or serve as caregivers for loved ones; or immigrants whose English is poor. Lisa Lee, an associate vice president and a research professor of population health sciences at Virginia Tech, cites those same issues and others in an essay for The Hastings Center, a bioethics think tank based in Garrison, about vaccinations in rural areas.

Sagging demand in rural areas may reflect problems other than hesitancy, and asking people to become vaccinated in the interest of public health means "we must provide them with reasonable means to do so," Lee wrote.

For rural areas like those in Dutchess and Putnam, "it might mean setting up a community-led vaccination site in a church lobby, a local store or restaurant, a food pantry, or a gas station parking lot," said Lee.

Dutchess County's Vaccine Outreach Coalition is undertaking a "strategic and aggressive" outreach effort, said Molinaro. The county also is organizing work-site clinics in partnership with some of the county's largest employers, he said, including the Gap distribution center in Fishkill and GlobalFoundries in Hopewell Junction.

"We will get there," Molinaro said.

COVID-19 by the Numbers

■ PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

10,404 (+103)
Active Cases in Philipstown: 9

Tests administered:

213,887 (+4,757)

Percent positive:

4.9 (0)

Percent vaccinated:

50.4

Number of deaths:

91 (0)

■ DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

28,587 (+374)
Active Cases in Beacon: 10

Tests administered:

695,340 (+17,171)

Percent positive:

4.1 (-0.1)

Percent vaccinated:

47.4

Number of deaths:

441 (+2)

Source: State and county health departments, as of April 28, with weekly change in parentheses. Active cases in Philipstown as of April 22. Percent vaccinated reflects at least one dose.



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What He Calls 'Dialogue,' They Call 'Harassment'

Beacon letter-writing campaign draws ire

By Jeff Simms

Earlier this month, Donna Minkowitz, a Beacon resident who is gay, received a letter from Richard "Dick" Murphy, a former longtime Dutchess County legislator who lives about five blocks away.

The typed letter, which notes at the top of the page that it is a "life alert," asserts that while 15.9 percent of smokers get lung cancer, 16.1 percent of "active homosexuals" will get AIDS — a dubious claim. It goes on, reading like a form letter, to ask the person or company receiving the letter to no longer support the LGBTQ lifestyle. Finally, a second, smaller piece of paper requests "the courtesy of a reply" to two questions that are fallacies common to anti-gay literature:

"Why do you portray as harmless something the CDC [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] concludes is as dangerous as cigarette smoking?" and "Why do you portray as harmless a form of sexual activity that, should it catch on, would bring extinction?"

That made her angry.

"It really felt like a threat, an act of harassment, that I should not be openly gay or speak my mind," Minkowitz said this week.

Murphy, who represented Beacon in the Legislature as a Democrat from 1981 to 1999 after serving as chair of the city's Human

Relations Committee, says he has mailed similar letters to "a couple dozen" homes in Beacon. The reason, he says, is because local media, including *The Highlands Current*, have "censored" him by refusing to publish letters espousing his views. "I can't do it with the newspapers, so I have to use the mail," he said.

The letters aren't meant to intimidate, nor were specific groups targeted, he claimed, but are designed to generate dialogue. "I was looking for people who would come back to me with their opinions," Murphy said. "Those are the people I reached out to."

Asked if any recipients had called him (the letter sent to Minkowitz included his phone number), Murphy said that "some have." The dialogue has featured "good give and take, and that's what a democracy is about," he said.

Others don't see it that way.

City Council Member Terry Nelson, who represents Ward 1, said he's heard from at least 15 constituents who have been contacted by Murphy and/or had gay pride flags stolen from their properties. Some were frightened, Nelson said. Others were furious. None were happy.

"It's 2021 and I didn't think I'd have to read these vile and, frankly, disgusting tropes, but here we are," Nelson said during the April 19 council meeting. "The LGBTQ community is not going away. The AAPI [Asian American and Pacific Islanders] community is not going away. The Black and brown communities are



Donna Minkowitz with a photo of the doll that was left staked in her yard. She threw it away after police said they had no need for it.

Photo by J. Simms

not going away. This is our home, too, and we're not going to be chased away from it by hateful bigotry or the ignorance of people who choose to conduct themselves this way."

Minkowitz said in December someone with the username "dickmurph" left a comment on her website (she is a memoir writer and former *Village Voice* columnist) asking where she teaches. She didn't respond, but a few days later found a children's doll on a stake in

her front lawn. (Murphy says he had nothing to do with the incident.)

About a month later, Minkowitz received from Murphy a printout of a letter he had written to a newspaper along with a handwritten note asking for her help in getting it published.

After finding the doll, Minkowitz took the issue to the city's Human Relations Commission (since renamed the Human Rights Commission). A Beacon police detective told her this month that she and others who have heard from Murphy have no grounds to pursue charges because his actions haven't met the legal threshold for harassment. However, a Beacon police representative said the department could not comment on "active cases."

State law defines harassment as conduct that places someone "in reasonable fear of physical injury." In the second degree, its definition includes behavior which "alarms or seriously annoys" another person and "serves no legitimate purpose."

Minkowitz said the Beacon detective told her the police consulted with the Dutchess County District Attorney's office and have told Murphy not to contact Minkowitz or others who have reported receiving letters.

Minkowitz says she's undeterred and, legal definitions aside, plans to organize a demonstration against anti-gay harassment this summer.

"This has gone on for a couple of years, and we shouldn't be subjected to it," she said. "Beacon is a place where LGBTQ people and those who support us should be allowed to live their lives and flourish."

NOTICE

PHILIPSTOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Public Hearing – May 10th, 2021

The Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a public hearing on Monday May 10th 2021 starting at 7:30 p.m. to hear the following appeal. The meeting will be held in person at the Town Hall, 238 Main St. Cold Spring, NY 10516.

Anthony & Diane Franich, 176 East Mtn. Rd, Cold Spring, NY TM#28-1-2

(Applicants are seeking a variance to construct a 1,250 square foot (25'x50') garage.)

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring, New York.

Dated April 12th, 2021 | Robert Dee, Chairman of the Town of Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals

NOTICE

The Philipstown Conservation Board

will hold their regular monthly meeting on May 11th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. virtually via Zoom.

If you would like to attend, please visit the following link:

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Castle Rock Sold

Carmel philanthropist buys historic home

By Michael Turton

Castle Rock, a 10,518-square-foot mansion in Garrison that has been vacant since 1975, has been purchased by George Whipple III, a resident of Carmel. It was listed for \$3.45 million.

On Facebook, Whipple describes himself as an “entertainment reporter, celebrity interviewer, lawyer, farmer, New Yorker, husband and father.” He could not immediately be reached for comment.

In 1999, Whipple founded Preserve Putnam, a nonprofit which later served as steward of the Putnam County-owned Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster, a project Whipple supported financially. In 2019, he and his wife Victoria established the Whipple Heritage Conservation Foundation, dedicated to preserving endangered breeds of livestock in North America.

Built in 1881, Castle Rock was a summer residence for William Henry Osborn, who had been president of the Illinois Central

and the Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans railroads, and who lived there until his death in 1894.

His son, Henry, inherited the home and owned it until 1935, followed by William’s granddaughter, Virginia Osborn, from 1935 to 1955 and his grandson, Alexander Osborn, from 1955 to 1975.

Alexander was its last occupant. It has been owned for the past 45 years by a private company, Castle Rock LLC.

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Eben Shapiro & Sue Atkins, 420 Indian Brook Road, Garrison, NY TM#50-2-16

(Applicants are seeking a variance to construct a 622 square foot garage within the side yard setback proposing a 14’7-3/8 setback where 30’ is required.)

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring, New York.

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AROUND TOWN



▲ **CLEANUP DAY** — To celebrate Earth Day, members of the Environmental Club and Student Council at Rombout Middle School in Beacon picked up trash around campus and at Memorial Park. Marissa Benson, a sixth-grade teacher, celebrated the effort on Twitter and noted that “we spent the rest of our time harvesting some spinach and kale that popped back up in the garden!” *Photo provided*



▲ **PERFECT BALANCE** — The Mayor, aka the Beacon Hood Chicken, lent a claw during a breathing workshop at Long Dock Park in Beacon on Saturday (April 24).

Photo by Jeff Simms

◀ **DERBY TIME** — Cub Scouts from Philipstown Pack 137 participated in its annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday (April 24).

Photo by Teresa Lagerman



BOBBY GROSSMAN PHOTOGRAPHS: LOW FIDELITY

MAY 15TH - JULY 17TH 2021

Photographer Bobby Grossman will be presenting a collection of photos from his Low Fidelity Series 1975-1983 at The Lofts at Beacon, May 15th through July 17th. These iconic images document the New York City Downtown Scene centered around the fabled nightspots CBGB and The Mudd Club as well as Andy Warhol's Factory at Union Square. Grossman's images include informal portraits and candid shots of David Bowie, Warhol, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Fab 5 Freddy, William S. Burroughs, Blondie, Ramones, Talking Heads and the infamous Late-night public access television show Glenn O'Brien's TV Party. Mr. Grossman has also included images from his celebrated Doom & Destiny Collaboration with renowned visual artist Shepard Fairey.

