Town, Villages Hash Out Marijuana Law

Philipstown board suggests local coordination

By Michael Turton

Cold Spring officials said this week they want to put the question of whether legal marijuana can be sold in the village before voters in the fall, while the Town of Philipstown earlier said it wanted to consult with Cold Spring and Nelsonville before making a decision.

Enacted on March 31 by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, the law allows adults age 21 and older to possess up to 3 ounces; the opening of licensed retail shops where customers can buy and consume marijuana; and a sales tax that will benefit municipalities, counties, schools, community grants and a drug treatment and public education fund.

You Call That a Park?

Planning Board questions proposed ‘public benefit’

By Jeff Simms

Members of the Beacon Planning Board on Tuesday (June 8) said they want to avoid the mistakes of the past in their review of a four-story development proposal for 364 Main St.

The project that would transform the former Citizens Bank building into 27 apartments and nearly 8,000 square feet of commercial space includes a public plaza.

A public plaza would replace the former drive-thru lanes at 364 Main St. Photo by J. Simms

‘It’s Up To Us’

LGBTQ community seeks organized leadership

By Kat Merry

Although Mayor Lee Kyriacou last year proclaimed June as Pride Month, the LGBTQ (Lesbian-Gay-Bi-Trans-Queer) community in Beacon has been advocating for itself since long before a formal declaration.

Nowhere is that more evident than on Main Street, where Pride flags and stickers appear in the windows of many businesses. Aimee deSimone, who owns Berte, a home and handmade goods retailer, highlights the work of LGBTQ artists, makers and products. At the Blend Smoothie Bar, Emily Dolan adds a colorful fruit-filled Pride Bowl to the menu each June.

But what Beacon has lacked, say activists, is an organized effort to promote LGBTQ residents as a vital part of the community.

This year, Donna Minkowitz, Petra Aldrich

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PROUD PUTNAM — On June 5, Putnam Pride held its second annual rally and march in coordination with Putnam for Black Lives. Drag queens Shay D’Pines and Angel Elektra led the crowd of 200 from the Historic Courthouse in Carmel to Gilead Presbyterian Church for music, entertainment and performances. For more photos, see Page 20. A Pride parade is scheduled in Beacon for Saturday (June 12).

Photo by Laurie Doppman

Mask Confusion

Change in school guidance brings relief, concern

By Jeff Simms

After a weekend of confusion, public schools in the Highlands this week settled on masking requirements for the handful of days remaining in the academic year.

Masks will be required of all students and staff inside buildings at Beacon, Haldane and Garrison schools, but, citing the low transmission of the coronavirus in open air, as well as New York state’s plummeting rate of infection, masks are optional outside.

Simple, right? It didn’t start that way.

On June 4, a Friday, Howard Zucker, the commissioner of the state health department, wrote to the director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to say that New York State intended on Monday (June 7) to implement new guidance for masks at schools and summer camps.

His letter said that masks would be “strongly encouraged” indoors, but not required, even for people not yet fully vacc-
FIVE QUESTIONS: JAN ANDERSON

By Leonard Sparks

Jan Anderson, of Garrison, is the president of Premium Quality Consulting, which serves the coffee industry.

What led you to coffee?

I graduated from Columbia University with a master’s degree in rare books but realized how little money you could make in rare books. My brother gave my husband and me an espresso machine. We got engaged in this illy product [by an Italian coffee company] and met the North American importer, who was just doing a bit of business in California and Washington D.C. We said, “New York is the market you should want.” And it was. That was in the mid-1980s.

As a coffee consultant, whom do you work with?

We work with “green” coffee sourcing companies, with cafes and roasters, multinationals and neighborhood cafes. In November we got a call from a family starting a coffee company in Washington, D.C. They’re African American and their goal is to create a coffee experience that’s not exclusively for Black people but an experience that they would be at home with. Two months later, the phone rang again and it was a young couple in California who had purchased a cafe. They’re also African American. This new group — I don’t know how many there are, but I hope there’s a lot more because coffee needs this [expanding of its audience] and consumers are ready.

How has the coffee scene changed?

In the U.S. in the 1980s, coffee was still commercial coffee, diner coffee, nothing special. Suddenly the Italian companies started bringing in espresso based on what they saw happening in California with wine and nouvelle cuisine. Now there is a very compelling American coffee experience, which is sometimes called the Third Wave — moving away from blends to single origins, telling the story of that origin and sometimes of the farmers. I would identify that as Joe Coffee and Partners Coffee in New York City, and Intelligentsia Coffee. There are so many brands now that are able to charge $16 to $20 for 12 ounces of beans to a sophisticated group of consumers, mostly younger. And now, the Third Wave is all over Europe.

Where are the best beans grown?

Everybody recognizes that East African coffees are exceptional. That’s where the first coffee plants were found. They have a little bit of a floral characteristic, so they’re so pleasant to smell and taste; they’re a little lighter than coffees from other areas. Sometimes there’s almost a jasmine smell. If you go to Central America, like Guatemala, the coffees will be a little more caramel and chocolatey and nutty. Brazil is the largest producer of Arabica coffees, which is the preferred bean at this point. Their coffees are also chocolatey and nutty. Brazilian coffees make a great base for a blend.

If you’re on the road and gas stations are the only coffee option, do you stop?

If I’m traveling with my partner, we know every cafe within 25 miles; we’ve made a list and a plan. There are no surprises.
Philipstown Expects $700K from Pandemic Relief

Villages should each receive about $150K

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

P hilipstown Supervisor Richard Shea said on June 3 that the town expects to receive about $700,000 under a federal pandemic relief program, with another $300,000 split between Cold Spring and Nelsonville.

“We really need that money,” Shea said at the Town Board’s formal monthly meeting. “Our revenue is down about 80 percent this year.”

The money is part of $350 billion being distributed to municipalities, counties and state governments through the American Rescue Plan. Local governments will receive 50 percent of the money this year and the remainder in 2022.

According to the U.S. Treasury, the funds can be used to support public health; address economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, industries and the public sector; provide government services that were curtailed during the shutdown; provide premium pay for essential workers; and invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

In other business...

- The board agreed on June 3 to establish a task force of residents to collaborate with the state Department of Environmental Conservation, Cornell University and the Hudson Highlands Land Trust on safeguarding habitats, water, trails, scenery and other natural resources. There will be no cost to Philipstown, Shea said. “It’s important to preserve what we have here. As time goes on, you see more and more what’s happening on the outskirts of Philipstown and realize how special this place is.”

- Shea said he thought it was “a shame” that the Desmond-Fish Public Library abandoned plans, at least temporarily, to install solar panels on its lawn. Some neighbors objected, and the library said it was focused on hiring a new director. It sounds “like a classic case of ‘not in my backyard,’” Shea said. “We’re very environmentally conscious in this town — it feels like — until it suddenly has an impact, or a perceived impact, on somebody’s property values.” Yet, he cautioned, “if we don’t start putting in more of these arrays and having local solar, we are going to continue to rely on fossil fuels. And so far that hasn’t worked out.”

- Using authority granted by state law to local governments for projects that “serve the public interest,” the board removed the construction of a new town highway garage in Nelsonville from review by the village. “We will be working with Nelsonville,” regardless, Shea said. The town hopes to receive $2 million in federal funds for the project, and Shea said he recently got about 10 questions from a House committee, suggesting “somebody really looked” at the application. Covering 50 square miles, Philipstown has 60 miles of roads, half of them dirt, he added. “We’re also under incredible pressure from tourism. A town of 10,000, we’ll probably see 250,000 visitors this year. That’s a lot of wear and tear on our infrastructure and federal dollars would help.

Leonard Resigns from Town Board

Members will appoint successor

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

M ike Leonard has resigned, effective today (June 11), from the Philipstown Town Board, saying he plans to move to Germantown for family reasons.

Leonard, in his second, 4-year term, earlier this year said he would not seek re-election in November. Before joining the Town Board in 2013, he chaired the Planning Board.

Supervisor Richard Shea said on Tuesday (June 8) that the Town Board’s remaining four members were “still processing the news” of the vacancy but “will need to fill the seat and will be deliberating on the matter in the week ahead.”

Shea and the other board members are all Democrats. Two Democrats, Jason Angell and Megan Cotter, and two Republicans, Sarina Tamagna and Neal Tomann, are competing for two open seats: Leonard’s and one held by John Van Tassel, who is running unopposed to succeed Shea as supervisor.

Shea lauded Leonard for being “as solid a Town Board member as any town could ever ask for, thoughtful, independent, smart and hard-working,” a colleague who represented Philipstown “with quiet dignity and a sense of purpose that set him apart in the current American political climate. Mike is a class act from a not-so-distant past.”

Leonard expressed appreciation on Facebook on Sunday to those who helped him in his work for the town: “You learn as I have that it’s really about a combined effort and that you would be totally ineffective if not for help and understanding from others that, hopefully, helps you to make the best decisions possible.”
Tell us what you think

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Legislative fight

How ironic that the June 1 meeting of the Rules Committee of the Putnam County Legislature regarded expanding its powers but descended into the anarchy that occurs whenever a group will not follow the basic rules (“Chaos in Carmel,” June 4). It’s one more reason this committee should not have more power: It can’t even enforce elementary protocols for speaking time.

How about this idea, since it seems to have never occurred to this group before: 1) Propose one of your typically corrupted and/or pointless pieces of legislation; 2) Allow Legislator Nancy Montgomery her full time to speak without interruption, to enter into the record a full account of how this proposal is not in the public’s best interest; 3) Proceed to pass your corrupted and/or pointless legislation by an 8-1 vote; 4) Move on to the next piece of business.

Oh, and one more “rule” that should be enforced but likely won’t be: no more “audio-only” calls on those Zoom meetings. Turn on your cameras! What are you afraid of? What are you hiding?

The Republicans’ insults and interruptions against Legislator Montgomery are an embarrassment to their constituencies. But no shame over here in Philipstown, just proudly and gracefully in support of Nancy Montgomery.

Jacqueline Foertech, Cold Spring

When you are using the political system for your own personal agenda, what you show the people of Philipstown and Putnam County is that you are once again self-serving. It’s time to start working together for the best of our town and community. Let’s all start looking at what’s best for all.

Sarina Tamagna, Cold Spring

Oh so typical. The Democrats are nothing but gas, no substance. They live on the largesse of the news media, who are the willing participants in giving them the spotlight to pontificate their lies.

Leonard Lindros Jr., Garrison

Imagine this scenario: The Philipstown Town Board demands subpoena power to call people in against their will and question them on a range of subjects. How would that be received? There would be an outcry the likes of which has never been heard nor witnessed.

