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A Colorful Yarn

*Cold Spring merchant
'bombs' her own shop*

By Michael Turton

Few shopkeepers would bomb their own business — at least not in broad daylight — but Sue Costigan did. On Friday (June 11), the owner of The Endless Skein in Cold Spring “bombed” her Main Street store with yarn to mark International Yarn Bombing Day, an annual homage to knitting that began in 2011.

Costigan said she first learned about the day in 2019 from Naomi Lawrence, a New York City fiber artist whom she met when Lawrence came into her shop. The two immediately began scheming to bomb The Endless Skein, but COVID-19 tangled their plan.

On Friday, Costigan unveiled a 12-foot-high, multicolored, climbing rose bush consisting of 300 knitted flowers and 200 knitted leaves. The sculpture also contains a lady bug, a bumble bee and a butterfly; more critters may be added over the summer.

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Naomi Lawrence applies finishing touches on June 11 to a yarn sculpture outside The Endless Skein in Cold Spring.

Photo by M. Turton

No Records from Putnam Climate Meetings

*Montgomery urges county
to get engaged*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

In June 2019, the nine-member Putnam County Legislature unanimously voted to join the state’s Climate Smart Communities program, which rewards municipalities and counties with access to grants to fund environmentally friendly upgrades to fight global warming.

Two years later, the Legislature’s Economic Development and Energy Committee scheduled an update on the county’s Climate Smart initiative. But it was postponed when the task force coordinator, Lauri Taylor, could not make the June 8 meeting, held by audio connection.

Instead, Legislator Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley and serves on the committee, took the opportunity to urge the county

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Renegades, Dutchess Reach 25-Year Stadium Agreement

*Deal will keep team at
'The Dutch' until 2046*

By Jeff Simms

Dutchess County plans to invest more than 20 percent of the \$57 million it’s slated to receive over the next two years from the federal

government’s American Rescue Plan in the further rehabilitation of Dutchess Stadium, just outside of Beacon.

The \$12.5 million commitment cements a new, 25-year lease with the Hudson Valley Renegades, the minor league baseball team that has been the park’s tenant since it opened in 1994. The agreement,

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The Renegades play at Dutchess Stadium on Route 9D outside of Beacon.

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Beacon Council Leans Toward Weed Shops

*At same time, city may
ban all smoking in parks*

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council does not appear to be interested in “opting out” of allowing retail shops to sell marijuana, although it may ban all smoking and vaping in city parks.

A law enacted on March 31 by Gov. Andrew Cuomo legalized the possession of up to 3 ounces of marijuana for recreational use for adults ages 21 or older; 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.

It also allows municipalities to “opt out” of the retail part of the law by passing a statute before Dec. 31 that bans retailers from selling pot or allowing on-site

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: KAREN VIRGADAMO

By Alison Rooney

Karen Virgadamo retired last month after 29 years as program administrator for the Philipstown Recreation Center.

How did you hear about the job?

We moved to Cold Spring when my oldest son [Anthony; twins Tom and Joe are both teachers at Haldane] was 2. I was working in Carmel at *Guideposts*. My friend, Donna Steltz, had the Rec job but was leaving and



recommended me. It was good, because I was able to work closer to my children and attend all their events. Now it's 29 years later. Donna and I are both recently retired and still friends.

How has the job changed?

I was hired to do registration, which was done with receipt books and a ledger. I had to add everything up with a calculator. People registered and paid in person, with checks. I didn't know the computer. We started off in the small office upstairs in Town Hall, and our program spaces were at Haldane, the Garrison School and the Continental Village clubhouse.

When we were given our Garrison space [a facility once owned by the Capuchin Franciscans] it was so wonderful to have our own facility with such beautiful grounds. I miss the more personal registration. People still call to register but it's mostly online.

On the other hand, we're able to offer a lot more

now — in regular years, anyway, not this one. Theater has evolved for the kids and we have more classes for adults and seniors. This year we had nine trips planned for the seniors and they all had to be postponed, which was hard. Our preschool sports programs have always been popular. And summer camp is a big hit, that's for sure. When I started it was called "Fun and Games" and it was held in the Haldane cafeteria.

Do people get mad when they are shut out of popular programs?

Yes, they do! We try hard to get the word out. Amber [Stickle, the director] posts all over Facebook and emails everyone. But some still miss out. This year was especially difficult because we had to cut the registrations by half because of COVID.

Do you miss your job yet?

I do, especially all the directors, coaches, instructors and assistants, past and present, who have done so much for our program. I'll always appreciate the help they've given me over the years. But I'm doing some things around the house, chores, now that I have more time. I'm getting used to it. My husband is retiring at the end of June — he works at a warehouse in Peekskill, so it's nice to have this month by myself to get things done! I'm planning on doing some traveling: I'm going south on a trip. I'm also walking on different trails and catching up on lunches with my girlfriends. But most of all, I'll be spending time with my grandchildren. We have seven grandchildren whom we love and enjoy: Four boys, three girls, ages 9 down to 2.

Why are the Rec programs important, do you think?

They bring the town together, from the senior luncheons and trips where everyone is so appreciative of everything we do for them, to the exercise programs that everyone can do, to the newcomers whose children wind up in the preschool. People aren't always aware of us when they move in, but they find out quickly.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

How many remote controls do you own?

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Just one for the TV. Plus Apple TV.

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~ Ann McBride-Alayon, Cold Spring

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Four: TV, DVD player, fan, air conditioner.

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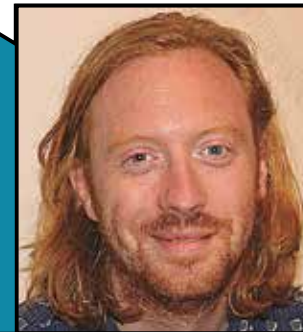


~ George Stevenson, Cold Spring

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Probably seven: turntable, projector, fan, space heater, TV, DVD player and one I'm forgetting.

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~ Sean O'Mara, Beacon

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Heidi and Mark Snyder at Drug World

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Cold Spring Chamber Names Award Winners

Drug World praised for vaccination response

By Michael Turton

Two of the winners at the annual Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce awards held on Tuesday (June 15) were honored for community service that would have been unimaginable two years ago.

Heidi and Mark Snyder, co-owners of Drug World, were given the Foundation Stone Award, which recognizes a longstanding business or organization that has served the community exceptionally well. Their exceptional service was vaccinating a large portion of Philipstown residents against COVID-19. To date, Drug World has administered more than 5,000 shots, which are now available without an appointment.

“There are not many independent pharmacies that can say they did what these two people have done for our community,” said Fran Merando Fornorotto, the Chamber secretary, during the ceremony, which took place via Zoom.

Mark Snyder gave the credit to Heidi, his mom. “She spent every waking moment in [vaccine] webinars” beginning in September, he said, prompting representatives from chains such as CVS and Walgreens who were on conference calls to ask, “Who is Drug World, and why are they talking?”

Six other awards and a scholarship were presented. The Parnassus Award went to the Garrison Art Center for offering exceptional programming and community enrichment through the arts. Ed Currelley, who founded the Hudson Valley Frozen Fresh soup company last year, received the Kitchen Table Business Award, honoring an innovative startup or home-based business.