- The exhibition opens Saturday May 15th with a social distanced gathering from 6:00-9:00 pm.
- Wine, soft drinks, and snacks will be served.
- Music provided by Rachel Camp Teenage Kicks WXBC Bard

The Lofts at Beacon, 18 Front Street,
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Sopyla, Debbie Gordon, and Kalista Parrish

MAY 21 AND MAY 29 AT 7PM

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Museum of Art

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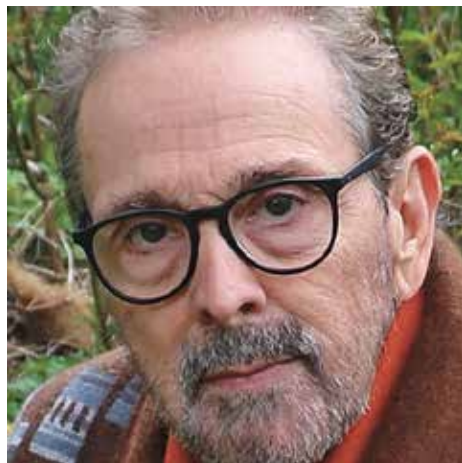
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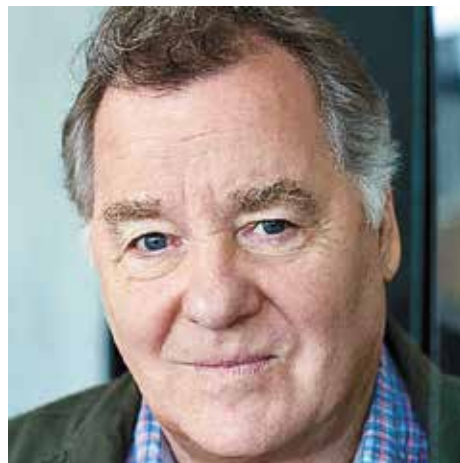


Playwright Christine Toy Johnson

Photo by Bruce Johnson



Playwright Craig Lucas



Actor Peter Gerety



Playwright John Pielmeier



Actor Shona Tucker

Photos provided

Joining New and Old

New theater alliance to present paired plays

By Alison Rooney

Are there any new stories to tell? That question has provoked debate since the ancient Greeks. A newly formed partnership, the Putnam Theatre Alliance, has an answer: “Yes, but...” In other words, creativity and storytelling are an integral part of being human, but there’s always perspective in the past.

Three nonprofits in Putnam County — Arts on the Lake in Kent, the Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison and Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley — hope to join new and old in a collaboration that will begin with *The Freedom Project*, a series of works by playwrights inspired by radio plays written in the 1940s by members of a group called The Free Company.

The Free Company was created by politically minded writers such as Orson Welles and William Saroyan who, a year before the U.S. entered World War II, came together to remind Americans “of the fundamental rights and freedoms for which they might have to fight,” according to one account. Each of the writers created a radio play on a democratic theme such as freedom of speech, the right to a jury trial and equality before the law. (Audio files of the original radio plays are posted at bit.ly/free-company).

The contemporary writers were asked to create a play inspired by the original Free Company plays and their themes. The result is three new productions joined, over three evenings, with the earlier works. The works will be performed virtually, which links them further to the radio plays.

Alice Jankell, an actor and director who lives in Putnam Valley, was the catalyst

for the series. She learned about the older material through James Shearwood, the founding executive director of Arts on the Lake. Thirty-five years ago, Shearwood came across a long out-of-print book, *The Free Company Presents*. He happened to show it to Jankell, and an idea took hold.

“It’s a great pilot project” for the Putnam Theatre Alliance, she says. “We wanted continuity with the directors to unite the project and give it an artistic signature. None of the issues have changed in 80 years, but the way we watch and the way playwrights write plays has.”

The first pairing, from May 13 to 16, features *His Honor, the Mayor*, written by Welles and directed by Jankell, matched with *The Secret Secrets of Wonderland County*, by John Pielmeier of Garrison, author of *Agnes of God*, and directed by Donald Kimmel. Both plays feature Pielmeier; Peter Gerety, whose lengthy career includes seasons of *The Wire*; and Shona Tucker, the chair of drama at Vassar College.

His Honor, the Mayor focuses on a small-town mayor who finds himself caught in a deep tension within his community when he defends the rights of a fascist group that wants to hold a public meeting. *The Secret Secrets of Wonderland County* follows Alice, who, in an attempt to help effect change in her community, gets lost in a twirl of bureaucratic machinations seemingly trying to keep someone like her out.

Next up, from June 3 to 6, will be *Miracle of the Danube*, by Maxwell Anderson, which aired in 1941 with Paul Muni and Burgess Meredith. It concerns a Nazi

captain who is visited by Christ and undergoes a spiritual and political conversion after a military trial questions the role of faith in a fascist regime.

Directed by Jason Beckmann, it will cohabitate with *Expressions of Regret*, by Christine Toy Johnson. Her play concerns three Chinese American women who wonder if the end of the Chinese Exclusion Act and the U.S. government’s apology for it will make it easier to breathe. Jankell will direct.

The third combination, scheduled for June 24 to 27, starts out with *Above Suspicion*, which was supposed to be written by Sherwood Anderson. He died a month before the 1941 broadcast and the project was evidently completed by other members of the company. The story focuses on a visitor from Nazi Germany who has great difficulty understanding basic values of American life and challenges a family’s equilibrium.

Above Suspicion will be directed by Kimmel and bookended with *More Beautiful*, by Craig Lucas, whose most recent work was *I Was Most Alive With You*, produced at Playwrights Horizons. It explores the dynamics of a family reconfigured in the wake of a national eruption. Jankell will direct.

Tickets for the virtual performances of each pair of plays are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students at philipstowndepottheatre.org/tickets. The initial set of plays can be viewed from May 13 to 16. A Q&A with the playwright, actors and director will follow the May 14 and May 16 performances.



Trending Young

Haldane grad opens Philipstown art gallery

By Alison Rooney

Max Beachak knows the Hudson Valley art world is competitive, especially during a pandemic shutdown. But he says he’s determined, with the opening of his Mohawk Valley Gallery in Philipstown on May 15, to “be a part of the art culture, and to have a place where young, talented artists can showcase their work.”

“I feel that people still want to go to a place where they can stand in front of a piece of art, take it in and feel if it’s something they want to own,” he says. “I am aiming to make my gallery a more contemporary format. Outside of the norm of having artists’ work on the walls, I want to make it more of an event space, hopefully with music from local musicians and maybe even ice cream.”

Beachak, 24, a Haldane High school grad who grew up in Cold Spring, had planned to open the gallery in October at 3029 Route 9 — the former home of Phat Cycles — then again earlier this year, but was held in check both times by the pandemic. He also works full-time as a tattoo artist in Poughkeepsie “and it’s been hard to balance the spare time you have efficiently, especially as a young, inexperienced artist.”

(Continued on Page 14)



Max Beachak, during a tea break at his gallery

Photo provided

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

For a complete listing of events, see
highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY

FRI 7

Community Garden Opening

COLD SPRING

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

The library will inaugurate a new garden built by Patrick Reinhardt as an Eagle Scout project. Get a free flower for Mother's Day and donate \$20 to enter a raffle for gardening supplies. Rain date SAT 8.

FRI 7

Birdathon

HIGHLANDS

5 p.m. Various locations
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Putnam Highlands Audubon will host this annual fundraiser in which four teams plus backyard birdwatchers scour for species over 24 hours at Constitution Marsh and other locations. Also SAT 8.

SUN 9

Mother's Day Tea

PHILIPSTOWN

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Stonecrop
81 Stonecrop Lane | 845-265-2000
stonecrop.org

Tea and cake will be available for purchase in the garden. Register online.

MUSIC

SUN 2

5th Annual Pete Seeger Festival

PUTNAM VALLEY

2 – 5 p.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

The performers will include David and Jacob Bernz, Betty and the Baby Boomers, Lydia Adams Davis, Patrick Stanfield Jones, Pat Lamanna, Sharleen Leahey, the Trouble Sisters, Andy Revkin and Sarah Underhill. Donations will be shared with organizations that Seeger supported.

SUN 2

Callisto Quartet

KATONAH

3 p.m. Caramoor
914-232-1252 | caramoor.org

The group will perform Bartok's second, third and fifth string quartets in this livestreamed concert. *Cost: \$15, \$30, \$45*

SUN 2

Terrence Wilson

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
alivemusica.org

The pianist's livestreamed performance will include compositions by Haydn, Liszt and Rachmaninoff. *Cost: \$20 donation or pay as you wish*

SAT 8

Catherine Russell

KATONAH

8 p.m. Caramoor
914-232-1252 | caramoor.org

The Grammy Award-winning jazz vocalist will perform familiar favorites and music from her latest album, *Alone Together*, in this livestreamed concert. *Cost: \$15, \$30, \$45*

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 1

Kids' Cooking Class

BEACON

11 a.m. Howland Public Library
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

In the first of the series, children will learn how to make The Cutest Cupcakes and Cherry Jubilee Glazed Coconut Sprinkles from *Bagel in Love*, by Natasha Wing. Email youth@beaconlibrary.org for the Zoom link and ingredients list.

TUES 4

May the 4th Be With You

COLD SPRING

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

Students ages 10 and older can test their *Star Wars* knowledge.

SAT 8

Mother's Day Story Walk

COLD SPRING

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

Stroll the library's paths to enjoy a themed story.