How is it that the majority-Republican Putnam County Legislature is willing to stomp all over citizens’ rights to privacy, their rights against illegal search and seizure and the freedoms that Republicans so vocally support? When it comes to truth and substance, the only legislator standing up for our rights is a Democrat, Nancy Montgomery. I hope Nancy continues to hold her colleagues accountable.

Richard Shea, Philipstown

Shea is the Philipstown supervisor.

The people of Philipstown know exactly whose agenda Nancy Montgomery is working for. It is not hers, it is ours. No public comment, friends and families placed in highly paid positions, questionable (at best) spending, refusal to share sales tax revenue with a village that is buried with tourists every weekend — enough is enough.

We need more people like Nancy on that board and we need Dini LoBue back — a true conservative Republican who was booted by Club Putnam because she actually cared about being fiscally conservative.

Dave McCarthy, Nelsonville

Nancy Montgomery is the only honest and reasonable legislator in Carmel. She fights for democracy among a craven group of authoritarians.

Steve Laifer, via Facebook

Thank you for your service and your voice, Nancy Montgomery. Asking her to let things slip and see “what’s best for all” is more gaslighting. Legislator Montgomery is laser-focused on what is best for the whole county.

Dar Williams, Cold Spring

Keep up your efforts, Nancy, and thank you for representing the dissenting voice in the county.

Mary Jo Mullain, Cold Spring

Sanctos family

Thanks to Michael Turton for the wonderful story on the three Santos children (“Two Brothers, Three Sports, Twin Threat,” June 4). So poignant and so inspiring. We are lucky to have them in the world.

Melissa Aase, via Facebook

Village race

Dave Merandy was a great public servant for many years on many venues (“Mayor Drops Out of Cold Spring Race,” June 4). I’m proud to have served with him on the Haldane school board, and he deserves a break.

Joe Curto, via Facebook

Thank you Dave and Trustees Marie Early and Fran Murphy for stepping up and giving it all a go. It’s very easy to be a

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Helped needed

After losing my full-time job on Broadway in March 2020, I relied upon unemployment benefits to keep me afloat. I even picked up a part-time bartending job in Beacon.

Thankfully my job is returning this fall, but I’m tired of hearing people complain about how much money people are getting from unemployment (Letters and Comments, May 28). We went through a pandemic that upended people’s lives. We all did what we had to do and maybe this is a wake-up call that servers and bartenders deserve a much higher wage and benefits. Whose fault is it if the government is paying more than a serving job? Not the person trying to make ends meet.

Alexia Bishop, Beacon

Little home

I love knowing the story behind the little house that could (“You Think Your Home is Small?” May 28).

Shelley Gilbert, via Facebook

Electric source? Water source? Sewage disposal? How do these items comply with local codes?

Dennis Blow, via Facebook

Correction

In a story in the June 4 issue, “Four Stories — Again,” we reported that the Beacon City Council has restricted developers’ ability to build four stories on Main Street by requiring special-use permits and “in some cases” public benefits such as additional affordable housing or public green space. In fact, a public benefit is required in all cases. We also reported that the proposal includes a strip of green space that is “not required” to be preserved for this project. To clarify, a public benefit will be required, but the planned green space may not be enough to satisfy it (See Page 1).

considered under local laws. Greg Wunner, the Philipstown code enforcement officer, did not return email messages or phone calls, but according to the Philipstown zoning code, a tiny house with wheels would be a recreational vehicle regulated by the DMV. The Tiny House Society notes that local ordinances vary widely but “are not always enforced unless you are giving someone something to complain about.”

Four stories

We keep letting them make the same, purposeful mistakes in Beacon (“Four Stories — Again,” June 4). Building moratorium, please!

Paul Yeape, via Instagram

Day-by-day, building-by-building...

Thomas de Villiers, via Instagram

Local Bestsellers

Based on combined hardcover and paperback sales reported for April and May by Binnacle Books, 321 Main St., in Beacon, and Split Rock Books, 97 Main St., in Cold Spring.

Position | last month | TITLE | AUTHOR
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1 | - | The Hill We Climb | Amanda Gorman
2 | - | Braiding Sweetgrass | Robin Wall Kimmerer
3 | 1 | Klaara and the Sun | Kazuo Ishiguro
4 | - | The Midnight Library | Matt Haig
5 | - | We Do This ‘Til We Free Us | Mariane Kaba
6 | - | Such a Fun Age | Kiley Reid

1 1 | Dog Man: Mothering Heights | Dav Pilkey
2 | - | Rowley Jefferson’s Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories | Jeff Kinney
3 5 | Claudia and the New Girl | Ann M. Martin
4 | - | Today | Julie Morstad
5 | - | We All Play | Julia Flett

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Town of Philipstown, Town Hall
PO Box 155, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516

Separate sealed bids for the Highway Garage - Highway Garage Building, Demolition will be received by the Town of Philipstown at the office of the Town Clerk, Philipstown Town Hall, PO Box 155, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring NY 10516 until 11:00 o’clock AM local prevailing time on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

A prebid meeting will be held at 10:00 o’clock AM local prevailing time on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at the Philipstown Highway Garage at 50 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring, NY.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following location:

Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, PO Box 155, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring NY 10516

Copies may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk (located at Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY) upon payment of $25.00 for each set. Any unsuccessful bidder or non-bidder shall be entitled to a refund of this payment in accordance with Section 102 of the General Municipal Law upon the return of such sets in good condition as determined by the Town.

Each bid shall be accompanied by acceptable form of Bid Guarantee in an amount equal to at least five (5) percent of the amount of the Bid payable to the Owner as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute the Contract and file acceptable Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) days after the award of the Contract.

OWNER RIGHTS RESERVED:

The Town of Philipstown hereinafter called the OWNER, reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive any informality or technicality in any Bid in the interest of the Owner.

STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION:

Bidders on the Contracts are required to execute a non-collusion bidding certificate pursuant to Section 103d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

The Town of Philipstown hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to equal employment opportunity and all other Federal, New York State and local requirements.

Attention of bidders is called to the requirement that all employees engaging in work on the project under the subject contracts must be paid prevailing wages as recited in the proposed contract documents. Bidders are required to comply with minimum wage rates and legally required workplace conditions, and must comply with the provisions of Section 291-299 of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

As required by New York State Finance Law § 139-L, Bidders are required to submit the following statement subscribed by the Bidder and affirmed by the Bidder as true under the penalty of perjury: “By submission of this Bid, the Bidder and each person signing on behalf of the Bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that the Bidder has and has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees. Such policy meets the minimum requirements of section two hundred one-g of the Labor Law.” If a Bidder cannot make the foregoing certification, such Bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the Bid a signed affidavit setting forth in detail the reasons therefor.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid within 45 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Date: 6/09/2021

BY Tara Percacciolo, Town Clerk
The Cold Spring Parking Committee has recommended “virtual” meters for Main Street.

Photo by M. Turton

The Latest Numbers

Sandy Galef, a Democrat whose Assembly district includes Philipstown, recently released the results of a constituent survey that received more than 1,300 responses. A sample of the results is below.

83% Support raising taxes on incomes of $5 million or more
76% Support allowing doctors to help terminally ill patients end their lives
70% Support mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for schoolchildren
53% Support expanding casino gambling to increase tax revenue
52% Support conducting elections primarily with mail-in ballots
35% Support automatic enrollment by DMV of drivers as organ donors

Cold Spring Reveals Parking Plan

Virtual' meters, resident permits among strategies

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Parking Committee on June 3 unveiled its proposed strategies for addressing a chronic shortage of spaces on and near Main Street, a problem that has become increasingly evident during the tourist season.

Key elements of the plan include residential parking permits, “virtual” metered parking and areas of free and reserved parking.

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Should Vaccines Be Mandated?

**Lawsuits begin as first workers lose their jobs**

By Leonard Sparks

Under federal guidance issued last month, employers can legally require that employees who come into work be vaccinated against COVID-19, except those with medical conditions or religious objections.

But another question looms, especially as the government prepares to give full approval to two of the three vaccines currently available on an emergency basis: Businesses may be free to mandate vaccinations for their workers, but should they?

Walter Olson believes so, although he is a fellow with the libertarian-minded Cato Institute, which advocates individual rights, free markets and limited government.

Olson, during a forum on Monday (June 8) hosted by The Hastings Center, a bioethics think tank based in Garrison, said his default position is “highly skeptical and dubious” of vaccination mandates, but “part of the freedom that we are to expect is the freedom of civil society to protect itself.”

“That means thousands of enterprises—the cruise ships and the hair-cutting salons and the dance studios—get to make their own decisions about whether to require vaccination credentials of their customers or of their workforce,” he said.

Only about 4 percent of non-farm businesses with fewer than 500 employees reported requiring proof of vaccination from employees before allowing them to come to work, according to a survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau between May 24 and May 30. The rate was slightly higher in New York state, at 6.2 percent.

Nationally, businesses providing educational services, accommodations and food services, and health care and social assistance led the way in requiring shots.

The Maryland Hospital Association announced on Wednesday (June 9) that its members, which include the Johns Hopkins Hospital (31,000 employees) and the University of Maryland Medical Center (29,000), will require that staff and contract employees become vaccinated as a condition of employment. About 70 percent of Maryland hospital employees are fully vaccinated, the MHA said.

“It’s been a long tradition that employers or businesses can set conditions on either a return to work or for their customers: no mask, no shirt, no shoes, no service,” said Lawrence Gortin, who directs the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University and is a Hastings Center fellow.

In New York state, colleges have been at the forefront. Students returning to classroom classes at SUNY and CUNY campuses in the fall will need to show proof of vaccination, with exemptions for medical or religious reasons.

Both Marist and Vassar colleges in Poughkeepsie are among the private schools that have announced similar policies, and Marist’s mandate will extend to faculty and staff. Its president, Dennis Murray, said on May 21 that the school expects to be fully operational, with classroom instruction, in-person dining and sports and student activities; he views “widespread vaccination” as key.

Accompanying the first mandates are the first lawsuits challenging their legality.

Houston Methodist Hospital, with 26,000 employees, is being sued by 117 staffers faced with termination because they refuse to become vaccinated. The employees claim that the hospital’s policy violates the Nuremberg Code, which was created after World War II in response to Nazi experimentation on humans.

In Durham, North Carolina, a former deputy is suing the sheriff, alleging he was fired after refusing vaccination. Another lawsuit has been filed by a detention center employee in New Mexico. Both claim the mandate is illegal because the vaccines have only been approved by the federal government for emergency use.

Olson said he is alarmed that lawmakers in some states say they will prevent businesses, nonprofits, schools and local officials from requiring proof of vaccination as a condition of entry or to receive services. Such laws could prevent cruise lines from requiring proof of vaccination as a condition of entry or to receive services.