Scenic Hudson was recognized with the Cobblestone Award, presented to an organization that helps support progressive community evolution by building social, historic, sustainable, ecological or physical structures.

The James G. Lovell Stewardship Award went to Richard Shea, who will soon step down after serving on the Philipstown Town Board for 20 years. The award is given to someone who has worked on many fronts to keep Philipstown strong, healthy, connected and positive.

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival received the Keystone Award for “holding open the door for economic growth through hospitality and tourism.” The Sets a High Bar Standard Award went to Jacqueline Azria, who opened her coffee and clothing shop, Paulette, last year.

The annual Philip Baumgarten Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Alanna Moskowicz, a Haldane senior who volunteered at the Putnam History Museum and for the Putnam County Youth Court.

NEWS BRIEFS

Cold Spring to Form Police Stakeholders Panel

Looking for ‘broad range of perspectives’

As part of its state-mandated review of the village Police Department, Cold Spring is creating an ad hoc stakeholders group.

The village is interested in “a broad range of perspectives, experiences, knowledge and values of our community,” it said in a notice. “Diversity of race, ethnicity, gender, age and nationality are sought and are essential to conforming to and reaching the goals of the executive order.”

For details, see bit.ly/cs-stakeholders. The deadline to apply is July 2.

Counties Get Money for Emergency Dispatch

Putnam, Dutchess among recipients

New York State said on June 11 it would distribute \$10 million to counties to improve 9-1-1 response and emergency-dispatch operations.

Putnam County will receive \$93,237 and Dutchess will get \$159,510.

Hospital System Requires Staff to Vaccinate

Also applies rule to volunteers, vendors

NewYork-Presbyterian, whose system includes Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt Manor and a medical group in Cold Spring, notified staff on June 11 that they will have to be vaccinated against COVID-19 with at least their initial shot by Sept. 1 to remain employed.

The mandate also applies to volunteers and vendors, and will be required of new hires.

Employees who cannot be vaccinated for medical or religious reasons, or because they are pregnant, have until Aug. 1 to apply for an exemption, the hospital system said in a memo signed by Steven Corwin,

its president and CEO, and Laura Forese, its chief operating officer.

Corwin and Forese described inoculation as “the most important and responsible action we can take as NYP team members for the safety and well-being of our patients and visitors, our communities and ourselves.”

Metro-North to Add Trains

Four more trains at rush hours

Metro-North plans to restore four trains to the morning rush hour and four to the evening on the Hudson Line beginning Monday (June 21), including two additional round-trip trains between Poughkeepsie and Grand Central Station that will make stops at Beacon, Cold Spring and Garrison.

The changes will bring the commuter railroad to 67 percent of its pre-pandemic shutdown service levels. It plans to add more trains on Aug. 29 to bring service to 83 percent on weekdays and 70 percent on weekends.

The railroad has also extended the weekday hours of the Grand Central entrances on 46th, 47th and 48th streets to 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Garrison School Hires Teacher, Administrator

School fills science, tech positions

The Garrison school board approved two hires on Wednesday (June 16).

Rachel Arbor was named as the environmental education teacher, a newly created position, at the school, which has grades K-8. Most recently, she was a middle-school science teacher in Longmont, Colorado.

Michael Sammartano was hired as director of technology and innovation. A former middle-school earth sciences teacher, he has been an instruction and innovation coach in the Mamaroneck school district since 2015. He is also the co-founder and director of technology for the STEM Leadership Center.



Real Estate

Market Report (May)

	Beacon		Philipstown	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
New Listings	5	11	13	14
Closed Sales	4	5	7	3
Days on Market	168	25	154	10
Median Price	\$361,450	\$450,000	\$619,000	\$790,000
% List Received	94	107.5	90.9	103
Inventory	21	12	65	37

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

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Cold Spring parking

Everyone hates Cold Spring's parking ("Cold Spring Reveals Parking Plan," June 11). We finally have a plan that can work, if we give it a chance.

The Cold Spring Parking Committee has presented, with tact, transparency and humility, a solid proposal to improve parking. By relying on an app that visitors load to their phones, the proposal avoids the daunting capital expense of parking meters in the business district, while achieving the most important goal of meters, to make parking more available to everyone.

Using a provision in New York's laws governing residential permit parking and setting aside one-fifth of spaces within the permit zone for visitors, the plan should put an end to the horrible weekend congestion on residential streets on either side of Main Street. Free spaces would be set aside for business employees. The committee identified new parking areas at the village highway garage site and Mayor's Park to augment the physical space for parking, without paving over paradise.

There's little financial risk. Relief could be here in a few weeks. Let's give it a shot!

Michael Armstrong, *Cold Spring*

If I am reading this right, residents will have

to pay for a permit? That should be included in their taxes. Visitors should be paying.

Maria Cofini, *via Facebook*

I'm looking forward to paying \$10 per year for a resident's permit. I feel like I'm living in New York City, circling the streets for a space.

Joanne Murphy, *via Facebook*

Pride march

Thanks so much for your coverage of local LGBTQ pride and liberation marches, but I was misquoted in your article ("It's Up to Us," June 11). When I spoke about local business efforts, I was referring only to businesses that have signed the Beacon Human Rights Commission's antidiscrimination pledge.

Further, I do not believe that business support is "absolutely essential" for LGBTQ liberation. In fact, businesses often try to cash in on Pride in a way that has nothing to do with liberation. As I told your reporter, I believe that anti-corporate, radical action is essential to our movement.

Donna Minkowitz, *Beacon*

The editor responds: The interview was recorded. Minkowitz said: "The efforts Beacon's local businesses have made to show support are absolutely essential for positive change" and, according to our transcript,

did not indicate she was referring only to businesses that signed a pledge.

The photos of the Pride march in Carmel on June 5 were a beautiful sight ("Proud Putnam," June 11). As a kid growing up in Carmel, I never would have imagined something like this happening in my town. A big thanks and solidarity to Putnam Pride and Putnam for Black Lives.

Heather Candon, *via Instagram*

Climate Smart

Last week's meeting of the Climate Smart Philipstown Task Force was held in person, a real treat after 15 months of Zoom. We are thrilled to see businesses returning to normal after the disruptions of COVID-19. We also miss eating on real dishes in restaurants.

Our community could quickly reduce the amount of trash and plastics that we are adding to the waste stream by returning to washable dishware where possible. The task force would like to ask restaurants using disposables for in-person dining to return to the use of reusable dishes and cutlery. Filling customers' travel mugs helps too. Thank you for your consideration.