SAT 8

Kids' Program & Tour

GARRISON

10 a.m. Boscobel
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

This virtual tour for families will focus each month on an object from Boscobel's collection. The May item is a teacup. *Cost: \$9*

NATURE & OUTDOORS

SAT 1

10th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep

HIGHLANDS

riverkeeper.org/sweep

Volunteers are welcome to help with projects and cleanup at sites such as Constitution Marsh, Garrison's Landing, Little Stony Point, Dennings Point and the Beacon waterfront. See the website for details.

SAT 1

I Love My Park Day

HIGHLANDS

ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day

Volunteers will clean parks and complete other projects. See the website for locations.

SAT 1

Hike-a-Thon

CORNWALL

9 & 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Outdoor Discovery Center
120 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506
hnm.org

This fundraiser, now in its 14th year, benefits nature education and play for children at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum. Registration required. Also SUN 2. *Cost: \$10*

SAT 1

Cherry Blossom Festival & Plant Sale

PEEKSKILL

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Riverfront Green
peekskillrotary.com

Visit the riverfront for games, face painting, a craft market and food trucks.



Catherine Russell, May 8

SAT 1

The Farm is the Place to Bee

BREWSTER

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm
100 Route 312 | putnam.cce.cornell.edu

Visit the farm animals and enjoy scavenger hunts and handmade milkshakes. Get your gardening questions answered and watch demonstrations by the 4-H Shooting Sports Club. Registration required.

SAT 8

Vernal Pool Exploration & Bird Walk

WAPPINGERS FALLS

10 & 11:30 a.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | stonykill.org

Two programs will look at the abundant nature on the trails and landscape. *Cost: \$5*



TALKS & TOURS

SAT 1

Electric Vehicle Show

GARRISON

2 – 4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
facebook.com/Climate-Smart-Philipstown

Chat with electric-vehicle owners and check out various models. There will also be demonstrations of electric lawn equipment.

TUES 4

MicroMarketing

POUGHKEEPSIE

8 a.m. Webinar | dutchessbnn.com

The Think Dutchess Alliance for Business, Dutchess Tourism and the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce will provide training and grants to help small businesses expand their marketing reach online. Register online.

THURS 6

Cocktail Culture from the 1930s to '50s

POUGHKEEPSIE

7 p.m.
Dutchess County Historical Society
dchsny.org/may6

Diane Lapis and Anne Peck-Davis, authors of *Cocktails Across America: A Postcard View of Cocktail Culture from the 1930s, '40s and '50s*, will share via Zoom stories from their book and tips for making cocktails.

THURS 6

Preventing Forest Pests

MILLBROOK

7 p.m. Cary Institute
bit.ly/imported-pests

Science journalist Gabriel Popkin, forest ecologist Gary Lovett, plant pathologist Susan Frankel and policy expert Faith Campbell will discuss how imported pests are devastating local forests.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 1

Into the Woods Jr.

BEACON

11 a.m., 1:30 & 4 p.m.
University Settlement
724 Wolcott Ave.
beaconperformingartscenter.com

The Beacon Performing Arts Center returns to live performance with this fairy tale musical, which will be performed outdoors. Also SUN 2, SAT 8, SUN 9. *Cost: \$10*

SAT 8

The Artichoke

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
artichokeshow.com

Gastor Almonte, Paula Croxson, Michaela Murphy, Jim O'Grady, Anoush Froundjian and Jeff Simmermon will perform in the return of the popular storytelling series to a live audience. Tickets for virtual viewing are also available. *Cost: \$15*

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 1

Communion and Prophylaxis

PHILIPSTOWN

Noon. Magazzino Italian Art
magazzino.art

In a Zoom presentation, Leslie Cozzi, curator at the Baltimore



Preventing Forest Pests, May 6



Museum of Art, will discuss sculptures and works on paper created by the wife-and-husband duo Marisa and Mario Merz.

SAT 1
Land Escape
BEACON

Noon – 9 p.m. Fridman Gallery
475 Main St. | fridmangallery.com
The gallery’s inaugural exhibit will feature works by Nanette Carter, Athena LaTocha and Wura-Natasha Ogunji. At 8 p.m., Victoria Keddie will perform using NASA’s live feed of orbiting space debris.

SAT 8
ArtQUAKE
GARRISON
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org
David Provan curated this exhibit by 18 artists whose works are an

optical illusion or spin, whirl, walk or move. Through SUN 16.

FRI 7
Here | Now
COLD SPRING
Noon – 5 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery
121 Main St. | 845-809-5810
busterlevigallery.com

The gallery’s new exhibit highlights abstract and representational work in painting, photography, sculpture and works on paper, many created over the last year, by member artists. Through May 30.

SAT 8
Sandscapes
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Magazzino
2700 Route 9 | maggazzino.art
This exhibit will showcase the work of Costantino Nivola, a Sardinian artist who creates sculptures through sandcasting.

SAT 8
Sandbox | Schism
BEACON
Noon – 6 p.m. BAU Gallery
506 Main St. | 845-440-7584
baugallery.org

Lukas Milanak’s interactive installation will explore the hidden world of nature, while John De Marco’s abstract landscapes will be on view in Gallery 2 and a group show will be in the Beacon Room. Through June 6.

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845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov



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Board of Trustees
COLD SPRING
6:30 p.m. Via Zoom
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

TUES 4
Putnam Legislature
CARMEL
7 p.m. Via Zoom
845-208-7800 | putnamcountyny.com

TUES 4
School Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Haldane
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

WED 5
Budget Hearing
GARRISON
7 p.m. Garrison School
1100 Route 9D
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

THURS 6
Village Board
COLD SPRING
6:30 p.m. Via Zoom | coldspringny.gov
The board will hold a public hearing on draft regulations for short-term rentals.

THURS 6
Town Board
PHILIPSTOWN
7:30 p.m. Via Zoom
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New Gallery *(from Page 11)*

At the same time, he says, “opening this gallery definitely gives me a sense of accomplishment, especially doing it at a time when everyone has been so scared. It has taken an emotional toll keeping it on track, but there’s always help if you need it.”

“Being an artist is such a humanitarian thing,” he adds. “The job of artists is equal parts therapy and communication. Every artist I’ve met, there’s a familiar glow to them. I recognize them as people whose sole desire is to create admirable things.”

Eventually, Beachak would like to add music to the mix, maybe host a food truck and offer the space as “an art place for teenagers” because “kids in Cold Spring need access to an arts community; I speak from experience.”

He chose the gallery’s name “for its bright sound, and I’m someone who has sported the Mohawk hairstyle multiple times.” The space, which Beachak describes as “about 900 square feet, hallway style,” is in a building owned by his father, Matt Beachak.

“When Phat Cycles moved out, he decided to let me give it a shot and rented it to me,” Max says. Other parts of the space will be occupied by his father’s woodshop and his younger brother’s mechanics shop.

The inaugural exhibit will be a group show, and Beachak is extending invites to a wide circle of artists. “I’m looking to develop a deep well of artists whom I can showcase,” he says. “I would like to accumulate enough artists’ portfolios to be able to group artists

together who share a cohesive style.

“The Achilles’ heel of galleries as they used to be, particularly in Cold Spring, was the staleness, the antique culture. There was never a younger vibe. Beacon is becoming more of a hip spot, and we’re catching more Beacon runoff.”

Beachak is also reaching out through social media and flyers. “Of course there’s a difficulty not being on Main Street, but this space became available, and I felt like there was no other way,” he says. Beachak will also be showing some of his own work.

Beachak says he was “attracted to the arts all through high school.” He’s since explored “everything from steel sculpture to tattooing. My father and uncle own a sign company, so I was always around calligraphy. No matter what I was doing, I always admired the fine details. I knew that no matter what I was going to do, art was going to be a big part of it.”

After graduating from Haldane, Beachak “went to school to illustrate and write my own graphic novel, and through all the classes I fell in love with the sculpture class, in particular the plaster-carving project. It made me think with my hands.”

He segued into steel sculpture and welding, worked at Clutter Gallery in Beacon for a while, and then moved to “a few steel-sculpture fabrication jobs, before realizing it wasn’t what I wanted to do.”


The Mohawk Valley Gallery will be open on weekends. See [instagram.com/mohawkvalleygallery](https://www.instagram.com/mohawkvalleygallery).

Real Estate

Market Report (March)

	Beacon		Philipstown	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
New Listings	4	7	12	9
Closed Sales	3	5	10	12
Days on Market	71	83	140	110
Median Price	\$187,000	\$397,500	\$482,900	\$561,250
% List Received	86.3	98.8	92.4	91.1
Inventory	23	13	65	40

Source: Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors (hgar.com). Excludes condos. Philipstown includes Cold Spring, Garrison and Nelsonville.



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BABY and DOG



This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Kit Burke-Smith of Beacon shared this photo of her daughter, Fiona, with Murphy. “When she learned to crawl, the first thing she did was to crawl to him. Now she is in fourth grade, and he has a lot more grey on his face, but they still have a special bond.” If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.org.