“Let’s get these kids unmasked so we can keep their immune systems strong,” she said. “I get that there’s only two weeks of school left, but it’s also 90-degree weather.”

Landahl said on Wednesday that the district’s new standards will apply at Beacon High School’s graduation ceremony, which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. today (June 11) at Dutchess Stadium. He added that he would have been OK implementing the guidelines earlier in the school year, even during the spring sports season.

“We’ve studied COVID on our own here as a district, and transmission has primarily spread inside, in peoples’ homes and their workplaces,” he said.

Landahl acknowledged that the uncertainty of the last week could foreshadow the continued complexity schools will face in the fall, even if vaccinations are available for children younger than 12.

Cuomo said on May 24 that he expects all schools in New York will open for full-time, in-person learning in September.

Clear guidance from the state will be essential, Landahl said. “The clearer and earlier they are with it,” he said, “the more it will help us to prepare.”

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**Mask Confusion (from Page 1)**

“caused absolute chaos with their indecisiveness, even forcing some districts to go remote today with little notice given to parents,” Serino said in a statement.

“My office has been inundated with calls and emails from parents and school officials who are beside themselves trying to keep track of the governor’s arbitrary and changing rules regarding masks in schools,” she said. “Their flip-flopping on such a critical decision is truly absurd.”

In Beacon, Landahl told the school board on Monday that he would make masks optional outside, calling it “one of the easier decisions I’ve had to make this year.”

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State health officials said that, as of Wednesday (June 9), 10,602 people had tested positive for COVID-19 in Putnam County; 29,460 in Dutchess; 129,579 in Westchester; 46,920 in Rockland; 13,894 in Ulster; and 48,268 in Orange. Statewide, there have been 2,090,583 positives, including 936,347 in New York City. Statewide, 42,833 people had died as of June 9.

Statewide, there were 113,709 tests conducted on Tuesday (June 8) and 426 positives, or 0.37 percent. It was the lowest one-day rate since the pandemic began.

The number of people with COVID-19 who are hospitalized in New York state as of June 9 stood at 758; the number in intensive care was 190; and the number of intubations was 113.

As of Wednesday, New York had administered at least one vaccine dose to more than 11 million residents, or 55 percent of the population, according to the state’s COVID-19 Tracker.

As of Wednesday, Dutchess County had fully vaccinated 78 percent of its residents who are age 65 or older and Putnam, 76.5 percent, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Among adolescents ages 12 to 15 years, 29 percent in Dutchess and 28.7 percent in Putnam had received at least one dose since May 12.

Citing a nearly 90 percent decrease in demand for testing since January, the state began closing its 19 drive-thru sites beginning today (June 11).

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said on Monday that “most” restrictions will be lifted when 70 percent of the state’s adults have received at least one vaccine shot. As of June 9, 66.9 percent of residents 18 and older had done so.

Current guidelines governing capacity limits, social distancing, disinfecting, health screening and contact tracing will become optional for businesses once that threshold is reached, Cuomo said. Restrictions will remain for large-scale event venues, K-12 schools, public transit, homeless shelters, correctional facilities, nursing homes and health care settings.

The state Rental Assistance Program, which will cover up to a year’s worth of housing and utilities for people who fell behind because of the pandemic, began accepting applications on June 1. The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance will administer the funds. See on.ny.gov/2TdTcMn.

Day and overnight camps and child care centers must collect vaccination status for children and staff and conduct daily health screenings of staff and visitors under revised state guidelines announced on May 18. The guidelines also require property-specific capacity limits. See bit.ly/camp-guidance.

Applications opened on June 10 for small businesses and for-profit arts and cultural organizations harmed by the pandemic to apply for $5,000 to $50,000 in grants to help with payroll costs, rents and mortgages, utilities and other expenses under the state’s Small Business Recovery Grant Program. See bit.ly/pandemic-grants.

New York residents who get vaccinated at SUNY Orange in Middletown, the Ulster County Fairgrounds in New Paltz or any of eight other state-run clinics through today (June 11) will get a $20 scratch-off lottery ticket and a chance to win $5 million under the state’s Vax and Scratch program.

The state on June 2 and 9 announced the first 20 winners of its Get a Shot to Make Your Future contest, which is offering up to 50 four-year scholarships at state public colleges and universities to residents between 12 and 17 who are vaccinated by July 7. (There were no winners from the Highlands.) Parents or legal guardians who want to enter their child in the contest can register at bit.ly/vaccine-scholarship. The deadline is June 28.

As of May 31, New York lifted the midnight curfew for indoor dining at bars and restaurants.

Under state law, employees can use paid sick leave if they need time off to recover from the COVID-19 vaccine, the governor said on May 27.

### COVID-19 by the Numbers

**PUTNAM COUNTY**

Number of confirmed cases: **10,602** (+17)

Active Cases in Philipstown: 0

Tests administered: **235,028** (+3,149)

Percent positive: **4.5** (-0.1)

Percent vaccinated: **59.7**

Number of deaths: **92** (0)

**DUTCHESS COUNTY**

Number of confirmed cases: **29,460** (+47)

Active Cases in Beacon: **< 5**

Tests administered: **770,462** (+10,631)

Percent positive: **3.8** (-0.1)

Percent vaccinated: **55.9**

Number of deaths: **445** (0)

Source: State and county health departments, as of June 8, with weekly change in parentheses. Active cases in Philipstown as of June 4. Percent vaccinated reflects at least one dose.

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**Beacon Planning (from Page 1)**

retail sits two doors away from 344 Main St., a project that in 2017 was a lightning rod for discontent.

The latest proposal was submitted by O’Donnell Construction Corp., which is led by the same developer who initiated and sold the 344 Main St. project.

“It’s pretty clear to the public that that’s something we don’t ever want to do again,” said Planning Board Member Kevin Byrne.

Because 364 Main is not within or adjacent to a structure in the historic district, the Planning Board, rather than the City Council, will decide whether to grant O’Donnell the special-use permit required to build a fourth floor on Main Street. However, a planning consultant hired by the city, John Clarke, noted that the adjacent Salvation Army building at 372 Main will soon be nominated for inclusion in the historic district. If added, the decision on the special-use permit for 364 Main St. would shift to the council.

Architect Aryeh Siegel said the façade of the planned building would be constructed with gray brick to mimic elements of historic buildings on Main Street. The plan is to merge two lots, creating, like 344 Main, a block-long development with 16 parking spaces behind the building. Those spaces had been leased to Bernard Kohle, who purchased 344 Main St. in 2017, but defaulted on the parking lease, project attorney Taylor Palmer said. The new project would also use spaces in an adjacent lot on Eliza Street.

The 364 Main proposal would include a 24-foot-wide public plaza that, nearly 3,000 square feet, is larger than the public park approved last month as part of another four-story project at 436-420 Main St. Local law requires a public benefit of some kind before the city will issue the permit to build a fourth floor on Main Street. (Even with the public benefit, any new four-story project on Main must also recess the fourth floor to minimize its appearance.)

Palmer said the plaza, which would be constructed in the former bank’s drive-thru lanes on the west side of the building, would “enhance the feel for Main Street.” Planning Board members expressed doubts. Len Warner said that, overall, the proposal feels similar to 344 Main, which was a “catalyst for a lot of feedback from the public that wasn’t positive.” He said he felt the plaza, on renderings submitted to the city, looks “buried” within the property. “Anything we approve should be a real showcase design,” he said.

The park may not receive sufficient sun in the proposed layout, Clarke said, while Byrne was blunter: “Usually when you block off alleysways, those become places for public urination. They’re not public parks. It would be an indefensible space. It’s not something you would ever design as a public park.”

Warner suggested the developer move the plaza to the other side of building and look into an arrangement with the Salvation Army, which has a large front lawn. As proposed, he said, “to dead-end at a parking lot, that doesn’t work at all.”
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Beacon Teachers are A+ 
Serino recognizes educators

Two Beacon High School teachers — Matthew Steltz and Rebecca Cad — were among the educators recognized this month by state Sen. Sue Serino, whose district includes the Highlands.

Serino released a list of “A+ teachers” nominated by members of their communities for their work keeping their classes on track during the pandemic.

Pataki, Sadlon Named to Boscobel Board

Former Gov. George Pataki and John Sadlon, an architect, have been named to the board of directors of Boscobel. Both men live in Garrison.

“We are thrilled to have these brilliant new additions to our board,” said Jennifer Carquist, Boscobel’s executive director, in a statement. “Their insight and experience are invaluable, particularly as Boscobel creates a new master site plan, enhances and expands access to its iconic landscape and reaches new standards in environmental and fiscal sustainability.”

Before serving as governor, Pataki was the mayor of Peekskill and a member of the state Assembly and Senate, as well as a delegate to the United Nations. Sadlon, who has completed projects in 48 regions across 12 countries, recently moved to Philipstown with his husband, Dr. Sven Wenske.

Putnam Approves Settlement in Collision

1-84 crash involved sheriff’s deputy

The Putnam County Legislature on June 1 agreed to pay $15,000 to settle a lawsuit brought by a Connecticut couple who claimed a sheriff’s deputy had been negligent when his patrol car collided with their Jeep in 2017.

The lawsuit had been filed in March 2019 in Putnam Supreme Court by Joseph and Judith Simeone of Torrington, Connecticut. They claimed that Deputy Eric Hayes acted in a “careless, reckless, imprudent and unlawful manner” when he pulled into the road from the shoulder on Interstate 84 near Brewster and collided with their vehicle. The county admitted no wrongdoing.

Beacon Sewage Bill Passes Legislature

Unanimous votes in Assembly and Senate

A bill that would allow Beacon to sell its excess sewage capacity to private firms and individuals outside of city limits passed the Assembly, 147-0, on May 25, and the Senate, 63-0, on June 8. It still must be enacted by the governor.

“At every level of government, budgets have taken a hit from reduced sales tax and other negative effects of the pandemic,” Jonathan Jacobson, who sponsored the bill in the Assembly and whose district includes Beacon, said in a statement. “This bill will allow the City of Beacon to make up a portion of that.”

Sue Serino, whose district includes the Highlands, sponsored the bill in the Senate.

Beacon Keeps Aa2 Bond Rating

Moody’s Investors Service has rated the City of Beacon’s credit profile as Aa2 for the sixth consecutive year. Aa2 is the third-highest long-term credit rating that the agency assigns to fixed-income securities, such as bonds.

The city’s rating is based on reserves and liquidity, which Moody’s said balanced Beacon’s elevated long-term liabilities and above-average fixed costs. The bond rating allows the city to get better interest rates on the money it borrows.
“Existentialism brings lived experience into the study of philosophy. It’s about how to use consciousness to become aware of what we’re experiencing in the moment. It encourages reflection and letting language come out of the body.”