Tara Vamos, *Cold Spring*

Masks at school

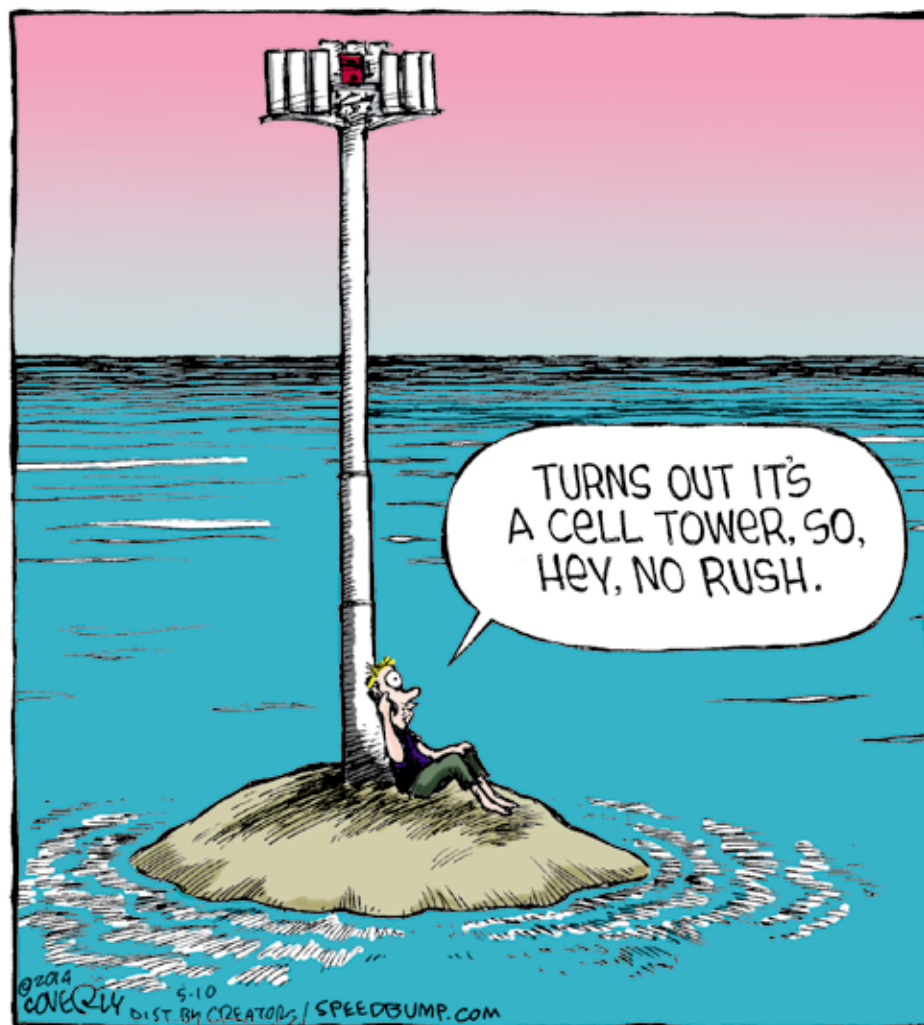
In the 1980s, when I was a second-grader in Rhinebeck, I was struck with chickenpox. I loved second grade and hated the two weeks I spent at home in bed. When finally cleared by my doctor, I settled happily back at my desk, but not for long. About 15 minutes later, the nurse appeared: I was being sent back home.

I later learned that a girl in my class was battling leukemia, which made my recent chicken pox dangerous for her. To protect the life of an 8-year-old girl who was fighting for her life, my school sent me home for another week to heal completely. Sometimes we sacrifice our comfort and our happiness for the sake of others.

The girl is still alive; she beat the cancer and has a family of her own. Our children are vaccinated against chickenpox. But somehow our caring society has not survived. This is evident in the local anti-mask movement — those who want the mandate lifted for our unvaccinated children ("Mask Confusion," June 11). We were discouraged when, with only a few weeks left in the school year, Haldane opted to lift the requirement outdoors — although the state did not require this, saying only that it was up to the district — and worried the superintendent had acquiesced to the vocal anti-mask sentiment.

After kids stopped wearing masks, the elementary school had to tell them they could no longer play Jackpot during recess,

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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a game that requires close contact. Nonetheless, three days after the school's lifting of the mask mandate, and his continued wearing of a mask everywhere, my son came home with a cold, reviving our concerns. The variants seem to be hitting kids hard.

I don't know how to explain the callousness of people calling for the lifting of the indoor mask mandate to my own third-grader, who has been so carefully following the rules. Even at age 9, and even in the heat, he understands and accepts his responsibility to protect others.

Eliza Matthews, *Cold Spring*

Beacon judges

It's time for change in Beacon and the criminal justice system everywhere in the U.S. I know Pagones is a household name here, but primarying a Democrat when you are not a Democrat because you want to "keep politics out" of an elected position seems like a fundamentally dishonest trick to pull.

I want honesty, integrity and a new perspective on the bench in Beacon and I will be voting for Greg Johnston in the June 22 Democratic primary for Beacon City Judge.

Sarah Uzelac, *Beacon*

Four stories

"You Call That a Park?" (June 11). Obviously they do. Here we go again, with the same what-ifs. If the project footprint doesn't suit the site, reinterpret the laws or grant special-use permits.

Beacon residents are watching in dismay as this scenario plays out with the same players, legal arsenal and recycled parking spaces. The applicant's team comes prepared for public pushback. The last time a major pushback faced this section of Main Street, the developer flipped it to a different owner and the result was the 344 Main St. monstrosity. Beacon cannot sustain and does not need bookends of big-box buildings that don't fit cohesively into its historic streetscapes.

The application letter submitted by the developer of 364 Main St. stated that the proposal is not part of the Historic District Landmark Overlay. Maybe not yet. They want to rush this project through. Why? Because the city is in the process of adding the adjacent Salvation Army building at 372 Main St. to the historic district. It's interesting that the law firm representing the developer is also representing the Salvation Army, which is asking that its building *not* be placed in the historic district.

Fourth floors are supposed to be the exception to the rule in return for "significant" public benefit. This proposal offers nothing to Beacon residents, wooing us with another sham green-space park like the other four-story application before the Planning Board located a few blocks down Main Street — a useless strip of land generally referred to in the building trade as standard landscape and hardscaping.

This proposal offers no public benefit; no additional office space; no affordable housing; no ground-level parking garage; and no required full on-site parking, again using public parking for paying tenants. This project's parking will be a burden in

Correction

In a story in the June 11 issue about an installation at Manitoga in Garrison, we identified the design firm that created "Tea House" as YDSM Studio. In fact, it is the YSDM Studio. We also said the work was constructed of oak; it is made of cedar.

the surrounding areas.

Don't forget this parcel was originally purchased to address the parking issues of 344 Main St. Now it's to be built out as another generic big-box apartment building. Maybe this project could work out a solution for a real public park since these neighboring parcels have the same legal representation.

Residents need to speak out in opposition of these types of status-quo development projects and make them scale it back. Elected officials must be held accountable.

Theresa Kraft, *Beacon*

A parking lot by any other name is still a parking lot and not a park. Sixteen spaces for 27 apartments? Eight thousand square feet of retail with no parking for employees and customers? The building itself is not an unattractive architectural concept but it is far too large for Main Street and far too large for the Beacon we know and love. Please, say no.

Thomas de Villiers, *via Instagram*

It's as if developers have completely turned a deaf ear to Beacon constituents these past few years. I hope the Planning Board and council members have not.

Melissa Buerkett, *via Instagram*

Pandemic funds

This is why the American Rescue Plan was worth passing ("Philipstown Expects \$700K from Pandemic Relief," June 11). Thank you to all members of Congress who made this happen. For those who voted against, who complained that funding like this was "not COVID-related," you're welcome to come to our towns and explain which local programs you'd have cut, because those painful decisions would have to be made.