CELEBRATING ASIAN ARTISTS

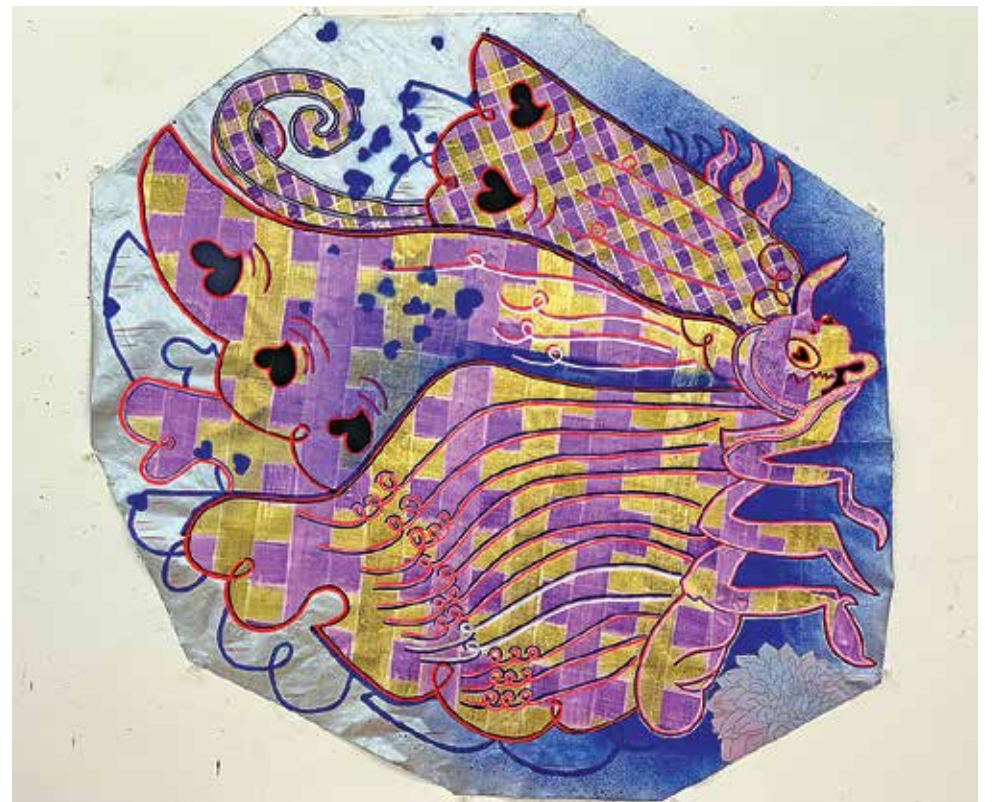
The Howland Cultural Center's annual art exhibit for Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebration Month, curated by Hoodie Crescent (see Page 2), opens at 1 p.m. on Saturday (May 8) and continues through May 30. The center is located at 477 Main St. in Beacon.



Zhaoman Zeng



Samarra Khaja



Chie Fueki



Xuewu Zheng

The Artists: Heejung Cho | Hoodie Crescent | Rosa Sung Ji Chang | Chie Fueki | Sol Hee | Samarra Khaja | Itoko Kobayashi | Visakh Menon | Hayoon Jay Lee | Lujiang Li | Meixian Li | Tomo Mori | Dong Hyun Rhee | MiYoung Sohn | Yibin Tian (Lao Liu) | Eighteen Yuan | Zhaoman Zeng | Xuewu Zheng



Eighteen Yuan

NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET, ANNUAL, MEETING, ELECTION AND VOTE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, will hold a public hearing on the budget at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon, New York, and via Zoom, on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2021-2022 School Year.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2021-2022 school year (the Budget), as prepared by the Board of Education, may be obtained by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, commencing May 4, 2021, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during regular school hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at each of the District's schoolhouses, at the Administrative Offices, and on the District's website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

- A. To elect four (4) members to the Board of Education as follows:
two members for three year terms (commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024),
one member for a three year and six week term commencing May 18, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024,
and one member for a one year and six week term commencing May 18, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2022.
- B. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2021-2022 School Year (the Budget).
- C. To vote upon the following proposition: Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, dated March 22, 2021 authorizing the purchase of school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$395,000; authorizing the issuance of \$395,000 bonds of said School District to pay the costs thereof; and that such sum or so much as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law; and providing that, in anticipation of said tax, obligations of the School District shall be issued; determining the period of probable usefulness and maximum maturity thereof to be five years; pledging the faith and credit of said School District for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds; delegating powers to the chief fiscal officer with respect to the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes and such bonds; containing an estoppel clause and providing for the publication of an estoppel notice, be approved?
- D. To vote upon the following proposition: Shall the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District be authorized to sell a #33 acre portion of a 64.75 acre parcel fronting on Route 9D (identified on the Dutchess County Tax Map as Section 6055, Block 1, Lot 182629), upon which the Dutchess Stadium, Intermodal Transportation Facility and associated parking facilities have been erected, to Dutchess County for the sum of \$627,000, and such other terms and conditions as are set forth in the Contract of Sale negotiated between the parties?
- E. To vote on any other proposition legally proposed.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that for the purposes of voting, the School District has been divided into two (2) election districts and that an accurate description of the boundaries of these school election districts is on file and may be inspected at the Office of the District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular work hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at the Administrative Offices, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the 2021 Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, will be held at the following polling places in the School Election Districts hereinafter set forth;

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
POLLING LOCATION: BEACON HIGH SCHOOL
Description: First Ward, First and Second Districts | Second Ward, First, Second, and Third Districts | Third Ward, First, Second and Third Districts | Fourth Ward, First and Second Districts

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
POLLING LOCATION: GLENHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Description: Bounded on the north and east by Wappingers Central School District No. 1, Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County; south by the common town line of the Towns of Fishkill and Wappinger and west by the Hudson River.

Bounded on the north by the common town line of the of Fishkill and Wappinger, east by Wappinger Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the Towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County and Union Free School District No. 3, Town of Fishkill, south by Beacon City line and west by Hudson River.

Bounded northerly by former Common School District No. 4 in the Town of Fishkill and Wappinger, easterly by Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the Towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County and Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Philipstown and Putnam Valley in Dutchess County; southerly by Central School District No. 1 in the Town of Philipstown and Putnam Valley in Putnam County and the Town of Fishkill in Dutchess County; westerly by the Hudson River and the City of Beacon being the former Union Free School District No. 3 of the Town of Fishkill.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M. on the 20th day preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Such petitions must be signed by at least fifty (50) qualified voters of the District (per S4430 for 2021 only), shall state the name and residence address of each signer and the name and residence address of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. or they can be downloaded from the district website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, has fixed Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at the Administrative Offices, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York, as the date on which the Board of Registration of said School District will meet between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, for the purpose of preparing the register of the School District for each election district for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register if known or proven to the satisfaction of the registrars to be then or thereafter entitled to vote. Persons whose registration to vote with the County Board of Elections is current, pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, shall be qualified to vote without further registering with the School District's Board of Registration, as well as all persons who shall have previously registered for any annual or special district meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special district meeting or election held or conducted at any time during the 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020 calendar years.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the register of voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, beginning fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote. Said register will be open for inspection in each of the polling places during the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk or downloaded from the school district website. The completed application must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the election, and at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed or the day before the election, if the ballot will be picked up at the Office of the District Clerk. The completed application can be sent by email, or delivered by a designated agent. Absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours until the day of the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a qualified military voter who is not currently registered can obtain a military personal registration form on the District's website, or from the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. A registered military voter may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk in the same manner. Additionally, qualified military voters can contact the District Clerk to indicate their preference to receive a military personal registration form, absentee ballot application or absentee ballot via mail, facsimile or electronic mail. Ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on the date of the election and vote. Military voter registration and absentee ballots shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Section 2018-d of the Education Law and Part 122 of the Commissioner's Regulations.

Dated: March 24, 2021

By the Order of the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District

Kelly Pologe, School District Clerk



The board members and founders of New Leaf Restoration gather at the site. Front: Lori Moss, Tim Donovan, Lew Kingsley / Back: Carl Nelson, Grace Kennedy, Brian Ephraim, Ann Borthwick

Photo provided

Roots and Shoots

Growing Community

By Pamela Doan

Lew Kingsley said it was Tim Donovan's idea to start a community garden when he learned that a property across from the Desmond-Fish Public Library had been donated to Philipstown by the Open Space Institute and Scenic Hudson.

But Donovan credits Kingsley's wife, Rita Jo Riehle. Before her death in 2018, her love of gardening brought them all together.

The community garden on the Garrison parcel at Routes 9D and 403 will be operated by the nonprofit New Leaf Restoration, which will stake out 50 plots measuring 4 by 10 feet. Memberships are \$100 for the season. Plots can be shared and are available to any Philipstown resident.

As a former community gardener for a season here in Philipstown, I can say that the infrastructure New Leaf is providing is ideal. Deer and wildlife issues will be handled with fencing. The site has full sun. Water will be delivered with drip irrigation — the site's biggest asset, I think. When I had to drive to a garden away from home, watering was time-consuming and prone to delays. Going away for a few days or a week? I had to hope that a friend would take over in return for the same favor.

When Donovan described New Leaf's system, I was ready to sign up even though I have a garden at home. "There's a cistern on the site that was used for Garrison's Landing and we're using a solar-powered water pump that will be set to automatically water the plots every day," he said. This will be both a time- and plant-saving asset. As Donovan noted, it will also help to control traffic at the site since gardeners don't have to show up daily.

Healthy soil for growing was the next challenge and board member and garden designer Grace Kennedy's expertise led this

effort. "Tilling wasn't an option," she said. "We didn't have the equipment, for starters, and it creates three times the amount of weeds." Instead, the garden beds are being built up with a 12-inch layer of wood chips from local arborists. This will smother the weeds and anything else growing there.