By the late 1990s she had a psychotherapy practice in New York City and was teaching philosophy at New York University, but felt something was missing. Her partner at the time told her she needed a life outside of work. She stopped teaching and began writing, then painting. In 2007, she began painting full time until she ran out of money, which lasted for about a year.

“Philosophy took me to painting because of looking at things and trying to see them in a way that isn’t preconceived,” she says. “Painting is a way of bringing it alive that feels more primary. Sometimes painting makes me cry because there’s so much of life in the painting; there’s no language for it.”

Besides New Orleans, a frequent subject of her work is LGBTQ life in New York City at spots such as the Chelsea Piers, the now-shuttered bistro Florent and the gay-centric Chelsea coffee shop Big Cup, along with historic touchpoints and sites like Stonewall.

“‘Queer’ is a word that I love,” Ford says. “What affected me so much about being queer in New York City is the freedom. I was so touched by it and the variations of human life that could be comfortable in there.”

Ford often works from snapshots. “I’ve never had people sit for paintings,” she says. “I look at photos and decide ‘I want to paint that one,’ but I never take the photo with the intention of painting it later.”

It was only about five years ago that Ford began showing her work publicly. She was encouraged by her partner, a neurologist who works with people with serious movement disorders. “My main concern became, ‘Where are these paintings going to be if I just keep painting in private?’ It has turned out that what’s most fun about getting them out there is the response. I’m just continuing, seeing how it unfolds. I will just keep painting.”

To see more of Ford’s work, visit chrisredmondford.com or @chrisredmondford.
THE WEEK AHEAD
Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)
For a complete listing of events, see highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY

SAT 12
City-Wide Yard Sale
BEACON
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Various locations bit.ly/3bCZEv
Visit the website above for a list of participating households.

SAT 12
Spring Artisan Market
BEACON
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The Yard
4 Hanna Lane
facebook.com/rivervalleyguild
Shop, enjoy music and food, and get tarot readings at this open-air market.

SAT 12
Queer and Trans Liberation March
BEACON
2 p.m. Memorial Park bit.ly/beacon-pride
The march will go to Polhill Park for a speak-out against transphobic and homophobic harassment.

SUN 13
Biking Safety Class
GARRISON
8:30 a.m. Fish & Game Club
183 South Highland Road
This eight-hour class meets state requirements for boating licenses (age 10 and older) and personal watercraft operator (ages 14 and older). Presented in cooperation with the Garrison Yacht Club. Email garrisonyachtclub@hotmail.com to register. Free

THURS 17
60 Minutes with Your Local Ombudsmen
PHILIPSTOWN
1 p.m.
Long-Term Care Community Coalition nursinghome411.org
Learn how to use the free ombudsman resources to assist with resolving problems and ensure your loved ones are getting the care and services that they need. The speakers will include Judy Farrell, director of the Tri County Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, an ombudsman volunteer, and a resident family member.

SAT 19
Walk to Fight Hunger
RHINEBECK
9 a.m. Dutchess County Fairgrounds 6550 Spring Brook Ave.
foodbankofhudsonvalley.org
This fundraiser will support food banks in six counties.

SUN 20
Philipstown Fights Dirty
GARRISON
10 a.m. St. Philip’s Church
1101 Route 9D | stphiliphudson.org
Jocelyn Apicella and Jason Angell will speak during the worship service about the campaign to reach net-zero carbon emissions in Philipstown and what actions households can take.

MUSIC

SAT 12
Simply Diamond
BREWSTER
6:30 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm
100 Route 312 | 845-808-1840
tillystablerestaurant.com
This Neil Diamond tribute band will perform his hits. Food trucks will be available. Cost: $25

SUN 13
Mostly Bach and Mozart Concert
BEACON
Noon – 2 p.m. Pop-Up Park
4 Cross St. | bit.ly/bach-mozart
Choi Fairbanks (cello), Andrienne Haermon (violin) and Jordan Shapiro (guitar) will perform the Piano Bach Invention arranged for string trio.

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 12
Strange Invention / Recognition, June 12
BEACON
Noon – 6 p.m. | BAU Gallery
506 Main St. | baugallery.org
Diana Vidal will show her latest photos and Daniel Berlin’s watercolor and paintings will be on view. Through July 4.

SAT 12
Expressive Painting and Collage
GARRISON
1:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3960
In this workshop, Jessica Nash will demonstrate how each technique benefits the other. Cost: $50

THURS 17
Gerhard Richter
BEACON
Noon. Dia:Beacon
845-231-0811 | diart.org
In this webinar, museum educators will discuss the German artist’s work and life.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 12
The Thing
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Story Screen Drive-in
724 Wolcott Ave. | 845-440-7706
Kurt Russell starred in this 1982 horror film set in Antarctica. Also SUN 13. Cost: $10 ($8 children, seniors, military)

SAT 12
Feel Good Music Series
PEEKSKILL
6:30 p.m. Putnam County Golf Course
187 Hill St. | 845-808-1880
putnamcountygolfcourse.com
The band will perform top 40 and classic rock during a barbecue buffet. Cost: $29

FRI 18
Daisy Jopling: Transcendence
PEEKSKILL
7:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The hybrid music/theater performance by violinist Jopling and Olympic Ceremony creator Daniel Flannery will trace a century of African American influence on music set to Sarah Bracey White’s memoir, Primary Lessons. Cost: $35 to $250

FRI 18
Clearwater Great Hudson River Revival
BEACON
11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
clearwaterfestival.org
The 2021 festival — featuring musicians, storytellers and activists who share Pete Seeger’s vision of environmental and social justice — will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. Tom Chapin, Tiokasin Kehehawenhiakh, and YouTube. Tom Chapin, Tiokasin Kehehawenhiakh, and YouTube. Tom Chapin, Tiokasin Kehehawenhiakh, and YouTube.

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SUN 13
Bruce Springsteen
GARRISON
5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
The CompCord Ensemble and poet Roger Aplon will perform. In-person attendees must be fully vaccinated. Cost: $20 ($15 livestream)

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Down Hill Strugglers
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Lauren Magarelli and the beBhatki Band
BEACON
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Beacon Farmers Market
223 Main St. (DMV parking lot)
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SAT 12
Primary Lessons
BEACON
3 – 7 p.m. No. 3 Reading Room
469 Main St. | photobookworks.com
Exhibit B: Bethlehem Steel,
Hudson River Industry & the Union Electric Power Plant is a collection of litho prints by Kyle Gallup that is part of a larger multimedia, multi-venue exhibit exploring the consequences of extracting natural resources. Through July 6.

SAT 12
Mumbot / Re:Imagine II
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery
163 Main St. | 212-295-2505
shop.cluttermagazine.com/gallery

SUN 13
Philipstown Fights Dirty
GARRISON
10 a.m. St. Philip’s Church
1101 Route 9D | stphiliphudson.org
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SAT 12
Global Water Dances Festival
KENT LAKES
2:30 p.m. Arts on the Lake
640 Route 52 | artsontelake.org

The Putnam County Dance Project and musician Pierre de Coullande will draw attention to the worldwide water crisis with performances.

SAT 12
La Rivoluzione Siamo Noi
PHILIPSTOWN
8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9 | magazzino.eventbrite.com

The Cinema in Piazza film series returns with Ilaria Freccia’s 2020 documentary, which uses interviews and footage from 1967 to 1977, when Italian art was the center of the avant garde. Cost: $10 ($5 students and seniors)

WED 16
Indiana Jones & The Last Crusade
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Story Screen Drive-In
724 Wolcott Ave. | 845-440-7706
storyscreenandvein.square.site

Harrison Ford starred as the iconic adventurer in this 1989 film. Also THURS 17, FRI 18, SAT 19, and SUN 20. Cost: $10 ($8 children, seniors, military)

SAT 12
Virtual Kids’ Program & Tour
GARRISON
10 a.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

This month’s program will include a close-up of a rocking horse and discuss toys and games of the period. For ages 5 and older. Cost: $9

SAT 12
Studio on the Farm
WAPPINGERS FALLS
10:30 a.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | 845-231-4424
bit.ly/studio-farm

Molly McKinley will lead an outdoor workshop of art-making and exploration of nature through foraging and sculptural play. For ages 5 and older. Registration required. Free

MON 14
Summer Reading Kick-Off
GARRISON
2:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020

Get a calendar and ink stamper to keep track of your books for Tails and Tales, this year’s program for children, teens and adults. Every participant will receive a certificate for free ice cream and $5 off at the upcoming used book sale.

FRI 18
Guided Hike / The Lorax
PHILIPSTOWN
6:30 p.m. Taconic Outdoor Education Center
75 Mountain Laurel Lane
facebook.com/events

Take a guided hike and then watch The Lorax outdoors. Snacks available for purchase. Cost: $12 ($10 adults 6 to 15; free ages 5 and younger)

SAT 12
Instagram Agility
GARRISON
11 a.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3960

Jana Platina Phipps will discuss relationship-building and storytelling on the social media platform, and how artists can showcase their work. Cost: $75

SAT 20
Story Walk
COLD SPRING
8:30 a.m. Butterfly Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-424-3040
butterflylibrary.org

Celebrate Father’s Day with a themed book on the library’s path.

TUES 15
David Abram
GARRISON
7:30 p.m. Garrison Institute
7:30 p.m. garrisoninstitute.org

The Planetary Health Forum, the founder of the Alliance for Wild Ethics will discuss the more-than-human world.

TUES 15
The Artist’s Way Book Group
PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m. Putnam Valley Library
845-528-3242 | putnamvalleylibrary.org

In this first session of an ongoing online series, discuss ideas and exercises from Julia Cameron’s workbook for creative people.

SAT 19
History Hike
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. West Point Foundry Preserve
80 Kemble Ave. | putnamhistorymuseum.org

Mark Forlow, the co-author of a book about the West Point Foundry, will lead a hike and discuss the site’s significance and past.

CIVIC
MON 14
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. Via Zoom
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

TUES 15
School Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Haldane
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

WED 16
School Board
GARRISON
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

SUN 13
Nuovo Cinema Paradiso
PHILIPSTOWN
8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9 | magazzino.eventbrite.com

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KIDS & FAMILY
SAT 12
Studio on the Farm
WAPPINGERS FALLS
10:30 a.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | 845-231-4424
bit.ly/studio-farm

Molly McKinley will lead an outdoor workshop of art-making and exploration of nature through foraging and sculptural play. For ages 5 and older. Registration required. Free

MON 14
Summer Reading Kick-Off
GARRISON
2:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Get a calendar and ink stamper to keep track of your books for Tails and Tales, this year’s program for children, teens and adults. Every participant will receive a certificate for free ice cream and $5 off at the upcoming used book sale.