Matt Clifton, *via Facebook*

Vaccine mandates

The opposition to and/or hesitancy about COVID-19 vaccines in some members of the public is indicative of the cynicism, skepticism and lack of confidence fueled by the inconsistent, often misinformed and politicized, media-driven environment of the last year ("Should Vaccines Be Mandated?" June 11).

No better indication of this environment is the misguided attempt to employ the Nuremberg Code by some hospital employees to support the anti-vaccination position. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) includes vaccine status but the law only applies to HIPAA-covered entities — health care providers, health plans and health care clearing-houses — and their business associates. If an employer asks an employee to provide

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Dear Mayor & Board of Trustees:

We recently discovered that the Village Board of Trustees ("VBOT") has continued to move forward with completing and possibly voting on a final version of Chapter 100 of the Village Code, pertaining to the regulation of Short Term Rentals ("STR's") within the Village of Cold Spring ("Proposed STR Rules"). As we understand the current status of matters after viewing a recording of a VBOT meeting held this past Thursday (June 10, 2021), the VBOT is retaining several portions of the Proposed STR Rules that were strongly objected to, not only by the members of our group of STR owners, but also by most of the Village residents and other participants who similarly expressed serious concerns at the May 6, 2021 Public Hearing. We are both surprised and indeed distressed to learn that the VBOT has adopted this course of action, which clearly conflicts with the critical mass of public sentiment voiced by your constituents who attended meeting, as well as those constituents who submitted more formal written commentary and objections in advance of that hearing, including our April 27, 2021 letter.

Among the provisions that were clearly objected to by many, which the VBOT has nonetheless decided to retain and push forward in the Proposed STR Rules are the following:

1. Imposing a cap of only 17 on the number of permitted Owner Occupied (Hosted) STR properties and 34 Non-Owner Occupied (Non-Hosted) STR properties and a complicated lottery system to determine how those permits will be awarded;
2. Capping the maximum number of available STR reservations to sixty (60) nights per calendar year;
3. Imposing a 2-night minimum stay per STR rental;
4. Prohibiting the use of an accessory building or separate/detached portion of a building as an STR on the same property;
5. Limiting the number of STR units per property to a single unit or group;
6. Imposing a minimum 3-year prior residence requirement and \$2 Million liability insurance coverage to qualify for an STR permit.

Further, we understand from the substance of recent VBOT meetings, enforcement of the above restrictions will be monitored through a mandated information disclosure requirement, such that each STR operator will be required to submit confidential STR records to the Village annually. Moreover, as we also understand the current status of enforcement measures, non-compliance (apparently including non-compliance with the information disclosure mandate and/or the above restrictions based on the content of such mandated disclosures), will result in the levying of graduated fines starting at \$1,000 to a maximum of \$5,000 and loss of an STR permit.

With particular regard to these latter disclosure and fine sanctions, there exist very serious legal ramifications should the VBOT nonetheless proceed on its current path. Valid legal claims challenging such STR rules have been recognized recently in at least two federal district courts in New York. In two cases decided recently, New York -based federal district courts have upheld claims challenging similar mandated disclosure and fine provisions as violations of the 4th Amendment right to privacy and prohibition against unlawful search and seizure. *Weisenberg v. Town Board of Shelter Island*, 404 F.Supp.3d 720, 734-36 (EDNY 2019); *Calvey v. Town Board of North Elba*, 2021 WL 1146283, *8-9 (NDNY 2021).

Additionally in *Calvey*, the court allowed several other claims to proceed in that case, including alleged violations of the 14th Amendment equal protection clause and 5th Amendment government takings clause, against a 90-night per year rental cap on STR's, as constitutionally unlawful. *Calvey* at *6-7, *19-20. There is simply no equitable basis for the VBOT to deprive property owners from operating their businesses and renting to others on a short-term basis for an unlimited number of nights per year, as would any hotel, B&B or other rental property be allowed to do within the Village.

It is difficult to understand why the VBOT has adopted its recent course of action in the face of the public commentary at the May 6 hearing. Particularly disturbing is the VBOT's dogged insistence in pushing forward with Proposed STR Rules that will, without question, negatively impact the livelihoods and economic futures of several of its constituents, while having little to no bearing on the preservation of public health and safety. Indeed, such rules and restrictions were directly rejected at the May 6 public hearing as unnecessary, overly complex, costly and burdensome for the Village to oversee and enforce.

We previously reached out to the VBOT to collaborate with our group to resolve these issues and avoid future conflicts and that offer still stands.

Sincerely,

Cold Spring Union of Hosted AirBNB Residents

John R. Lane | Aleksey Buslovich | Branis Buslovich | Tara Caroll
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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.

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Date: 6/09/2021

BY Tara Percacciolo, Town Clerk

LETTERS AND COMMENTS

(Continued from Page 5)

proof that he or she has been vaccinated to allow that individual to work without wearing a mask, that is not a HIPAA violation.

Ann Fanizzi, *via Facebook*

Hospitals requiring certain vaccinations for staff is not new. When I had an internship at Mount Sinai in the 1990s, I had to show proof of vaccination for measles. I also had to show proof of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination to attend college. One key difference at the moment is that the COVID-19 vaccinations still only have emergency-use authorization.

Michelle Rivas, *via Facebook*

Bribing people to get a shot is weird. Offering to free inmates early if they get a shot is weird. Giving someone a hamburger, doughnut or a rolled joint for getting a shot is weird. Being entered into a lottery if you get a shot is weird. Getting work bonuses if you get a shot is weird.

It's weirder that the media is saying if you get the shot, you get your "freedoms" back. And saying you're not comfortable getting a shot that hasn't gone through testing for approval by the Food and Drug Administration doesn't make you an "anti-vaxxer." It doesn't mean you don't care about other people. It shows you are using critical thought and you care about your own health.

Ask your doctor if you have questions. Relying on celebrities for guidance is absurd. Believing the government has your best interest is lunacy. I never thought a shot could be made political and create division, but here we are.

Hope Ouderkirk, *via Facebook*

Marijuana law

Listening sessions and town halls allow village voters to participate in substantive conversations and help them make informed decisions before a referendum ("Town, Villages Hash Out Marijuana Law," June 11).

By opposing such deliberations, Cold Spring Mayor Dave Merandy and Trustees Fran Murphy and Marie Early are hiding behind the misguided idea that a referendum is somehow a better way to listen to the people. That's not the case if voters aren't given the opportunity to be informed

and to hear multiple points of view.

Why would they not want to facilitate a public conversation that could help move the town toward consensus? And why are they so eager to place this particularly divisive issue on a ballot on which the three of them will not appear?

Gaston Alonso, *via Facebook*

If local municipalities decide to "opt out" of marijuana sales, they should opt out of alcohol sales, as well.

Eric Szyska, *via Facebook*

Putnam Legislature

How unfortunate for the people of Philipstown and Putnam County that another legislative meeting erupted in chaos ("Chaos in Carmel," June 4). By all accounts, the disruption has been consistent for the past two-and-a-half years. Legislator Nancy Montgomery continues her combative reign with little in the accomplishment column for the people she represents. In fact, we have lost a great deal because of her inability to gain consensus with her fellow legislators and the county executive.