Next, Kennedy will cover the wood chips with newspaper as another weed barrier, and with layers of topsoil and compost. "As the wood chips break down, they're adding nutrients to the soil," she explains. "There's no one right way to do everything but you can arrive at the same point."

Wood chips will also cover the paths in the garden. Creating a planting medium in this way is a permaculture practice, building on top of the ground rather than digging.

Community gardens are more common in urban environments, not in places like Philipstown where many residents have yards. Kingsley said the mission evolved from the desire to have a community space rather than a private garden. Donovan focused on the positive cultural aspect, bringing people together who may have nothing in common other than a desire to garden. He also noted that many people in the Highlands don't have ideal conditions for gardens.

"There is a lot of shade and slopes," he said. "You need fencing because of deer, which can be expensive, and not everyone has easy access to water outdoors for plants."

Studies show community gardens increase consumption of fruits and vegetables for the households involved even more than having a vegetable garden at home. It's also demonstrated that participation in a community garden specifically lowers stress levels.

I know from my own experience that bonding with other gardeners and sharing expertise was a huge bonus of the community garden. This will translate well into our spread-out Philipstown, where people live in the nooks and crannies of woods as well as side-by-side in the villages.

To sign up for a plot, visit newleaf-restoration.org. Donations are accepted to support the nonprofit and to subsidize plots for gardeners with limited financial means.

Mouths to Feed

Gone but Not Forgotten

By Celia Barbour

This recipe saved me.

It happened one evening back when I was head cook at a summer camp in Vermont. We had just finished preparing a lovely, complicated dinner and called for the bell.

The ringing of the bell (actually a sledgehammer banged on railroad ties) signaled to the 100 or so campers and staff that it was time to gather in the meadow outside the farmhouse, share announcements, sing a grace, wash hands and come inside for food.

There was a gap of roughly eight minutes, in other words, between this bell and the descent of the ravenous hordes.

We were two minutes into that normally peaceful gap when I realized we'd forgotten to cook anything for the vegans. To neglect anyone, let alone the vegans, was anathema to me. I'd come to realize during those summer-camp summers that food has enormous power to make people feel acknowledged and taken care of. Whether I was cooking for a shy kid away from home for the first time and needing comfort, or a self-righteous diet proselytizer, I took that responsibility seriously.

But with six minutes to go, what could I do?

I ran to the walk-in and scanned the packed shelves: What? What? What? Adrenaline jerked at my thoughts. I dashed to the pantry. Five shelves, four walls: Nothing clicked. Then my eyes landed on a #10 can of chickpeas, and, just like that, miraculously, I was transported 20 years back in time to a very different setting.

On a rise overlooking a sweeping vineyard in Napa Valley sat a great table arrayed with a spectacular feast — roast lamb and

chickens, figs with prosciutto, stuffed grape leaves, wild mushrooms, fresh vegetables from the garden — all arranged for a magazine photo shoot. In a little bowl on a far corner of the table sat a mixture of chickpeas, parsley, black olives, lemon juice and red pepper flakes.

This all-but-overlooked relish had suddenly rocketed through the decades and grabbed hold of my memory as I stood there panicking in the pantry.

Memory is weird. Out of nowhere, a song you haven't heard since middle school returns to you intact. Or an ugly pair of shoes your mother made you wear to kindergarten. Go searching for memories and they elude you. But go about your daily life and, out of the blue, some random, long-lost moment pops up. How and where do such memories hide?

Well, in one of your 100 billion neurons. Or, rather, in one of the 100 billion times 10,000 pathways those neurons can form. In the past decade, neurologists have found particularly powerful links between smell/taste and our brains' creation and retrieval of memories, as well as between memories of food and memories of place.

Thank heavens I didn't need to understand a lick of neuroscience to be graced with the timely return of this dish. It appeared in my head as clearly as if I'd eaten it yesterday. Moreover, I somehow knew it would work as a stand-alone salad, or, better yet, stuffed in a pita. We mixed it up and had it ready to serve by the time folks had taken their seats. It was so well-received that it became a menu staple.

So: Three cheers for the power of memory!

Or maybe not. Because I later discovered that the dish I made, the one that came back to me so vividly, was actually quite different from the one my magazine colleagues had made in Napa. I had invented a new dish in the act of remembering an old one.

Big deal, the neuroscientists would say. They've known for decades that memory is plastic; that recollection is re-creation.

Well then, 3 times 10,000 cheers for this mysterious gray lump that sits atop our shoulders, and tosses random, fortuitous gifts in our paths — some just in time to save our suppers.



Chickpea and Black Olive Salad

This is great on its own or stuffed in a pita with a little lettuce.

- 1 29-ounce can chickpeas
- 1 tablespoon good-quality olive oil
- 4 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes, lightly crushed
- ½ teaspoon cumin powder
- ⅔ cup pitted kalamata olives
- 1 bunch flat-leaf parsley

Drain and rinse the chickpeas, and set in a strainer to dry for a few minutes. In a medium bowl, combine the olive oil, lemon juice, salt, red pepper flakes and cumin. Add the chickpeas and toss to combine.

Drain the olives and roughly chop them. Add to the bowl with the chickpeas. Remove the leaves from the parsley stems (you should have about 1½ to 2 cups, loosely packed). Roughly chop the parsley. Just before serving, add to the chickpea mixture and toss well.

HELP WANTED

The Village of Cold Spring has a **part-time opening for a secretary** to the Village Boards and **office assistant**. The position requires attending and recording meetings of the Historic District Review Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, preparing minutes, meeting preparation and follow up, and assisting Village Clerk and Accountant with projects.

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The Bannerman residence (left) and the remains of the warehouse

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Bannerman's Island to Restart Tours

Programs return as COVID restrictions loosen

By Michael Turton

COVID-19 greatly limited access to the historic Bannerman's Island last year but public events and programs are set to rebound in 2021, Neal Caplan, executive director of the Bannerman Castle Trust, said on Tuesday (April 27).

The 6-acre island, located in the Hudson River between Cold Spring and Beacon, is

part of Hudson Highlands State Park.

Guided tours of the island will be offered at half-capacity on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays beginning May 1, Caplan said, with additional times to be added later in the season. The tours leave from the boat dock opposite the Beacon train station. The Friday tour departs at 6 p.m., while those on Saturday and Sunday leave at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

The 2021 season will also include live music on the third Sunday of each month through Oct. 17, as well as film screenings, a

staged radio play and the 11th annual Farm Fresh Chef's Dinner.

The movies will be *Bill and Ted Face the Music*, starring Keanu Reeves, on Aug 20; Alfred Hitchcock's *Vertigo*, with James Stewart and Kim Novak, on Aug. 27; and *King Kong*, starring Fay Wray, on Sept. 19.

Five actors will play nine roles in a live "radio version" of the 1950 film noir classic *Sunset Boulevard* on July 30 and Aug. 1. The production will be directed by Frank Marquette, founder of Theatre in the Round.

On Sept. 4, Noah Sheetz will host the five-

course chef's dinner with live music and the sale of works by Hudson Valley artists.

Caplan said that while the tours and events will follow state park health protocols, he's hoping "things will loosen up more as the season moves forward." This year has already been an improvement over 2020, with the season starting on schedule, although at reduced capacity. "There's light at the end of the tunnel," he said. "We're thrilled to keep going."

Bannerman's Island is named for Frank Bannerman, who purchased Pollepel Island in 1900 to store his extensive inventory of military goods. Bannerman's business outfitted armies around the world and his 350-page catalogue, which contained everything from black powder, cannons and helmets to uniforms, rifles and swords, was a veritable encyclopedia of the weapons of war.

The island warehouse was built in the architectural style of an old Scottish castle, in homage to Bannerman's family heritage. He also constructed a home on the island.

Bannerman died in 1918, but his family continued the business into the 1970s, in later years from a Long Island warehouse. In 1969, fire destroyed most of the island's structures.

The Bannerman residence is being restored and serves as a visitor center and as the backdrop for concerts, movies and stage productions. For information, see bannermanisland.org.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring will hold a public hearing via Videoconference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 to consider proposed local law to add Chapter 100 Short Term Rentals and amend sections:

134-2 Word Usage and Definitions, 134-7 Regulations for R-1 One Family Residence District, 134-8 Regulations for R-3 Multifamily Residence District, 134-9 Regulations for B-1 General Business District, 134-12 Regulations for I-1 Office-Light Industry District, 134-13 Regulations for I-2 Heavy Industry District, 134-15 Regulations for B-4 Designated Medical and Health Care Facility District and 134-15A Regulations for B-4A Medical and Health Care Facility Mixed Use District.

WHEN: Thursday May 6th

TIME: 6:30 PM

WHERE: Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. All interested parties can attend as follows:

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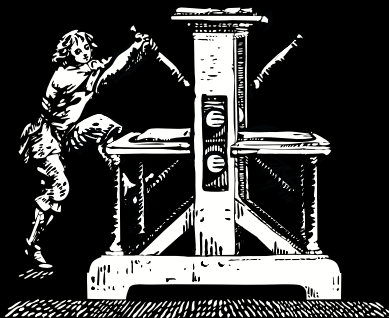
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The proposed new Chapter 100 and amended Chapter 134 are available on the Village website at <https://www.coldspringny.gov/mayor-board-trustees/pages/local-law-01-2021-short-term-rentals> or you may request a copy by emailing the Village Clerk (vcscerk@coldspringny.gov). A copy of the proposed local law is also available by appointment at Village Hall at 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY. Please call Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk at 845-265-3611 x 1 to make an appointment.