FRI 18
Guided Hike / The Lorax
PHILIPSTOWN
6:30 p.m. Taconic Outdoor Education Center
75 Mountain Laurel Lane
facebook.com/events

Take a guided hike and then watch The Lorax outdoors. Snacks available for purchase. Cost: $12 ($10 ages 6 to 15; free ages 5 and younger)

SAT 12
Instagram Agility
GARRISON
11 a.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3960

Jana Platina Phipps will discuss relationship-building and storytelling on the social media platform, and how artists can showcase their work. Cost: $75

TUES 15
David Abram
GARRISON
7:30 p.m. Garrison Institute
garrisoninstitute.org

In this virtual Pathways to Planetary Health Forum, the founder of the Alliance for Wild Ethics will discuss the more-than-human world.

TUES 15
The Artist’s Way Book Group
PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m. Putnam Valley Library
845-528-3242 | putnamvalleylibrary.org

In this first session of an ongoing online series, discuss ideas and exercises from Julia Cameron’s workbook for creative people.

SAT 19
History Hike
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. West Point Foundry Preserve
80 Kemble Ave. | putnamhistorymuseum.org

Mark Forlow, the co-author of a book about the West Point Foundry, will lead a hike and discuss the site’s significance and past.

CIVIC
MON 14
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. Via Zoom
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

TUES 15
School Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Haldane
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

WED 16
School Board
GARRISON
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Roots and Shoots

Gardening Checklist

By Pamela Doan

It's that time of the year — time for a gardening checklist to take into the garden. How are you doing so far?

Vegetables

Keep planting. Want a September or October harvest? Anything with a 90 to 100 “days to maturity” range can be sown. That could include carrots, beets, broccoli, cabbage and winter squashes.

Keep weeding.

The first weeds of the season are going to seed now. Knowing the life cycle of the plant helps with management; this is an important moment to prevent more weeds from sprouting next season. It may seem futile but new plantings and vegetable gardens benefit from attention the most.

In flower beds, plant tightly as weed control. A hush and full planting versus leaving a lot of space between plants suppresses weeds with less bare soil. Even if you have mulch, weeds will grow; it isn’t a permanent solution.

While barriers such as landscape fabric or plastic seem like an easy fix, they are about as effective as mulch. Barriers over the soil interfere with movement of air and water and the buildup of organic matter. The less porosity, the worse for the soil. Lee Reich’s book, Weedless Gardening, is a useful guide for weed management that takes soil enrichment as a priority.

Healthy plants come from healthy soils.

It’s always a good plan to add compost and organic matter over the soil to feed plants and build up the dirt. Healthy plants need fewer interventions, can survive pest and pathogen attacks better, and need less supplemental care like water and nutrients. In the right place, with adequate sunlight, plants are pretty self-sufficient.

Be conscious of your landscape’s carbon footprint.

Gas-powered lawn equipment like mowers, blowers and whackers are big polluters when it comes to carbon-dioxide emissions that contribute to global warming. By one estimate, using a mower for an hour produces the equivalent pollution of driving a car for 200 miles. Switching to electric gear and reducing the amount of mowing can make a difference.

To reduce the frequency of mowing, replace the grass with no-mow or low-mow varieties of eco-grass mixes. These interesting, is harder to control.

Common milkweed in a landscape bed. Butterfly weed is a milkweed, a crucial plant for monarch butterflies. I like it because it’s more well-behaved than common milkweed in a landscape bed.

Common milkweed, while fragrant and interesting, is harder to control.

Even though it isn’t about carbon emissions, using natural resources like water wisely makes good sense in adapting to our changing climate. Rain barrels to collect rainwater for plants, and using irrigation hoses, conserves water and makes it available when you need it.

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New York’s Invasive Species Awareness Week continues through Saturday (Jun. 12). Check out the resources for plant identification and volunteer opportunities at the Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (lhprism.org). If you have questions about dealing with invasive plants like Japanese barberry, garlic mustard, stiff grass, knotweed or swallowwort, email me at root-shoots@highlandscurrent.org.

Current Classifieds

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If the phrase *jacquard tapestry* conjures visions of unicorns and fair maidens, the artwork of Noel Anderson will soon erase that connection from your mind.

To begin with, his looms are digital. Each work starts with a found image that he manipulates with software, distorting, mirroring and inverting until it becomes unrecognizable. Next, he reproduces it as a tapestry using a digital jacquard loom. Finally, the fabric takes on a material life, but even then Anderson may alter it, removing threads or staining, bleaching and dying it.

In his newer works, several of which are part of a show at The Ice House gallery in Garrison that continues through June 26 called *Refléc/ution of a Blak Cat Bone*, Anderson adheres objects such as bottle caps and animal parts (including a bull scrotum and a taxidermy chick), according a value to what had been discarded.

Anderson, who teaches printmaking at New York University, holds a master of fine arts in sculpture from Yale and another in printmaking from Indiana University. He recalls falling in love with tapestry at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

"I found myself in the tapestry wing because nobody was there, and I felt like weaving represented the margin, that nobody wanted to go to — which represented me," he explains in a video that accompanies the show.

He explains jacquard weaving this way: "You have a card with a bunch of holes in it. Wherever there's a hole, thread goes through. Wherever there is no hole, thread doesn't go through. Essentially, it's the beginning of binary code. I realized that every time I'm staring at a computer or a screen, I'm staring at a tapestry."

This is Anderson's second show at The Ice House. In African American folklore, a "black cat bone" is an object that "possesses the spiritual powers to conjure, protect and make invisible. Participants locate the sacred object by passing the bones from a black cat through one's mouth while looking into a mirror. When you get to the right bone, the mirror will become dark — that is the black cat bone, and by putting it into your mouth you can make yourself invisible."

Yet Anderson says he wants the opposite to happen when people see his art. "In this show, you'll see things like mirrors embedded within the tapestry. From a distance, you can't see but when you get closer you can see yourself. That's the point — I'm trying to get people to see themselves in the work."

Jayne Drost Johnson, who runs The Ice House, notes that many works Anderson was making previously involved "transforming the textiles through taking them apart, loosening the weave, making them more abstract. This time he's pushing that abstraction to the forefront with bleaches, dyes, colors, taking the threads apart to such a degree that the source material is barely legible. "He's inventing his own form," she says. "For instance, he took vintage copies of *Ebony* and made a solution that would dissolve the ink on the page, taking a found object, transforming it, through the dissolution/erasure of the image itself. In a way, that's what he's doing with the textile. Noel's approach to art-making has always been about experimentation; he did performance early on, he's a maverick as an artist, always experimenting. He has incredibly complex ways of thinking. "His source images are of Black men in American society, archetypical of the ways we think of Black men in our society: arrested, basketball players, expectations of the way a person should be. They become abstractions of the individual, mirroring the images in the work itself. He starts with something legible, then pushes it into abstraction, so that the men become an abstraction of who they are."

The Ice House, located at 17 Mandalay Dr. in Garrison, is open by appointment. See jdj.world or text 518-339-6913.
Mouths to Feed

Devil in the Details

By Celia Barbour

In our early 20s, my younger sister, Maida, and I had a running joke about deviled eggs. Actually, it wasn’t so much a joke as one of those back-and-forth riffs you sometimes get going with a person who shares your particular sense of humor. And, actually, it wasn’t very funny either, though you wouldn’t have been able to convince us of that as we laughed until we peed.

It sprang from the truism that deviled eggs are always a delight at parties but take an awfully long time to make prettily, and it featured a young hostess who remains in her kitchen piping egg-yolk filling into platters of egg whites as the doorbell rings and her guests arrive and settle in — “just a few minutes, right?” — and the merriment peaks as “almost done!” — and the merriment peaks and the guests start to leave while she’s still in her apron, piping bag in hand.

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I would say you had to be there, but I’m glad you weren’t because you would have thought you didn’t need to be there because you couldn’t have guessed the joke.Well, that’s how it is. It’s how we’ve been making deviled eggs for many years.

When you’re making deviled eggs, you start with perfectly cooked eggs that are a couple of weeks old — but not too old, because the air bubble inside the shell expands with age, resulting in a sea wall. For clean-peeling shells, you need eggs that are a couple of weeks old — but not too old, because the air bubble inside the shell expands with age, resulting in a flat-bottomed oval.

Liquefied deviled eggs require thoroughly cooked, crumbly yolks, but the longer you boil an egg, the more you risk having your white rubbery. As for centered yolks, if you want to try rotating your eggs in their carton every few days before boiling them, be my guest.

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TRI-COLOR DEVILED EGGS

Makes 12 halves

6 hard-boiled eggs (see note below)
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 tablespoon butter, softened but not melted
¼ teaspoon salt, plus more to taste

FOR THE DIJON EGGS:
¾ teaspoon Dijon mustard
Dill, for garnish

FOR THE WASABI EGGS:
½ teaspoon wasabi powder
¼ teaspoon rice vinegar (not seasoned)
Pinch sugar
Pickled ginger, for garnish

FOR THE HARISSA EGGS:
¼ teaspoon harissa paste
Cilantro, for garnish

Cut each hard-boiled egg in half lengthwise, wiping off knife between cuts to avoid smearing yolk onto the surface of the whites. Gently scoop or pop the yolks into a small bowl or the mini-bowl of a food processor. Add the mayonnaise, butter and salt, and blend well. If not using a food processor, use an electric mixer or immersion blender for a smooth filling.

Divide the filling into three small bowls. Add the Dijon to one bowl of filling; the wasabi, vinegar and sugar to the second; and the harissa to the third. Blend each well. Taste and correct for salt and flavorings. If the filling feels soft, refrigerate for 20 minutes.

Arrange the egg white halves on a platter. Spoon each filling into a piping bag if using, or into a small resealable plastic bag with one corner cut off, and squeeze the filling into the whites, or simply use two small teaspoons to dollop it. Garnish each deviled egg flavor with its appropriate garnish.

Note: For nicely cooked hard-boiled eggs, first prepare an ice bath and set aside. Place eggs in a saucepan with a tight-fitting lid that is large enough that they don’t overlap. Fill pan with enough water to cover eggs by an inch. Bring to a boil over high heat, then immediately turn off the heat and cover the pot with the lid. Allow to sit in the hot water 12 to 15 minutes, depending on the eggs’ size. Use tongs to transfer each egg to the ice bath. Cool 3 to 5 minutes, then peel and proceed with the recipe.

Notices

VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING POLICE REFORM STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

As part of the plan submitted by the Village of Cold Spring (Village), in response to Gov. Cuomo’s Executive Order #103 – Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative, an ad hoc Stakeholder Group is being formed.