She cannot blame party politics for everything. Sam Oliverio was a lone Democrat, very professional and successful. I had the pleasure of working with him in a bipartisan way. After my six years of bringing successful initiatives like the senior center, Tobacco 21 and a collection of strong environmental resolutions forward, I am concerned for the people of Philipstown. We will never be truly productive if we don't work together.

At the last legislative meeting regarding subpoena power, Montgomery missed the point. She does not realize it has nothing to do with citizen privacy. It has everything to do with allowing the Legislature to get the information needed to make an educated decision. I recommend she brush up on *Robert's Rules of Order* if she is ever to be a successful legislator. This is not about red or blue but understanding what the role of a legislator is; if we keep this up, we will never get anything done.

Barbara Scuccimara, *Garrison*

Scuccimara, who lost her seat on the county Legislature to Montgomery in 2018, will again be her Republican opponent on the November ballot.

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Putnam Climate *(from Page 1)*

to advance its climate change agenda.

She also zeroed in on the composition of the county's Climate Smart task force, appointed by County Executive MaryEllen Odell; the lack of minutes from its meetings; and the general secrecy surrounding its work.

In New York, each municipality aspiring to Climate Smart certification must establish a task force. According to the state, this committee "should consist of, at a minimum, community members and municipal representatives — staff and/or elected officials," although communities "may want to invite representatives from relevant local boards, organizations and businesses," as well.

Putnam's task force lacks such broad reach. Instead, it consists of the same members as Odell's advisory Executive Capital Projects Committee, including Odell and her deputy; the planning commissioner; the highway and facilities commissioner and his deputy; the purchasing director; the assistant planning and design supervisor; the first deputy county attorney; the information technology director; the finance commissioner; and Legislator Carl Albano of Carmel, who chairs the Legislature's Physical Services Committee.

When the county needed to establish a Climate Smart task force in September 2019, Odell explained, she decided that her Executive Capital Projects Committee "would be in the best position to seamlessly implement the various programs and

2 Committees, 1 Name = Confusion

After the June 8 committee meeting, Legislator Nancy Montgomery observed that until recently the county had two groups called the Capital Projects Committee. The first was created in 2013 to advise the county executive; in 2019 it got the additional responsibility of serving as the Climate Smart task force. The second committee, mandated by the county charter, consists of legislators who meet annually to budget for capital spending.

To avoid confusion, County Executive MaryEllen Odell in March renamed her committee the Executive Capital Projects Committee.

initiatives called for by the Climate Smart Communities project."

In mid-March, Montgomery asked to see the task force minutes.

Odell responded in a memo that a Climate Smart task force session "is an in-house meeting, not a public meeting," so "there are no minutes taken."

According to the state, applicants must submit "a list of the task force members and the organizations they represent, showing that the task force includes repre-

sentatives from the local government and from the community," and provide "meeting minutes, including sign-in sheets or other records of attendance, from two task force meetings held within the past year."

In its directives, the state suggests that its Committee on Open Government can address questions of whether task force meetings should be governed by the Open Meetings Law. On Wednesday (June 16), Kristin O'Neill, the Open Government Committee's assistant director, said that a task force would likely not be considered a "public body" subject to the law because it has an advisory role and does not make final decisions.

Before the Economic Development Committee session, Montgomery again asked about the minutes. She told the committee that in addition to being denied minutes, she has not been allowed to attend the Climate Smart task force meetings.

Montgomery that state grants totaling \$11 million are available in 2021 for communities pursuing Climate Smart goals. "We're not going to receive any of these, again, because we don't have a record of any minutes for the past two years," she said.

She added that it appears, through various projects, Putnam has completed some of the steps required by the state for certification. But were the county properly engaged, "we could be receiving half of the money back for those projects already implemented," she said. Instead, "we're just losing out again."

Weed Shops *(from Page 1)*

consumption. After that, municipalities can only pass laws lifting earlier bans or regulating the "time, place and manner of the operation" of licensed retailers.

Members of the Cold Spring and Nelsonville village boards have broached the topic of putting the question to voters. But Beacon council members said during a workshop on Monday (June 14) that they're leaning toward not opting out.

"I have no desire to opt out of the sales or smoking bars," said Council Member Jodi McCredo. "It should have been legal all along, and people should have the freedom to do that."

If Beacon doesn't opt out, the city would receive a 3 percent cut of a 13 percent sales tax that will take effect in April, with 1 percent going to Dutchess County and 9 percent to the state.

City Attorney Drew Gamils likened consumption sites to cigar lounges. "You can smoke cannabis on-site, but it's kind of like a bar: You can't walk out with an open beer," she said.

People would have to be 21 to enter a retail shop or consumption site, and the facilities would have to be located at least 500 feet from schools and 200 feet from places of worship. The city could add other restrictions through its zoning code, such as a distance requirement from city parks, she said.

The state law also allows people to grow their own marijuana plants, regardless of whether the city opts out of retail sales. No more than six mature and six immature cannabis plants can be cultivated in or at a single residence, and an individual may have no more than three mature and three immature plants.

The law places additional restrictions on personal cultivation: It cannot take place in a community or backyard garden or in any other place where the plants would be accessible to people under 21. Personal cultivation won't be allowed until 18 months after the first retail sale of adult-use cannabis products, which puts it at 2023 at the earliest, Gamils said.

Smoking marijuana would be prohibited in schools, workplaces and vehicles but would be allowed anywhere that it's legal to smoke tobacco.

Beacon already has a law on its books prohibiting smoking on city trails. The council on Monday discussed extending it to parks and banning vaping there, as well.

"Enforcement is probably only as necessary," said City Administrator Chris White. "If you're way up in the woods and nobody sees you, we're not going to be watching every tree. However, if you're at a soccer game and somebody's smoking up and not being respectful, I'm sure they'll be reminded that there's a law."

However, Council Member Air Rhodes said, if the city bans smoking in parks, enforcement should not disproportionately focus on people of color.

"People are absolutely already smoking in the parks," Rhodes said. "If it's not a problem now, I don't necessarily see it increasingly being a problem. I hesitate to create criminality" where it might not be necessary.

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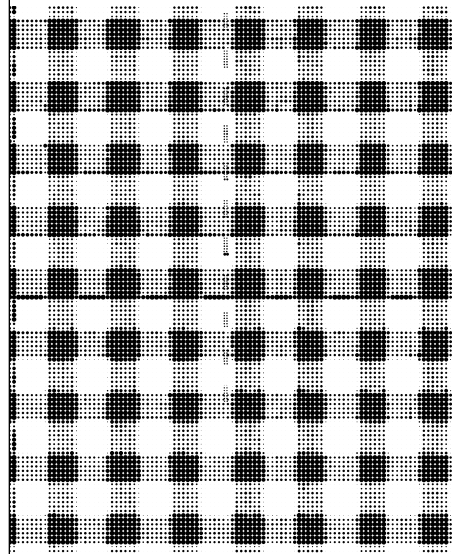
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Beacon Judge Candidates Square Off in Primary

Incumbent filed petitions to appear on four ballot lines

By Jeff Simms

Democrats and Working Families Party members in Beacon can vote on Tuesday (June 22) in primaries that will determine whether an incumbent City Court judge faces opposition in the November general election.