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Dated this 22nd day of April 2021.
Brian Kenney, Assessor

Riot Arrest *(from Page 1)*

sentatives and Senate were certifying that Biden won the November presidential election. President Donald Trump had falsely claimed the election had been “stolen” from him through massive voter fraud. Before he left office, the House impeached him for inciting the riot, although he was acquitted by the Senate.

Chapman drew investigators’ attention after a person with whom he interacted on an online dating service alerted them to a remark and photo posted by someone with that name. In the message, “Robert” wrote that “I did storm the Capitol. I made it all the way into Statuary Hall.”

“We are not a match,” his potential date replied.

“I suppose not,” he conceded.

The tip prompted the FBI to exam-

ine footage from body cameras worn by Washington Metropolitan Police officers at the Capitol. It showed a man, identified by the FBI as Chapman, using his cell phone to record developments inside the building. They also discovered a Facebook page established by Chapman in which he boasted of being inside.

Authorities on April 21 also arrested Matthew Greene, a resident of Syracuse, and added his name to an indictment that names Will Pepe of Beacon and Dominic Pezzola of Rochester as co-conspirators. Prosecutors allege the men acted together during the riot as members of the far-right Proud Boys by coordinating travel and lodging, using ear pieces and radios to communicate, dismantling barriers and breaking windows. Pezzola and Pepe, who was fired from his job at Metro-North in Brewster after being charged, have pleaded not guilty.



A man identified as Robert Chapman inside the Capitol on Jan. 6.

FBI

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67 Years of Indian Point

1954

Consolidated Edison buys the 242-acre Indian Point Park — which had been a stop for the Hudson River Day Line and included beaches, trails and swimming pools — for \$300,000 to construct a nuclear power plant, with little opposition. By one estimate, once the plant is operating, property taxes in tiny Buchanan will be cut by 88 percent.



1962

Con Ed announces that its newly completed reactor has achieved its first nuclear chain reaction. Six weeks later, it begins producing 15 megawatts of power for use by Buchanan residents.



1963

The reactor reaches full power, 275 megawatts.

1966

Con Ed receives federal approval to construct a second reactor with a capacity of 873 megawatts.

1969

Con Ed receives federal approval to build a third reactor with a capacity of 965 megawatts.

1972

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) orders Con Ed to temporarily shut down the intake system for Reactor 2 over “substantial fish kills” estimated at 100,000 during the previous week.

1974

The federal government orders Reactor 1 shut down because it lacks an emergency core cooling system. It is never restarted.

1975

The New York Power Authority announces it has purchased Reactor 3 for \$394 million.

Living History

Two years ago, while researching the nuclear power industry, Michael Conrad was surprised at how little



Conrad

to document the duties and daily working life of plant workers. To counter that, he founded the Indian Point Heritage Project, which archives oral histories and photos.

Most studies of the nuclear industry focus on its defense applications or ongoing political battles rather than the civilians who operated and maintained the plants, Conrad writes at the project’s website (ipheritage.org). The project, he said, “aims to

correct those research imbalances by centralizing the worker.”

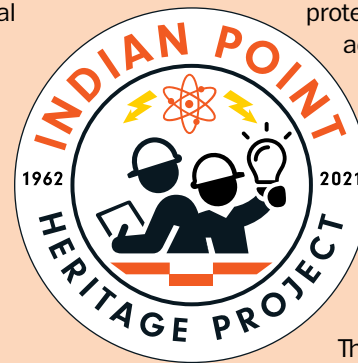
Conrad, who is the executive officer in charge of business, accreditation and facility operations at Clarkson University-Beacon, says he was inspired to found the project while researching his doctoral thesis on the concrete aggregate industry of the Hudson Valley and Long Island. He discovered a collection of recorded interviews done with workers who labored during the 1930s to the 1970s.

“These priceless recordings are now our only vantage points into the work and life of aggregate workers,” he notes. The records that companies usually save “tend to

highlight management decisions and labor relations.”

With Indian Point about to be decommissioned, Conrad decided to undertake an oral history project with its workers, including those in operations, maintenance, radiation protection, engineering, administration, training and security. He is being assisted by Brian Vangor, who has worked at Indian Point since 1980, most recently as a supervisor in the Dry Cask Storage Group.

The project has posted 17 interviews, has another six scheduled and hopes to eventually complete 40, Conrad said on Wednesday (April 28). It is funded by Entergy, which owns the plant.



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were being sucked into the plant and killed every week.

It was this fear of massive fish destruction that helped sink public support for another Hudson River plant that was never constructed: the Cementon Nuclear Power Plant that was proposed near Athens in Greene County in the 1970s. Residents heard about the decimated fish populations downriver at Buchanan and wanted no part of it.

The environmental groups demanded cooling towers be built at Indian Point to stop the intake of river water and aquatic life. Con Edison argued that it would be too costly. But as part of the treaty to save Storm King, the groups agreed to postpone the cooling tower fight.

“We agreed to allow additional information to be gathered on the Indian Point plant to determine the damage that was being done,” recalled Paul Gallay, executive director of Riverkeeper. “If that information showed that the plant was harming the Hudson, Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson and Clearwater would be able to go back and object and try and force the plant to install the cooling towers.”

“Here is proof,” wrote *The New York Times*’ editorial board on the signing of the treaty, “that negotiation can produce better results than prolonged litigation.”

Twenty years later, the environmental groups thought they had the evidence they needed to again push for cooling towers at Indian Point. But the legal case took a back seat to sudden threats from above.

Terrorists, balloons

The groups were dealing with a new entity: Entergy, a Louisiana energy company that had purchased Indian Point from Con Ed, which owned the Reactor 1 (which was inoperative) and Reactor 2, and the New York Power Authority, which owned Reactor 3.

Entergy took down the fence that was separating Reactors 2 and 3 and worked on making the plant whole. They had not even owned the plant for a year when a hijacked commercial airliner flew overhead on Sept. 11, 2001, on course for the World Trade Center.

“Had the plane gone down 60 seconds sooner [into Indian Point], it would have breached the fuel pools with all of their radioactive waste and could have caused a fuel-pool fire,” said Manna Jo Greene, Clearwater’s environmental director. She said the consequences could have resembled those of the 2011 disaster at Fukushima Daiichi in Japan, which led to the evacuation of more than 100,000 people, some of which have still not been allowed to return.

It was not an idle fear. The 9/11 Commission would later reveal that the hijackers had considered Indian Point as a target. Subsequent military operations in Afghanistan uncovered detailed plans of U.S. nuclear power plants in captured Al Qaeda strongholds, although for which plants has not been revealed.

By order of the NRC, Indian Point spent \$150 million on security improvements and began regular counterterrorism drills in which the plant’s security force repelled groups of attackers. Although the plant’s security overcame the simulated terrorist threat every time, it was less successful in thwarting a mylar balloon that got caught in the wires of a substation in 2015, which led to one of the reactors temporarily shutting down.

A review of the plant’s evacuation plans in 2003, ordered by then-Gov. George Pataki (a resident of Garrison) and overseen by former Federal Emergency Management Agency director James Witt, found the plant’s plans to be wildly improbable, failing to take into account increased terrorism risks, the high population density of the area, basic human behavior in the advent of a wide-scale threat and the feasibility of hundreds of thousands of people

being able to calmly evacuate via Route 9 during a nuclear emergency.

“That’s obvious to anyone who’s ever sat in traffic on Route 9,” said Gallay, calling the evacuation plan “a paper plan for a paper emergency.” Pataki refused to certify the evacuation plan unless significant changes were made.

Yet the plan, defended in court by former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, was approved on the federal level. Michael Brown, the director of FEMA at the time, who would rise to infamy a few years later for the role his agency played in mismanaging the response to Hurricane Katrina, defended the federal approval by noting that the high population density of the area “does not create additional challenges, other than an educational challenge of really communicating well to a denser population about what their role is.”

As the years wore on, so did the problems. There were corroded bolts on the reactors, radioactive groundwater contamination discovered on site and a transformer explosion in 2010 that sent oil into the Hudson.

The month before Reactor 3 was shut down by that wayward balloon, it was shut down by a transformer fire that jettisoned 3,000 gallons of cooling fluid into the river. The month after the balloon, Reactor 3 was shut down yet again after a water pump failure. A report by the NRC found that the nuclear power plant in the country that was most at-risk to earthquakes was not in California, but was Indian Point, which was built close to a fault line.

Then, in 2010, 30 years after the “Peace Treaty on the Hudson,” the state ruled that Indian Point was in violation of the Clean Water Act for its constant destruction of marine life and daily contamination of the river. Bringing the plant to compliance would have meant constructing large cooling towers, which were estimated to cost \$1 billion and would have closed the plant

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The Indian Point nuclear plant in Buchanan

Photo by Jeff Anzevino

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for nearly a year.

“That was not feasible from an economic perspective,” said Jerry Nappi, a spokesperson for Entergy. “No existing nuclear plant had ever been retrofit with cooling towers.”

But Nappi says it was not the Clean Water Act that ultimately did the plant in. The culprit lay to the west, underneath the ground in Pennsylvania. “The advent of fracked gas, which impacts this area, primarily from the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania, drove down wholesale electricity prices greatly and made the continued operation unsustainable from an economic perspective,” he said.