The Village is interested in a broad range of perspectives, experiences, knowledge and values of our community. Diversity of race, ethnicity, gender, age and nationality are sought and are essential to conforming to and reaching the goals of the Executive Order.

Please review details, which include a description of duties, available on the Village website (coldspringny.gov) before applying.

IMPORTANT: A COMMITMENT OF TIME IS NEEDED. THIS WILL BE A WORKING GROUP WITH A TIMELINE EXTENDING TO MARCH 2022

If, after reviewing information, you are interested, please submit a letter of interest that includes a statement about why you wish to join the Community Stakeholders Group and what you believe you can contribute to the group’s work to Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk, either by email at vcsclerk@coldspringny.gov or by mail at 85 Main St. Cold Spring, NY 10516

Deadline for submission of letters of interest is July 2, 2021
Manitoga, Remade

With grant and vision, site brings art out of storage

By Alison Rooney

Manitoga, the Garrison site which includes industrial designer Russel Wright’s home, studio and designed landscape, is like a parent of several children: a need pops up in one just as another is being tended to.

In the 20 years since Manitoga became a nonprofit and opened the estate for tours and hiking, there has been one persistent difficulty: How can the nearly 2,000 objects in the Wright collection be displayed in a relatively small space?

The solution, years in the making, was finalized recently with the opening of the Russel and Mary Wright Design Gallery, which has been added to the daily tours that run through Nov. 8.

The initial discussion about how to display more of Wright’s work began at a board retreat in 2013, said Allison Cross, Manitoga’s executive director.

“Some board members who were collectors raised the issue of product design legacy,” she recalls. “We had only a small design collection and promises of gifts, but even then the questions were, ‘Where do we put it? How do we steward it? It’s an integral part of Manitoga; should we show the full collection?’”

Because the goal, she says, was “to present Wright’s integrated legacy, which is the landscape, architecture and product design,” the board decided to first stabilize the buildings, interiors and the landscape before “expanding our narrative” with installations and scholarship.

To that end, the staff offices were relocated to a nearby location to free up space in the house. A small powder room was made into an exhibit space to gauge reactions. The bedroom wing, which had been offices and program space for artists doing residencies, was retrofitted.

The board was encouraged by a Luce Foundation grant for $300,000. “This validated it and inspired board members and others to turn their long-term loans into gifts,” Cross says. “We also renovated the former garage into a reception area, with a public restroom and a kitchenette, so we no longer need to use those parts of the house.”

The transformation was completed by Studio Joseph, a New York City firm that specializes in exhibition design and was recommended by a board member, Donald Albrecht. “Donald envisioned the thematic organization of the exhibition space,” Cross says. “He had the vision of ‘This is what we’ll present,’ and together we went through the objects to demonstrate as much breadth as possible, focusing on classic lines.

“The idea was to have visual impact so people could see the variety,” she says. “There are walls organized by color, form and pattern, and there’s a central pedestal timeline. The fourth wall of the gallery is the glass windows and doors from which you can see the quarry. It all makes for a beautifully integrated picture, from which people see how sculptural the forms are, and the patterning of the botanicals, taken right from the property.”

Substitutions can be made to the exhibit, although Cross says that will likely happen only every three or four years. Cataloging will begin soon, followed by scholarship and expanding programs.

“It’s a complex place — we’re talking about plates and hemlock trees in the same meeting,” Cross says. “Forests have their own big, challenging, environmental issues. The strategy is having a board that represents the three prongs and acknowledges all of them.”

Manitoga, located at 584 Route 9D in Garrison, is open for 90-minute tours by appointment. House and landscape tours are $30 to $40 per person and landscape tours are $15 per person. Private tours are available for $100 to $150 per person. See visitmanitoga.org/tours for a schedule and to purchase tickets. Manitoga’s trails are open to the public daily from dawn to dusk, but no pets are allowed.
Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (June 1871)

Asa Truesdell lost his left arm at the shoulder after he was hit by a train near the Cold Spring station. Truesdell had been walking home from Fishkill Landing (Beacon) when a freight train stopped at the Breakneck tunnel. Assuming it would stop for water at Cold Spring, he jumped aboard. When he realized the train did not plan to stop at the water tank, he leaped to the wooden tank platform, which gave way. He was spun around by the train as he fell and his arm went over the rail.

The Great Commonwealth Circus pitched its tent at the corner of Parrott and Pine streets for a Friday night show. The company noted that, unlike other troupes, it was a cooperative owned by the artists. The performers included somersault rider Charles Read, cannonball performer John Conklin, infant bareback rider Leon La Rue, the Great Conklin Brothers comedy team, acrobats Brown and Sandford, talking clown Pete Conklin and Count von Rue, the Great Conklin Brothers comedy team, acrobats Brown and Sandford, talking clown Pete Conklin and Count von Rue.

By a 4-1 vote, the Village Board agreed to close Saturday and Sunday in 1921, Palen’s offered a free bar of soap with a purchase of Klenzo. The Bella Vista on West Street in Cold Spring was named in 1921.

A new platform was constructed at the Fountain Head pump with the slabs laid a half inch apart so wastewater would not pool. The Village Board also authorized the purchase of a new pump for Paulding Avenue if repairs were too expensive.

Mrs. Henry Purdy was saved from serious injury or death by William Lickley after she fell from the steps while boarding a slowly moving train at the depot. Lickley pulled her off the track.

W.H. Beskeen, a miner employed at the Breakneck tunnel, died of smallpox. He apparently caught it from a son of Mrs. Quirk, who lives nearby, who came home from New York City with the disease. The workers were given notice but “the warning went unheeded,” The Cold Spring Recorder noted.

Barney Hand lost a finger when cutting feed for his horse.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church held its annual Cream and Strawberry Festival at Town Hall.

Mr. Wilson grew an Egyptian blood beet that was 6 inches around.

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100 Years Ago (June 1921)

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A baseball team from Croton forfeited to Cold Spring in the eighth inning following a dispute over the rules. The locals argued that a base runner was out if hit by a batted ball or if he interfered with the fielder; Croton said it had never heard of such a rule. “Baseball has advanced very rapidly in the past few years, which probably accounts for the visitors’ ignorance,” The Recorder noted.

In an advertisement, W.T. Watson, “the leading photographer of the Eastern Shore of Maryland,” announced he had rented “the little blue-front store opposite the Old Homestead Club” on Main Street to sell his portraits and landscapes.

The organ at the Presbyterian Church, which had been out of commission for months, was repaired and upgraded from motor power with water to electricity.

Victory Ventry began an ice route around Garrison.

A group of New York City boys hiking through Garrison were caught stealing cookies and other food from Samuel Baxter’s house. Justice Ladue sentenced them to five days in the jail at Town Hall.

Joseph McCormack of Manitou received a permit to run a bus line from the Garrison depot and ferry to Peekskill.

Harry Williams and H. Moss of the Privol Film Co. of New York City stayed at the River View Inn while scouting locations and shooting scenic footage for its two-reel comedies starring Williams.

A young combat veteran visiting Cold (Continued on Page 19)
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50 Years Ago (June 1971)
The Putnam County News & Recorder printed a ballot at the request of Cold Spring Mayor Raymond LeFever for villagers to indicate whether to reinstall the traffic light at Main and Fair streets.

A resident wrote to the PCNR to complain that U.S. Rep. John Dow, whose district included Philpstown, was associated with the National Peace Action Coalition, which was “firmly in the hands of known Communists.”

Volunteers from the Allen Coal Co., Edgar Polhemus Co. and Joseph Peracchiolo and Sons hauled 850 yards of stone to the site of the proposed Philpstown Memorial Park and Pool for its roads and parking lot.

Pearl Chertok, a harpist who had played on the Ed Sullivan and Captain Kangaroo shows, performed for Haldane students in a PTA program.

The undefeated High School of Art and Design wrestling team won the New York City championship under the direction of Coach Al Ireland of Nelsonville, a former Marine sergeant who had been awarded nine Purple Hearts. The next month, Ireland was named the city’s wrestling coach of the year.

Nelsonville announced the reorganization of its five-man police department. The Haldane school district divided its $1.69 million budget — an increase of 15 percent over the previous year — into five sections on the ballot, but voters defeated all five. The central budget of $1.56 million was defeated, 713-196; the closest vote among the other four proposals was to fund athletics and extracurriculars, which lost 489-423. Two propositions — to buy two school buses and a station wagon, and to increase the board from five to nine members — also were soundly defeated. Asked the next day how he was feeling, District Principal Robert Roda replied, “Glum.”

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Beacon. Its ladies auxiliary was named the best in Class A.

After a resident complained to the Cold Spring board about Grand Union shopping carts being abandoned all over the village, officials notified the grocery store it would start issuing fines unless they were picked up.

Commodore Lewis Novoting, president and chairman of the Globe Slicing Co. of Stamford, Connecticut, celebrated his 80th birthday. He co-founded the firm in 1919 and still commuted daily from his home in Cold Spring. [In the 1930s, Novoting and his partner in Globe had built a development with about 60 homes around Lake Valhalla in the Highlands.]

The Philipstown chapter of the Order of Eastern Star celebrated its 50th anniversary at the Masonic Temple in Nelsville.

25 Years Ago (June 1996)
After Dan Crimmings defeated incumbent Pat Sexton for a spot on the five-member Haldane school board, Sexton asked her three colleagues to appoint her to a seat newly vacated by a member who resigned.

The Open Space Institute, which had purchased 2,068 acres of the former Hubbard Estate in Philipstown for $6 million in 1991, sold the parcel to New York State for half that price so it could be added to Fahnestock State Park. The Haldane school district was set to receive $171,000 annually in lieu of taxes on the property, which would be taken off the tax rolls, but estimated its loss would be closer to $400,000.

The Garrison Volunteer Fire Co. organized a flea market and auction to restore its 1929 Sanford pumper truck in time for the department’s 75th anniversary in 2004.

Lucio Petrocelli sued the Philipstown Town Board for its alleged negligence in maintaining Indian Brook Road, Avery Road, East Mountain Road North and East Mountain Road South, all dirt. He said he had petitioned by 535 residents who favored paving them.

Police responded to a call from two female hikers who said they were tied to a tree at gunpoint by a masked man near Breakneck Ridge. The women, who were from White Plains, said the robber took only a container of mace and their car keys.

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The Philipstown Recreation Department’s newly created lacrosse program for students in grades 4 to 9 hosted a team from White Plains in what was thought to be the first lacrosse game played in Philipstown. The visitors prevailed, 4-0, before about 150 spectators.