Beacon has one full-time justice who serves a 10-year term and a part-time justice who serves for six years. Incumbent Timothy Pagones is seeking a second 10-year term on the court, which handles misdemeanors, traffic infractions and various small claims. As a Republican, Pagones won six-year terms in 1999 and 2005 and a 10-year term, running unopposed, in 2011.

Pagones is now an independent and this year filed nominating petitions with the county Board of Elections to appear on the Republican, Conservative, Democratic and Working Families lines. That forced primaries with Greg Johnston, a public defender who filed for the Democratic and Working Families lines and received endorsements from both parties. If Pagones wins the lines, he will appear unopposed on the November ballot.

There is also a Working Families Party primary for Dutchess County Family Court Judge. Rachel Saunders, who lives in Beacon, is seeking the ballot line, as is the incumbent, Denise Watson. Saunders will already appear on the Democratic line in November, and Watson on the Republican line.

Early voting for the primaries began on June 12. Polls will be open today (June 18) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The closest site for Beacon voters is Fishkill Town Hall, at 807 Route 52. The standard polling locations in Beacon will be open on Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Current asked Johnston and Pagones three questions about the race. Their responses have been edited for brevity.

Why are you running?

JOHNSTON: I have practiced for 17 years as a public defender and believe my experience would bring a unique and vital perspective to City Court. The vast majority of judges are former prosecutors, while former public defenders are underrepresented. The system works best when it reflects all aspects and experiences of the legal community. I have represented thousands of low-income New Yorkers, accused of a wide range of offenses, in front of hundreds of judges. I have witnessed the profound impact the system has on both the accused and victims. Judges must respect all people who appear before them. That respect is rooted in considering not only the person but the road that led them to that place.



PAGONES: I want to continue serving and helping the people who appear in my court. Along with presiding over traffic tickets, landlord and tenant matters, civil cases, small claims and criminal cases, I created the drug treatment court, domestic violence court, opioid recovery court and mental health court. The programs help people avoid convictions and even arrests. I have spent my career doing my best to help people better themselves. I want to expand my programs to help more people.

What makes this position important?

JOHNSTON: City Court touches many aspects of Beacon residents' lives. The judge handles traffic court, decides whether someone is evicted and determines if someone must post cash bail or is released without it. Most important, the judge can steer a resident needing mental health or substance abuse assistance to treatment. I've knocked on the doors of hundreds of my neighbors and heard many personal stories about their experiences in City Court. I believe Beacon can do better. I would like to expand the number of "problem-solving" courts that connect defendants with services that address the root causes of crime rather than focusing on punishment. For instance, Beacon would benefit from a youth court where young adults accused of crimes could get assistance to overcome the challenges they are facing.

PAGONES: City Court deals with the commu-

nity through traffic tickets, landlord and tenant cases, small claims, civil cases and criminal cases. These are things that affect everyday people. The court is basically the people's court because it deals with issues that impact the lives of many people. Whether someone loses their license, gets evicted or potentially goes to jail is up to the judge. That's why it is important to have the most qualified and experienced person in the position. With more than 20 years' experience presiding over these issues, I am the person to continue doing the job.

This race has gotten a lot of attention. Why do you think that is?

JOHNSTON: I'm a little surprised by it. The tragic passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg highlighted the important role that judges play in our society. While Beacon City Court obviously does not wield a fraction of the power of the Supreme Court, whoever sits on its bench can profoundly affect quality of life not just for anyone who appears before the judge, but for anyone who lives in Beacon. Residents here understand that an engaged, empathetic and experienced attorney as judge can have a positive impact. Beacon only gets a chance to pick its judge every 10 years, so it's inspiring to me to see so much interest and debate.

PAGONES: The race has gotten attention because a position which should be based on experience and qualifications is being based on political affiliations. I was told by members of the Beacon Democratic Committee that, even though I am the most qualified candidate, I could not be endorsed because I'm unaffiliated and that my opponent would be because he is a registered Democrat. The race has also gathered attention because of the personal attacks and lies in letters to the editor by the Beacon Democratic Party chair and the mailings by my opponent because I gathered enough signatures to primary him for the Democratic and Working Families lines. With more than 30 years of experience as a prosecutor, defense attorney, assistant judge and full-time judge, I'm the most qualified person for the position. That is what should matter.



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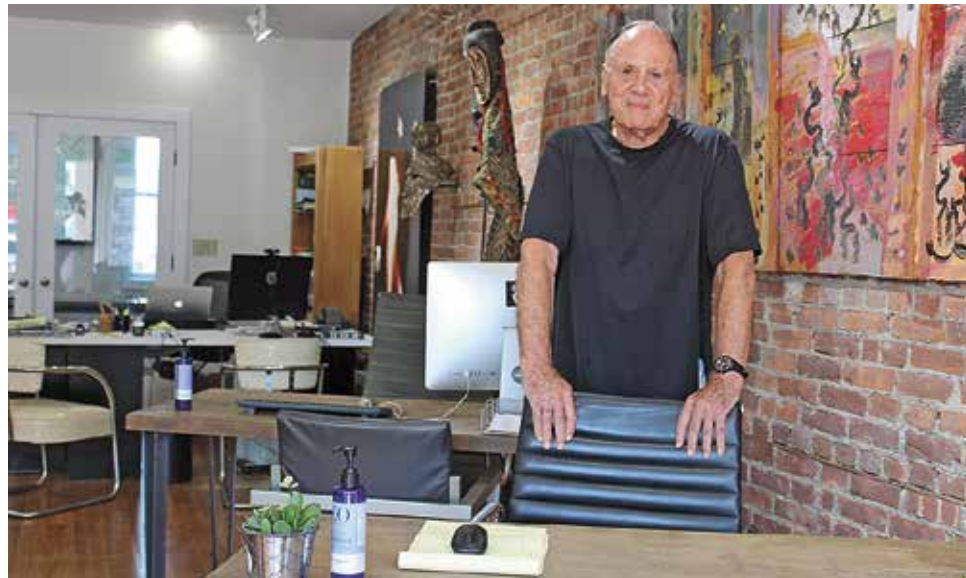
By Leonard Sparks

Daniel Aubry is breathing a lot easier. Wearing a mask for much of the past year was a “real strain,” he said. But becoming vaccinated against the virus that causes COVID-19, along with others on the staff of his eponymous real estate company on Main Street in Beacon, has allowed him to shed face coverings while in the office.

The atmosphere is “much more relaxed,” he said, adding that “before, the greeting was, ‘How are you?’ Now, it’s, ‘Are you vaccinated?’”

The pace of COVID-19 vaccinations has been waning, but enough people are inoculated in New York state — 67.9 percent of adults had received at least one dose as of Wednesday (June 16) — to fuel a precipitous drop in new infections and a migration back to the office by employees who, in many cases, have spent more than a year working remotely.