It was a bitter irony that fracked gas, which environmentalists had fought to keep out of New York because of the environmental damage that is done when the gas is extracted, was what drove Entergy to approach the state and Riverkeeper in 2016 to discuss closing the plant down. The announcement was made in January 2017.

Gallay notes that the four-year window has given the state, and the renewable energy sector, ample time to prepare. “There’s been careful plans made for the better part of the decade for the de-continuation of operations at Indian Point, for the replacement of Indian Point’s power generation and now, most recently, for the prompt and safe decommissioning of Indian Point,” he said.

“They made an economic decision,” said Assembly Member Sandy Galef, whose district includes both Indian Point, which is about 10 miles from her home, and the Highlands. “You can’t fault them for that.”

Galef has had an extensive knowledge of the inner workings at Indian Point for decades. Shortly after she was elected to the state Assembly in 1992, a steam

generator failure at Indian Point made her realize that part of her job was going to involve quickly becoming an expert on nuclear power plants. She began attending every NRC meeting she could, even after the NRC yelled at her for tape recording a meeting. “I still have a couple of inches of files in my basement that explain how steam generators work,” she said.

Galef said she was never someone who was in favor of shutting down the plant outright, even as the plant’s age required her ever-increasing scrutiny and oversight. “My focus was always on safety, whatever the problems were,” she said. “But we always knew, at some point it was going to close, because you can only replace so much.”

The shutdown is bittersweet for Galef, who emphasizes that the plant supplied thousands of people with well-paying, demanding and highly skilled jobs filled by many people who, like Galef, ultimately had enough faith in the plant’s overall safety that they chose to live near it, working long hours to keep its aging infrastructure operating as safely as they could. There were the tens of millions in annual tax revenue that sustained the surrounding communities. And she saw marked improvements in the plant when Entergy took over.

“They’ll be remembered as a very good neighbor,” she said of Entergy. “Some people won’t view them as a good neighbor, but they’ve been a good neighbor.”

She has a much different opinion of the company that is coming in to replace them. “I haven’t been a fan of Holtec,” she said.

Out of the frying pan

Greene, the environmental director at Clearwater, has an even blunter assessment.

“Holtec has a long history of bribery, malfeasance and lying to public officials,” she alleged about the company that is one

public hearing away from taking over the license at Indian Point to handle the decommissioning of the plant. “So much so that they were barred from doing business from the World Bank and the Tennessee Valley Authority.”

Greene has been a leader in the fight to shut down Indian Point for decades, but Holtec’s imminent takeover of the plant and its thousands of tons of radioactive fuel has meant that this day, which she had looked forward to for so long, brings little solace.

“If the license transfer was going to a reliable decommissioning company with a good history and long experience, I would feel more relieved,” she said.

Holtec may be new to decommissioning but that doesn’t mean it’s not qualified, says Patrick O’Brien, a Holtec representative. The company is decommissioning the Oyster Creek nuclear plant in New Jersey and the Pilgrim Energy plant in Massachusetts, and is also going through the license transfer process to decommission the Palisades nuclear power plant in Michigan.

“The NRC does a very thorough process and they found that, with Pilgrim’s case, with Oyster’s case and now with Indian Point, that we have the technical and financial abilities to complete the decommissioning,” he said. “That’s why they allowed the license transfer. The key thing to note when you look at our projects that are underway: They’re both on schedule and under budget.”

The New York State attorney general was not convinced and sued the NRC in January. A few weeks ago, the state, the NRC, Entergy, Holtec and Riverkeeper announced a settlement that would allow the license transfer to go through. A public hearing on the settlement is scheduled for May 13.

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1980

More than 100,000 gallons of water flood Reactor 2, knocking it out of service.

1982

After a study claims that a core meltdown at Indian Point could cause 50,000 deaths from radiation poisoning and 14,000 long-term deaths from cancer, an official with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) says an accident is about as likely as “a jumbo jet crashing into a football stadium during the Super Bowl.”

1993

The state shuts Reactor 3 for safety violations and the reactor is placed on an NRC “watch list” of troubled plants. The reactor remains inactive for two-and-a-half years.

2000

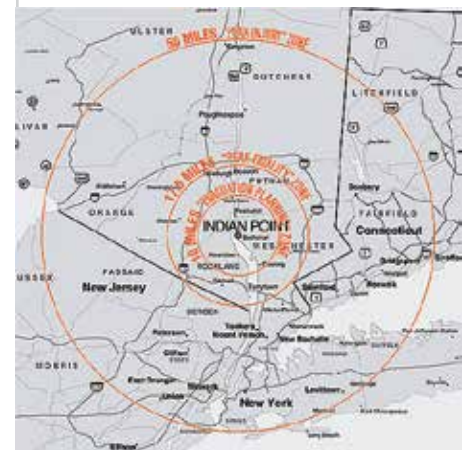
A leak inside a steam generator forces the shutdown of Reactor 2 for 10 months and the first emergency alert in the facility’s history.

2001

Entergy buys Indian Point from Con Ed for \$602 million. Organizations that oppose the plant create the Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition.

2002

The federal government creates a disaster evacuation plan but skeptical county executives refuse to sign off. The state says Entergy must do more to reduce the impact of its water-intake cooling system on aquatic life. Entergy renames the plant the Indian Point Energy Center, dropping “nuclear.” A union leader for the plant’s 600 employees complains that they are portrayed as “ignorant canaries going into the mines. In reality, we’re a well-educated, highly trained, professional workforce.”



2003

Entergy informs the NRC that it plans to store spent fuel at the site in dry casks made by Holtec.

2004

The commission investigating the 9/11 terrorist attacks reveals that Mohamed Atta, who flew a plane into the World Trade Center, “considered targeting a nuclear facility he had seen during familiarization flights” — almost certainly Indian Point, since the terrorists practiced along the Hudson River corridor. Another ringleader reportedly said the plan was abandoned for fear “it might get out of hand.”

2007

Gov. Eliot Spitzer and Attorney General Andrew Cuomo ask the NRC to deny a request from Entergy for 20-year extensions for its 40-year licenses to operate the plant. “We cannot continue to roll the dice with the operation of Indian Point — there is simply too much at stake,” Cuomo says.

**2010**

The DEC rules that Indian Point kills too many fish and consumes and contaminates so much water that it violates the federal Clean Water Act. The firm needs water quality certification for the NRC to approve its license renewals. An Entergy representative says upgrading the water-cooling system to meet state standards would require \$1.1 billion and a 42-week shutdown.

2011

Following a meltdown at the Fukushima Daiichi plant in Japan, the National Resources Defense Council estimates that, depending on which direction the wind carried the fallout, an accident of the same scale at Indian Point “could cause a swath of land down to the George Washington Bridge to be uninhabitable for generations.”

**2012**

The DEC fines Indian Point \$1.2 million for violating the Clean Water Act after a transformer explosion spills oil into the Hudson.



A photo from Ivy Meeropol's 2015 documentary, *Indian Point*

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The settlement addresses many of that state's concerns with Holtec, including financial assurances that it will be able to complete the job by requiring a minimum balance of \$400 million in the decommissioning trust fund for the next 10 years, allowing more on-site scrutiny from the state's Department of Environmental Conservation to ensure the cleanup, including of the contaminated groundwater, is being done thoroughly, and the establishment of a Decommissioning Oversight Board.

“I would venture that the financial assurance is more than any other plant has,” said O'Brien.

The agreement does not address everything. Greene is still concerned about Holtec's plan to ship the radioactive waste to its storage facilities in New Mexico and Texas, in predominantly Native American and Latinx communities that have already borne the brunt of the atomic age by their proximity to nuclear testing and uranium mining.

“It's an environmental justice issue,” she said. It's also a logistical issue as she worried that local roads, bridges and overpasses won't be able to support the massive weight of the radioactive waste-filled casks as they're transported across the country. “It's a tractor-trailer in front, a tractor-trailer in the back and a large flatbed that can only go 3 to 5 mph,” she said, adding that she had urged Rep. Antonio Delgado, whose district includes the Catskills and parts of the Hudson Valley, to take these needs into account when working on President Joe Biden's infrastructure bill.

There are, however, mechanisms in place to make sure these concerns continue to be addressed. And they've been at it for years.

Everyone on board

As part of the 2017 agreement to shut down Indian Point, the state created an Indian Point Closure Task Force. Tom Congdon, the chair of the task force and the executive deputy of the state Department of Public Service, said that it has been meeting on a regular basis since 2017 and is staffed by representatives from almost every state department; every level of government, from the school boards

affected by Indian Point's closure to representatives from the offices of Sens. Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand; and even workers from the plant.

Many of the bills that have been passed in the past few years affecting Indian Point grew out of this task force, as members discussed needs to be met and problems on the horizon. It is thanks to the task force that about 300 of the plant's current staff of around 750 employees will be staying on to work with Holtec on the decommissioning. Another 170 will relocate down south to continue working with Entergy, and about 180 of the remaining employees are eligible for retirement.

The structures housing the spent fuel will now be taxed. And for the next several years the state will also be providing financial assistance to the jurisdictions who will no longer be collecting \$32 million in annual tax revenue from the plant, starting with 80 percent of the usual tax amount next year, and then decreasing by 10 percent each year. “It's a more gradual phase-out of the lost revenue,” said Congdon, and buys the municipalities time to come up with new sources of tax revenue.