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The Putnam County News & Recorder printed a ballot at the request of Cold Spring Mayor Raymond LeFever for villagers to indicate whether to reinstall the traffic light at Main and Fair streets.

A resident wrote to the PCNR to complain that U.S. Rep. John Dow, whose district included Philpstown, was associated with the National Peace Action Coalition, which was “firmly in the hands of known Communists.”

Volunteers from the Allen Coal Co., Edgar Polhemus Co. and Joseph Percacciolo and Sons hauled 850 yards of stone to the site of the proposed Philpstown Memorial Park and Pool for its roads and parking lot.

Pearl Chertok, a harpist who had played on the Ed Sullivan and Captain Kangaroo shows, performed for Haldane students in a PTA program.

The undefeated High School of Art and Design wrestling team won the New York City championship under the direction of Coach Al Ireland of Nelsonville, a former Marine sergeant who had been awarded nine Purple Hearts. The next month, Ireland was named the city’s wrestling coach of the year.

Nelsonville announced the reorganization of its five-man police department. The Haldane school district divided its $1.69 million budget — an increase of 15 percent over the previous year — into five sections on the ballot, but voters defeated all five. The central budget of $1.56 million was defeated, 713-196; the closest vote among the other four proposals was to fund athletics and extracurriculars, which lost 489-423. Two propositions — to buy two school buses and a station wagon, and to increase the board from five to nine members — also were soundly defeated. Asked the next day how he was feeling, District Principal Robert Roda replied, “Glum.”

In a women’s league softball game, the Trojans defeated Guinans, 25-24, when Sandi Pancori hit a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the final inning.

Beacon. Its ladies auxiliary was named the best in Class A.

After a resident complained to the Cold Spring board about Grand Union shopping carts being abandoned all over the village, officials notified the grocery store it would start issuing fines unless they were picked up.

Commodore Lewis Novoting, president and chairman of the Globe Slicing Co. of Stamford, Connecticut, celebrated his 80th birthday. He co-founded the firm in 1919 and still commuted daily from his home in Cold Spring. [In the 1930s, Novoting and his partner in Globe had built a development with about 60 homes around Lake Valhalla in the Highlands.]

The Philipstown chapter of the Order of Eastern Star celebrated its 50th anniversary at the Masonic Temple in Nelsville.

25 Years Ago (June 1996)
After Dan Crimmings defeated incumbent Pat Sexton for a spot on the five-member Haldane school board, Sexton asked her three colleagues to appoint her to a seat newly vacated by a member who resigned.

The Open Space Institute, which had purchased 2,068 acres of the former Hubbard Estate in Philipstown for $6 million in 1991, sold the parcel to New York State for half that price so it could be added to Fahnestock State Park. The Haldane school district was set to receive $171,000 annually in lieu of taxes on the property, which would be taken off the tax rolls, but estimated its loss would be closer to $400,000.

The Garrison Volunteer Fire Co. organized a flea market and auction to restore its 1929 Sanford pumper truck in time for the department’s 75th anniversary in 2004.

Lucio Petrocelli sued the Philipstown Town Board for its alleged negligence in maintaining Indian Brook Road, Avery Road, East Mountain Road North and East Mountain Road South, all dirt. He said he had petitioned by 535 residents who favored paving them.

Police responded to a call from two female hikers who said they were tied to a tree at gunpoint by a masked man near Breakneck Ridge. The women, who were from White Plains, said the robber took only a container of mace and their car keys.

In a women’s league softball game, the T&L Terminators came from behind to defeat Guinans, 25-24, when Sandi Pancori hit a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the final inning.


The Philipstown Recreation Department’s newly created lacrosse program for students in grades 4 to 9 hosted a team from White Plains in what was thought to be the first lacrosse game played in Philipstown. The visitors prevailed, 4-0, before about 150 spectators.
Marijuana (from Page 1)

At a meeting on June 3, members of the Philipstown Town Board proposed meeting with their counterparts in Cold Spring and Nelsonville to discuss if or how they will approach retail sales. “It’s a good idea to hash out the details” with the villages before deciding how to proceed, Supervisor Richard Shea said during the socially distanced meeting at the newly renovated Town Hall. He admitted to mixed feelings about the pot trade, but “if it’s not happening here, it’s happening somewhere else.”

Later, at the Cold Spring meeting, Mayor Dave Merandy said he didn’t agree with coordinating with Philipstown and Nelsonville. “Each municipality needs to address this on their own,” Merandy said, with agreement from Trustees Fran Murphy and Marie Early. “A referendum is the best way to see what people would like.”

When Merandy polled the board, Trustee Tweepe Woods said she favored “a conversation with the community” but had not yet decided whether she supported local retail sales, or whether it should go to a referendum.

Kathleen Foley supported “a listening session or two” and said that she is “inclined to let the public decide.”

Murphy said a referendum gives all voters “a chance to say what they want to say” and downplayed the need for listening sessions. “The village should permit sales” but not “on-site smoking dens,” said Early. “I do think a referendum would provide the broadest feedback we could get.” She did not support holding listening sessions.

After its discussion, the board directed Clerk Jeff Vidakovich to consult with village attorney John Furst in drafting a resolution to place a referendum on the Nov. 2 ballot. Because the deadline is Dec. 31, the board also could forgo a referendum and allow the newly elected trustees and mayor to decide after the election. Merandy, Murphy and Early will not be on the ballot.

The mayor stressed the need for an “information blitz” to educate village residents about the law before any vote. “People should understand it’s not a free-for-all; it’s not like you walk into a gas station and buy marijuana.”

Under the law, Putnam County will collect and share a 4 percent sales tax on marijuana with Cold Spring, Nelsonville and Philipstown. The municipality where the shop is located will receive 75 percent and the county 25 percent. If a retailer is in a village (such as Cold Spring or Nelsonville) that is within a town that also opts in (such as Philipstown), the municipalities will divide the 75 percent.

“I’m concerned that there’s clear accountability and reporting on this, because it’s the one local tax that the state will require Putnam to share with us,” Foley said. “I want to make sure we’re being paid what we’re supposed to be paid” if marijuana sales are approved.

“I agree,” Merandy said. Foley cited what she said was a lack of transparency by the county in the past in reporting sales tax data from the village. Putnam is one of a few counties in the state that doesn’t share sales tax revenue with its municipalities.

The Nelsonville board discussed the new state law in April after Trustee Chris Winward attended a meeting at which the New York Conference of Mayors explained the options for municipalities. She suggested that Nelsonville could pass a local law opting out near the end of the year that would allow residents to petition, through what is known as a permissive referendum, to put it on the ballot in March 2022 for an up-or-down vote.

“If we do opt out, we have the option of opting back in,” she explained. “But if we don’t opt out, we can never opt out.” Opting out through a local law that could be then placed on the ballot would be “the safe way to do it.”

Liz Schewchuk Armstrong contributed reporting.

Pride (from Page 1)

and Kk Naimool have put together the city’s first Liberation March, scheduled to begin at noon at Memorial Park on Saturday (June 12) and sparked in part by an anti-gay letter-writing campaign by Dick Murphy, a former Dutchess County legislator.

Minkowitz said she hopes the march will send a message that even in a politically progressive city such as Beacon, homophobia still exists. The march will also amplify the need for organized advocacy, she said.

“The efforts Beacon’s local businesses have made to show support are absolutely essential for positive change, but they aren’t enough,” said Minkowitz, who is a writer. “At the end of the day, liberation is about us. It’s up to us.”

Laura and Samantha Abby, a married couple who own The Studio, a boxing and cycling gym, promote Pride Month each year by offering Pride-themed classes. But Laura Abby noted that they have “never been part of a real coordinated effort to observe Pride in Beacon, even though each year it feels like Beacon makes a little more progress in celebrating its queer community.”

There is only so much business owners can do on their own, she said. “We’re raising money every year for LGBTQ centers in surrounding towns, but I would love for us to be able to put the money toward things in Beacon.”

The Abys have two young children and “would love to find family-friendly ways to connect our kids with other families in the queer community,” Laura said. “I’m always saying to people, ‘How can I get more involved?’ or ‘Who do I talk to?' And the response has been, ‘We don’t really know yet.’ If there’s something I’d like to see happen, I may have to be involved in creating it.”

Dolan, of Blend, said that Beacon residents can do more, such as “advocating for more gender-neutral bathrooms, helping out the LGBTQ centers (in surrounding municipalities) to create more educational events and bring together the LGBTQ community within Beacon.”

Joe Waring moved to Beacon five years ago after hearing how progressive the city was becoming. But, upon arrival, he noticed a disconnect between acceptance and what he calls “activation.”

“There were Pride flags everywhere” in the city, he observed, “but there was no centralization for LGBTQ events or activities.”

Photos by Laurie Dappman

PUTNAM PRIDE

On June 5, Putnam Pride held its second annual rally and march in coordination with Putnam for Black Lives. The event began with speakers at the Historic Courthouse in Carmel and a moment of silence before drag queens Angel Elektra and Shay D’Pines led the crowd of 200 down Gleneida Avenue to Gilead Presbyterian Church for several hours of music, entertainment and performances. Sponsors included Magazzino Italian Art in Philipstown, Putnam County Tourism, the Putnam County Economic Development Corp., Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley, Split Rock Books in Cold Spring and Cathryn’s Tuscan Grille in Cold Spring.

Waring knew from his own experience the value of an established LGBTQ community, especially for young adults, so he has worked to make connections for those people in Beacon.

“I talk to a lot of people who say they move here because of all the pride they see, but then they get here and think, ‘Where will I find people?’” he said. “There are no gay or lesbian bars here, and in terms of where to go and who to talk to, a lot of people struggle. I made it my goal to bring people together.”

Waring approached Kyriacou in 2019 to ask about creating an LGBTQ advocacy board that would report to the City Council.

Kyriacou asked him to join the city’s Human Relations Commission, which was renamed this year the Human Rights Commission. Waring did, and has continued pushing on his own to foster an organized LGBTQ community, saying that “one of my biggest milestones was facilitating the flying of the Pride flag” at City Hall.

Waring has also created pop-up Pride events and used social media to connect the LGBTQ community, but, like the small-business owners, feels stunted by limitations in funding and formal leadership. “I’m a one-man show,” he said. “I do everything I can, but I really only work at a grassroots level.”

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Henry Finger

Henry R. Finger, 94, who owned businesses in Cold Spring, died May 24 in Florida. Henry was a New York Herald Tribune photographer before he entered the U.S. Navy during World War II, where he was a public relations photographer. After his honorable discharge, he married Shirley Twedt and became a member of the Sheet Metal Workers union. Local 28 and started an excavation business. Shirley died in 1968. Henry began building and renovating houses and in 1974 purchased the former railroad station in Cold Spring, which was a gas station. He eventually converted it into a restaurant that he ran with his second wife, Jean.