The game-changing impact of the vaccines was underscored in Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s announcement on Tuesday that the state was lifting capacity limits, social-distancing mandates and other restrictions placed on businesses and social gatherings



Daniel Aubry — maskless — at his real estate office in Beacon

Photo by L. Sparks

at the dawn of the pandemic shutdown in March 2020.

The repeal came two weeks to the day after River Architects reopened its eight-employee office on Main Street in Cold Spring after its staff had all been vaccinated. Co-owner Juhee Lee-Hartford said interacting with employees remotely “worked to a certain degree,” but it required more planning and was absent some of the conveniences of being in the office, like being able to walk a few feet to speak with a colleague. Today (June 18) she and her staff will be going out to celebrate employee birthdays, Lee-Hartford said.

“I’m quite happy to have everybody back

in person,” she said.

Public employees have also been returning. After a year with a “significant number” of Dutchess County employees working remotely, many have returned to the office and nearly all will return by July, said Colleen Pillus, a representative for the county. Dutchess reached a milestone on Monday (June 14) when 50 percent of its 293,718 residents became fully vaccinated.

Putnam County announced last month that fully vaccinated employees would be allowed to work without masks. Nearly 54 percent of Putnam’s 98,892 residents were fully vaccinated as of Monday.

Others remain cautious.

At Clearwater in Beacon, the office is being staffed by one person on weekdays, said Steve Stanne, its interim executive director, on June 9. When or if the 10 staff members who are usually in the office will return is “still in flux,” but he expects the organization to employ a combination of in-person and remote scheduling.

Boscobel House & Gardens in Garrison, which had up to a dozen employees working in its offices before the shutdown, will also adopt a hybrid schedule, said Lauren Daisley, its director of communications, on June 9.

The organization is “not so focused on making sure that everyone is physically there,” she said. “We’ve discovered that sometimes, working from home is extremely productive; and we have a close-knit team, so we still collaborate well.”

Restrictions Repealed

What changed with the state’s Tuesday announcement that most COVID-19 health and safety restrictions had been lifted?

- Unvaccinated people must continue to wear masks.
- Social distancing, capacity restrictions and cleaning and disinfection and other guidelines are now optional for businesses. However, restrictions remain in place for indoor event spaces with capacities of 5,000 or more, preschools and schools with grades K-12, public transit, homeless shelters, correctional facilities, nursing homes, and health care settings.
- Large indoor venues that require proof of vaccination can eliminate social distancing and mask requirements. People who are not vaccinated or whose status is not known must present proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test and wear a mask. Children under age 4 are exempt.

COVID-19 by the Numbers

■ PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

10,616 (+14)

Active Cases in Philipstown: 0

Tests administered:

237,738 (+2,710)

Percent positive:

4.5 (0)

Percent vaccinated:

60.6

Number of deaths:

92 (0)

■ DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

29,475 (+15)

Active Cases in Beacon: ≤5

Tests administered:

779,045 (+8,583)

Percent positive:

3.8 (0)

Percent vaccinated:

56.7

Number of deaths:

445 (0)

Source: State and county health departments, as of June 16, with weekly change in parentheses. Active cases in Philipstown as of June 11. Percent vaccinated reflects at least one dose.

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Naomi Lawrence and Jackie Muller take part in Worldwide Knit in Public Day on Saturday (June 12).

Photos by Amy Kubik

Knitting Day *(from Page 1)*

Lawrence, who was there on Friday to help, said she did her first yarn bomb in 2012, in the dead of night. "It was around a lamppost, in Cambridge, England," she said. She works primarily with acrylic yarn, creating 7-foot flowers, and made some of the larger flowers in the Cold Spring piece. Customers and staff knitted most of the component parts.

"This is fiber art, but public art, as well,"

Lawrence explained. "We want people to be able to see it from across the street and come across to explore, touch and ask questions."

Costigan said she would like to keep the sculpture hanging through the fall before moving it inside for the winter. "We'll see how it weathers," she said.

Her shop is back in full swing after closing its doors at the start of the pandemic shutdown. "A loyal base called in and we shipped them things or they picked up at



Tom Costigan secures the sculpture at The Endless Skein.

curbside," Costigan said. "It paid the bills for those two months."

There might even have been a silver lining.

"We taught a ton of learn-to-knit and crochet classes" during the shutdown, she said. "Everything was one-on-one, with masks."

The revelry carried into Saturday, with customers and staff sitting outside, happily knitting, to mark Worldwide Knit in Public Day.



A close-up of the climbing knit roses



Sue Costigan and her husband, Tom, pose with part of the yarn sculpture.



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The Calendar

Locals Abound in Freedom Project



Members of the cast of the third installment of the Freedom Project: Elsa Minkin, Maia Guest, Charlie Plummer, Harper Lee Andrews, Sasha Lee Andrews, Tyler Mell and Colin Hopkins

Photo provided

Third edition has mostly homegrown actors

By Alison Rooney

The first two editions of *Then Is Now*, a play-reading series produced by three Putnam County arts organizations, were largely populated by guest actors. Homegrown actors are front and center for the third installment, which will be streamed from Thursday (June 24) through Sunday (June 27).

In keeping with the first two presentations, a vintage work — in this case, *Above Suspicion*, by Sherwood Anderson — will be coupled with a new piece — *More Beautiful*,

by Craig Lucas — inspired by the earlier work.

Donald Kimmel, who will direct *Above Suspicion*, says it's "about how people who live in societies that don't have freedom from police persecution can be changed by the fear and paranoia. It's amazing how resonant these plays are, how disturbing."

By comparison, *More Beautiful* "exposes how we, as a society, are fractured by our suspicion of each other," says its director, Alice Jankell. "Perhaps, as a species, we always have been, but now it's eating us up where we live. We're so suspicious of anyone who may think differently from ourselves that we lose sight of when we need to be the grown-ups in the room."

Above Suspicion will be performed by an

all-Philipstown cast, most of whom have appeared in previous productions at the Philipstown Depot Theatre, including Bill Coelius, Maia Guest, Colin Hopkins, Harper Lee Andrews, Tyler Mell and 11-year-old Elsa Minkin. Guest also appears in *More Beautiful*, alongside her son, Charlie Plummer, and Sasha Lee Andrews and Rich Topol.

Kimmel says he enjoys working with a mix of amateur and professional actors. "The magic has something to do with people having the sense of community but also wanting to shine individually as members of that community," he said. "It's that mix of being, say, 5 years old and onstage for the first time, or 75 years old and coming back to it, or being 75 and

getting onstage for the first time."

Jankell notes that "working in smaller theaters embedded in a close community breeds an intimacy and trust that make it easy for artists to do their best work. And that familiarity and coziness spreads. It's seductive to outside actors, writers and directors, as well. We rely on connection and vulnerability to tell honest stories, so we create and recreate 'families' in theater all the time."

The plays will be streamed through the website of the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center (the other member of the alliance is Arts on the Lake). Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for students) at bit.ly/freedom-project-3.

Film Society Returns

Announces summer season

By Alison Rooney

Amid announcements that it is safe to gather together outdoors, the Cold Spring Film Society cheerily announced its 10th free summer series this week. It was canceled last summer because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

To recap a decade of movies by the river at Dockside Park, the society is bringing back perennial favorites: *The Princess Bride* (1987) on July 10, *Casablanca* (1942) on July 24, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* (1969) on Aug. 7, and *North by Northwest* (1959) on Aug. 21. It also will present *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* (1937) on Sept. 17 at the Boscobel House & Gardens in Garrison.