But one of the first things the task force addressed in 2017 is the issue that will be on the minds of many New Yorkers today: Will the lights go off tonight at 11 p.m.?

They will not. In late 2017, the New York Independent System Operator, the state entity that manages the power grid, issued a Generator Deactivation Assessment, a report that NYISO is required to write whenever any power plant, no matter what source of energy it uses, announces its intention to shut down. The purpose of the report is to figure out if the retirement of a plant will result in any reliability issues to the grid. If NYISO determines that it would, they then have the authority to keep the plant open until the issues can be resolved.

As NYISO explained to the closure task force, as long as two out of three power projects that were then in the works (the upgrade of the Bayonne Energy Center in New Jersey; the construction of the Cricket Valley Energy Center in Dover, New York; and the CPV Valley Energy Plant in Middletown) were completed, there would be no reliability issues. As NYISO declared in subsequent reports, since all three projects

2015

After the NRC says it will allow Indian Point to operate under its expired licenses, protestors stretch “Caution” tape across the entrance of the facility. The documentary *Indian Point*, by Cold Spring filmmaker Ivy Meeropol, debuts at the Tribeca Film Festival.

2017

Cuomo, now governor, announces that, under an agreement with Entergy, Indian Point will shut down by 2021. He appoints a task force to oversee the closure that includes Assembly Member Sandy Galef, who represents Philipstown. In December, the New York Independent System Operator, which oversees the electricity grid, concludes the closure will not affect energy supplies.

2020

Reactor 2 is shut down. The NRC approves the sale of the plant to Holtec, which will decommission it.

2021

New York State Attorney General Letitia James sues the NRC, alleging the agency should have held a hearing before approving the sale to Holtec or the company's withdrawal of \$2.1 billion from a decommissioning fund. (The case has been settled.) The state Public Service Commission authorizes the distribution of \$12.5 million annually through 2029 to nearby municipalities, school districts and special districts for lost tax revenue. On April 30, the third and final reactor at Indian Point shuts down.

have since been completed, Indian Point was free to shut down.

However, all three plants burn natural gas, producing much more air pollution and greenhouse gasses than Indian Point ever did. And saying they “replaced” Indian Point isn't quite accurate. The grid is constantly in flux, and it's almost impossible at any point to say where the power in your home is coming from at that exact moment. Since 2017, New York has brought online enough renewable energy and efficiency savings to also “replace” Indian Point's power, with much more on the way. It's part of an ambitious plan to decarbonize 70 percent of New York's energy grid by 2030, and reach zero emissions by 2040.

The state will have to get there without the plant that had been producing nearly carbon-free energy for 60 years, even as it grapples with the damages the plant did to the river flowing by it and the soil underneath it. The sun may set tonight at Indian Point, but the Hudson Valley will be in its shadow for many years to come.

Next week:

Where will the energy come from?

Puzzles

CROSS CURRENT

ACROSS

1. Fashion

6. Cougars

11. Copier part

12. Sanford of *The Jeffersons*

14. Sweatshirt variety

15. "The Raven" maiden

16. Off-roader (Abbr.)

17. Burn with steam

19. Khan title

20. *Moonstruck* star

22. — -la-la

23. War god

24. "Praying" singer

26. TV actor Prinze

28. Business mag

30. Melancholy

31. Dagwood's lady

35. Chic again

39. Lariat

40. Neither mate

42. Actress de Matteo

43. — -de-France

44. Red Square figure

46. Last (Abbr.)

47. Sister of Moses

49. Restaurant fan

51. Sports venues

52. Not as small

53. Admin. aides

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DOWN

1. Mollify

2. Caches

3. Pay stub abbr.

4. Floral rings

5. Upright

6. Columns

7. Secondhand

8. Chess piece

9. On the train

10. Composer Prokofiev

11. Crude cabin

13. Rental contract

18. Canine cry

21. Bonn's river

23. Threw in

25. Moreover

27. Corn serving

29. Movie houses

31. Hat edges

32. Nabokov novel

33. Puccini works

34. Very long time

36. Plod

37. Counted (on)

38. Western flick

41. Sentry's weapon

44. Cannes milk

45. Linguist Chomsky

48. Check-cashing needs

50. Sphere

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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 "bench sitter" (5)

2 restrains (7)

3 like the Tin Man of Oz (9)

4 flavor cube (8)

5 "mail carriers" (9)

6 out of gas (9)

7 wash over (9)

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1. TUTANKHAMUN, 2. APPLAUDED, 3. LONGHORNS, 4. SCION, 5. DWARFS, 6. FLEMING, 7. COBRA

Answers will be published next week. See highlandscurrent.org/puzzle for interactive sudoku.

SPORTS



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In his final game for Haldane, quarterback Dan Santos ran for 77 yards. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.

Haldane on Short End of Thrilling Finish

Tuckahoe kicks field goal for 37-36 win

By Skip Pearlman

In the final contest of an abbreviated season, Haldane and Tuckahoe played a wild game on Saturday (April 24) that ended with the Blue Devils on the short end of a 37-36 score.

Haldane led Tuckahoe — its only Class D rival in Section 1 — 36-28 with 3:48 to play, and were leading 36-34 with 17 seconds left when the Tigers drilled a 22-yard field goal for the victory.

After going up 20-7 in the first half, Haldane trailed 28-20 at the end of three quarters. The Blue Devils scored twice — with Dan Santos hooking up with brother Darrin on touchdown passes of 12 and 22 yards — to open the fourth. But the Tigers scored on a 54-yard touchdown with 3:17 left to pull within two.

Tuckahoe got the ball back again with 1:28, and on third down, threw down the sideline, where wide receiver John Benke deflected the pass, then made a circus catch and fought his way to the Haldane 5-yard line with 1:01 on the clock. That led to Jason Santos' winning field goal.

Haldane's Christian Pezzullo scored on a 23-yard fumble recovery in the first, and Evan Giachinta had a 98-yard fumble

return that gave the Blue Devils a 12-7 lead. A Dan-to-Darrin Santos 92-yard TD pass early in the second made it 20-7.

The loss was a heartbreaker for the Blue Devils, who closed their season at 2-4.

"It was a roller coaster of emotions and big plays," said Coach Ryan McConville. "Two rivals, and no one wanted to lose. That was one of the toughest, certainly in the top two losses I've had, because we had a chance to win the football game. But penalties, and that last play..."

He added: "The last game was heart-breaking, but it was awesome what we were able to accomplish" despite COVID-19 restrictions. He noted that his team was missing four players against Tuckahoe because of quarantine but that others stepped up, including Tommy Tucker, Sorin Holmbo and Luca Dillelo.

The Santos brothers, in their final game for Haldane, led the way. At quarterback, Dan Santos went 23 of 43 for 290 yards and three touchdowns but was picked off four times. He also ran 77 yards on 24 carries. Darrin Santos had 12 receptions for 167 yards and three TDs.

Beacon High School, meanwhile, finished a tough season on April 22, falling at home to Greeley, 22-6, to finish 0-4. The Bulldogs had two of their six games canceled due to COVID-19 quarantines.



Beacon seniors are Bryan Conklin, Jackson Jackson, Mike Lepere, Matt Manzoello and Mike Levy.
Photos by S. Pearlman

Preview: Beacon Baseball

By Skip Pearlman

After losing its 2020 season to the pandemic shutdown, the Beacon High School baseball team is ready to get back on the field for a condensed schedule of 18 games in 35 days.

Beacon finished 13-9 in 2019 and lost in the first round of the playoffs. Manager Bob Atwell welcomes back two starters from that team: All-League centerfielder and pitcher Mike Lapere, and All-Section first baseman and pitcher Matt Manzoello. Infielder and pitcher Dillon Kelly also returns.

The rest of the team is new to the varsity. It includes catcher Jackson Jackson; pitcher Mike Levy; infielders Brian Conklin and Chase Green; first baseman and designated hitter Tyler Haydt; outfielders Owen Bozsik, Flynn Johnson and Devin Buggs; third baseman and pitcher Owen Browne; infielder and pitcher Joey Vollaro; utility and pitcher JJ Mazzacone; and utility and pitcher Mike Fontaine.

"The relative inexperience of teams will

be interesting to see," Atwell said. "The guys we're building the team around were sophomores two years ago. Missing last year was huge; they haven't been on a high school field in nearly two years. A lot of them play travel ball, but some of those schedules were also condensed."

The pitching staff starts with Manzoello and Lapere. After that everyone is looking to prove themselves, Atwell said.

Beacon will look to the same pair to spark the offense, as well. "Mike will be a key, with his ability to drive the ball, and I'll be looking for them to provide some offense," Atwell said. "We also have some talented sophomores, and Fontaine, as a freshman, had a good spring. Our juniors have been competitive. Levy could have a good season, and Jackson has improved immensely behind the plate."

The Bulldogs were scheduled to open their season Thursday (April 29) hosting O'Neill High School, followed by games against Hendrick Hudson today and Wallkill on Saturday.



PHILIPSTOWN WIN — Parker Larsen of the U12 Vikings lines up a kick in its victory over the Poughkeepsie Firestorm on Sunday (April 25) at Philipstown Park. The Vikings won 8-2 behind four goals from Elias Moran; Larsen, Oliver Sanders, Jack Fitzgerald and Connor Keegan also scored. The squad travels to Rhinebeck on Sunday (May 2).
Photo by Sheila Williams