After leaving the restaurant business, he followed his passion for fixing and restoring old cars, especially Ford Model As. In 1989 he was elected and served as highway superintendent in Putnam Valley. He and Jean split their time between New York and Florida. He always had a boat and enjoyed fishing.

Along with his wife of 52 years, he is survived by his sons, Robert Finger (Mary), James Finger (Elizabeth) and Frederick Finger (Marcella), and his daughter-in-law, James Finger (Elizabeth) and Frederick Finger (Marcella). He is also survived by his stepchildren, Paul Richmond (Barbara), Margaret McCaffery (Tom), Penny Fiorio and Robin Dever (Brian), 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Francis Colbert (1938-2021)

Francis Colbert, 82, a lifelong resident of Cold Spring, died May 29. He was known affectionately to friends and family as “Uncle Bean.”

Born Oct. 10, 1938, in Cold Spring, he was the son of Robert and Bertha (Monroe) Colbert. After graduating from Haldane High School, Francis enlisted in the U.S. Army and later worked for the Philipstown Highway Department until his retirement. He is survived by a sister, Elizabeth Norton of Glenham.

William DeSimone (1947-2021)

William F. DeSimone, 73, a lifelong Cold Spring resident, died May 21 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie.

Born in Brooklyn on June 23, 1947, he was the son of Shirley Clum. William served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and worked as a butcher at the former A&P supermarket in Yorktown Heights for 47 years.

On Sept. 4, 1965, at St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill, he married Rosemary Grova. They had met when he was 15 years old.

In addition to his wife of 55 years, he is survived by his children, William Joseph DeSimone (1954-2021), Timothy Ahearn (Kristen) and Trisha Girard Kennedy; a sister, Randy Kraft, and a stepsister, Diane Brinks. He is also survived by his stepchildren, Robert DeSimone, and a stepsister, Diane Brinks. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on May 28 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, followed by interment with military honors at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (stjude.org).

Fred Okrent (1942-2021)

Fred M. Okrent, 78, of Pittsfield, New Hampshire, and formerly of Beacon, died April 8. Born May 21, 1942, in Brooklyn, Fred was the son of Gabriel and Minnie (Hecht) Okrent. He graduated from New York City College of Technology with a degree in electrical technology and worked for IBM from 1963 until his retirement in 1992. He also served in the U.S. Army and the National Guard.

Fred devoted many years to the fire service. He was a life member of W.H. Mase Hook and Ladder Co. in Beacon and served as captain of the City of Beacon Rescue Squad. After moving to New Hampshire, he served with the Pittsfield Fire Department as a firefighter, EMT and captain.

Fred loved airplanes and flying. He obtained his private pilot’s license and was a volunteer at the New Hampshire Aviation Museum and was working on a project at the Manchester School of Technology helping high school students build an airplane. He also volunteered as a court-appointed special advocate for children in the New Hampshire Family Court System. He enjoyed tinkering, woodworking.

He is survived by his wife, Laura, whom he married in 2001; his children, Debbie DiRubbio (Dean) of Beacon, Stacey Sorbello (Albert) of Newburgh and Christopher Okrent (Paula) of Kerhonkson; his grandchildren, Sadie and Danielle DiRubbio, Reagan and Ainsley Sorbello, and Michael and Carter Okrent; his former wife, Dee Kennedy; a sister, Randy Kraft, and brother, Arthur Okrent; his stepchildren, Tim Ahearn (Kristen) and Trisha Girard (Brian); and his step-grandchildren, Taylor, Aaron, Lucas, Hannah and Marc.

Firematic and memorial services were held on June 5 at Riverview Funeral home by Halvey in Beacon. Memorial donations may be made to the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire (nhabhs.org) or the FASNY Firemen’s Home in Hudson (firemenshome.com).

Ed Tucker Sr. (1943-2021)

Edward Tucker Sr., 78, a former Beacon school board member, died on May 23 at his home in Wappingers Falls.

He was born in the South Bronx on May 26, 1943, and later adopted by Leroy and Bertha (Vance) Tucker. Following the death of his mother, he was raised by his aunt, Charlotte Vance. He married Patricia Lancaster. After that marriage ended in divorce, he married Attie Dolby in 1973.

Ed graduated from Fordham University as a salutatorian, earning a bachelor’s degree in public administration. In 1977, he earned a master’s degree in political science from Marist College. He twice served on the school board.

Ed worked as a corrections counselor at Green Haven Correctional Facility and later promoted to superintendent at the Beacon Correctional Facility. He also served as superintendent at Sing Sing Correctional Facility and deputy superintendent at the Sullivan and Woodbourne correctional facilities. He retired in 1998 and devoted the remainder of his life to politics.

A memorial service was held on June 2 at Rhodes Funeral Home in Poughkeepsie.

Other Recent Deaths

Beacon
Dominic Capogna Sr., 85
Louise Jabuka, 89
Joseph Verdile, 82
Renee Ferrer, 85
Carol McCormack, 79
Carolyn Pecora, 95
Neil Gallagher, 79

For more obituaries, see highlandscurrent.org.
The Rombout Middle School baseball team defeated Haldane, 12-2, at Dutchess Stadium on June 2 to complete a perfect season.

Photos by Liam Goodman

The Garrison School middle school softball team ended its season with wins over Beacon and Ossining and no losses.
**Puzzles**

**CrossCurrent**

**ACROSS**
1. Lingo  
6. Slopes regular  
12. Tenant  
13. Sheathe  
14. Schedules  
15. Pumpkin relatives  
16. Appointment  
17. Spring meltdown  
19. Cooking fuel  
20. Libertine  
22. Poseidon’s home  
24. Satisfied sigh  
27. La Scala solo  
29. Fine spray  
32. Fruity rum cocktail  
35. Author Wiesel  
36. Eve’s third son  
37. That girl  
38. “Awesome, dude!”  
40. Pop  
42. Trojans’ sch.  
44. Org.  
46. Forget-me-— (flowers)  
50. Paris art museum  
52. Athlete’s woe  
54. Tempt  
55. Point maker  
56. Op-ed pieces  
57. Dwelling  

**DOWN**
1. Actress Ward  
2. Aspiring atty.’s exam  
3. Fall bloom  
4. Formerly called  
5. Hand signals  
6. Video game giant  
7. Recognizes  
8. Hosp. section  
9. Haggles  
10. Fed. food inspector  
11. GI dining hall  
12. Leary’s drug  
18. Patty Hearst, for one  
21. Feed-bag morsel  
23. Outback bird  
24. Mimic  
25. 100 percent  
26. Barber’s offerings  
28. Flabbergast  
29. Fine spray  
30. Learning ctr.  
31. Common title start  
32. Fruity rum cocktail  
33. Museum-funding org.  
34. Prof’s degree  
35. Author Wiesel  
36. Eve’s third son  
37. That girl  
38. “Awesome, dude!”  

**SudoCurrent**

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

The Haldane High School’s boys’ lacrosse team, seeded No. 5 in the Section I, Class D tournament, pulled off an upset on Monday (June 7), eliminating No. 4 Blind Brook, 10-9. The Blue Devils advanced to Wednesday’s semifinal at No. 1 Irvington, which built a 9-3 halftime lead on the way to a 12-4 win to end the Haldane season.

Evan Glachinta had two goals for Haldane and Will Sniffen and Darrin Santos each had one. Keeper Andrew Haldane and Will Sniffen and Darrin Santos had 11 saves.

“To get back to the semifinals two years in a row is a great accomplishment,” said Coach Ed Crowe. “Andrew did an amazing job for us in the cage, and we wouldn’t be here without Darrin Santos.”

Santos, a senior captain, said he was pleasantly surprised to be back in the semifinal, although “we could’ve played a bit better. We’re a young team, so they’ll be good next year. We made it here last year (in 2019, before the pandemic shutdown), and I’m kind of shocked to be back here again.”

Santos said he and twin brother, Dan, enjoyed playing their final high school season — and game — together before heading to separate prep schools in the fall.

“We been playing together since we were 4 years old,” he said. “But now we’re 17, and we’re done. It’s sad, obviously, but we had a good spring — after it was pushed back twice and Aistin had 15 saves. “It was one of the best performances of the year” by the team, Crowe said.

In the quarterfinal win over Blind Brook, Haldane got five goals and a pair of assists from Darrin Santos, Liam Gaugler scored twice and Aistin had 15 saves. “It was one of the best performances of the year” by the team, Crowe said.

BEACON SOFTBALL

The Beacon High School softball team, seeded No. 12 in the Section I, Class A2 tournament, pulled off an upset on Saturday (June 5) of No. 4 Blind Brook, 10-9.

The Beacon High School softball team, seeded No. 7 in the Section I, Class A2 tournament, defeated No. 10 Nyack, 2-0, on Saturday behind an RBI by Joey Vollaro and six strikeouts by Matt Manzoello on the mound.

That put the Bulldogs in the quarterfinals, where their season ended with a 10-0 loss to No. 2 Tappan Zee.

TRACK & FIELD

The Beacon High School boys’ track team finished third behind Arlington and John Jay East Fishkill, and the girls’ team was 10th, at the Northern County Track & Field Championships held at Arlington and Beacon last weekend.

Zach Cader won the 800 meters in 1:57.37 and the 1,600 with a 20-5 loss to No. 5 Nanuet. At the plate, Leanna Rinaldi drove in three runs, Kyla Richardson went 3-for-3 with an RBI, Christina Merola was 2-for-3 with an RBI and Haleigh Zukowski went 2-for-3.

“That was a tough loss to a good Nanuet team,” said Coach Michael Carofano. “We had one of our better days at the plate, but errors hurt us.

“Though the season did not go as planned, I’m proud of our girls for battling adversity on and off the field,” he added.

Four Bulldogs earned postseason awards: Rinaldi was named All-Section Honorable Mention and Rinaldi, Zukowski, Olivia Spiak and Olivia Ciancanelli earned All-League honors.

“I think that speaks volumes, when the other opponents in our league were Arlington, John Jay, Ketcham and Lourdes,” Carofano said. He also thanked his seniors — Jade Matias, Bernadette Kish and Kelly Murphy — for their dedication to the program.

BASEBALL

Haldane High School, the No. 4 seed in the Section I, Class C tournament, nearly pulled an upset on Saturday (June 5) of No. 1 Tuckahoe, falling 4-3.

John Dwyer started on the mound for the Blue Devils and went four innings with an EPA at the line. Hoping to catch Carmel’s Zach Martin at the plate.

That put the Bulldogs in the quarterfinals, where their season ended with a 10-0 loss to No. 2 Tappan Zee.