As it prepared to implement COVID-19 protocols, including requiring reservations to limit attendance, the society was pleasantly surprised when New York State on Tuesday (June 15) lifted social-distancing restrictions. The society said it will change its requirements for spectators before the July 10 opening as needed; see its website at coldspringfilm.org for updates.

"We couldn't ask for a better gift for our 10th anniversary," said Jennifer Zwarich, who is a member of the operating committee of the nonprofit. "Our community stepped up in a big way and helped us replace our old screen, and then Gov. Cuomo lifted most COVID-19 restrictions. We are looking at the real possibility of a fairly normal summer film season, and all of us could use a little bit of normal."



The Hudson River makes a cameo in *North by Northwest*, which will be screened in Cold Spring on Aug. 21.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

TALKS & TOURS

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.

SAT 19

History Crawl

COLD SPRING

Noon – 4 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St.

putnamhistorymuseum.org

Pick up a map at the museum for a self-guided tour. Best for ages 8 and older. Also SUN 20.

WED 23

Danskammer and the Community

POUGHKEEPSIE

6 p.m. Scenic Hudson
bit.ly/june23roundtable

The environmental group will host this webinar about the proposed expansion of a power plant in Newburgh and its potential impact on the region.

COMMUNITY

SAT 19

Walk to Fight Hunger

RHINEBECK

9 a.m. Dutchess 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 | stphilipshighlands.org

Jocelyn Apicello 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.

WED 23

Drive-Thru Senior Picnic

BEACON

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Memorial Park
198 Robert Cahill Drive
845-486-2555 | dutchessny.gov

If you are a Dutchess senior age 60 or older, call to reserve a spot and enter from Fishkill Avenue.

SAT 26

Record & CD Fest

BEACON

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. VFW Hall
413 Main St. | bit.ly/record-cd-fest

Find vinyl, CDs, DVDs, cassettes and ephemera from 15 tri-state vendors.

SAT 26

Crafts Festival

RHINEBECK

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Dutchess Fairgrounds
6550 Spring Brook Ave.
artrider.com/rhinebeck-crafts-festival-2021

Find handmade artisan works from nearly 100 exhibitors. Also SUN 27. *Cost: \$10 (\$9 seniors, \$4 ages 6 to 16)*

SAT 26

Family Pride in the Park

PEEKSKILL

1 – 5 p.m. Pugsley Park
1036 Main St. | peekskillpride.org

At this free event, families can enjoy a drag queen story hour, music, a pet photo contest and craft activities.

SUN 27

Open Sunday

PHILIPSTOWN

10 a.m. & 12:30 & 3 p.m.
Stonecrop Gardens | 81 Stonecrop Lane
845-265-2000 | stonecrop.org

Register for a two-hour visit; tea and cake will be available for purchase. The gardens are also open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday through October. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 seniors, children; under 3 free)*

MUSIC

SAT 19

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, Guy Davis, Jacob and David Bernz, John Hall, Tiokasin Ghosthorse, Diana Jones, Reggie Harris, the Blind Boys of Alabama, Betty & the Baby Boomers, Emma's Revolution and the Trouble Sisters are among the scheduled performers. There will also be an online auction.

SAT 19

Down Hill Strugglers

PUTNAM VALLEY

6:30 p.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

The old-time string trio will play originals and folk classics. *Cost: \$20*

SUN 20

Angela Bruno

BEACON

12:30 p.m. Beacon Farmers Market
223 Main St. (DMV parking lot)

The singer will perform a variety of popular American, Italian and Latino songs. Sponsored by *The Highlands Current*.

TUES 22

The Fabric of Our Lives

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

Singer and songwriter Tara O'Grady will perform with Sasha Papernik and Justin Poindexter and interview Gertie Hirsch, a



Cuarteto Guataca, June 26

vintage clothing designer, at this livestreamed event. *Cost: \$15*

FRI 25

Songs in the Attic

MAHOPAC

6:30 p.m. Putnam County Golf Course
187 Hill St. | 845-808-1880
putnamcountygolfcourse.com

David Clark and his band will perform the hits of Billy Joel. Admission includes a barbecue buffet. Bring blankets and chairs. *Cost: \$39 (\$50 door)*

FRI 25

The Dead Lecturers

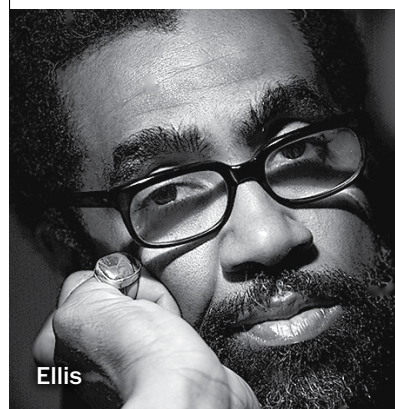
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8 p.m. Beacon Yoga Center
464 Main St. | deadlec.bpt.me

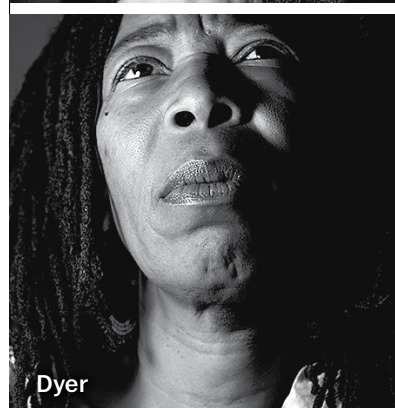
The cross-disciplinary ensemble features tenor saxophonist James Brandon Lewis, poet/spoken-word artist Thomas Sayers Ellis and viola player Melanie Dyer. *Cost: \$10*



Lewis



Ellis



Dyer

SAT 26

Cuarteto Guataca

PEEKSKILL

2 p.m. Charles Point Park
givebutter.com/feelgoodmusicpeekskill

The Feel Good Music Series continues with bassist Josh Levine (New York City), percussionist Jainardo Batista (San Juan), flautist Jeremy Bosch (Puerto Rico) and tres player Itai Kriss (Tel Aviv), who will perform salsa and Són Monuno classics.

SAT 26

Sloan Wainwright

BEACON

7:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The singer and songwriter, who is a member of an acclaimed family of artists — brother Loudon Wainwright, sister-in-law Kate McGarrigle, nephew Rufus Wainwright and nieces Martha Wainwright and Lucy Wainwright Roche — will perform while you dine. Reservations required.

SUN 27

Marianne Osiel

BEACON

1 p.m. Beacon Farmers Market
223 Main St. (DMV parking lot)

The singer and songwriter plays the oboe and blues guitar. Sponsored by *The Highlands Current*.

KIDS & FAMILY

SUN 20

Story Walk

COLD SPRING

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

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

MON 21

Summer Reading Kick-off Party

COLD SPRING

2 & 3 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Sign up for the library's summer program and win prizes when you keep track of your books. Grades 6 to 8 register at 2 p.m. and grades kindergarten to 5 at 3 p.m.

TUES 22

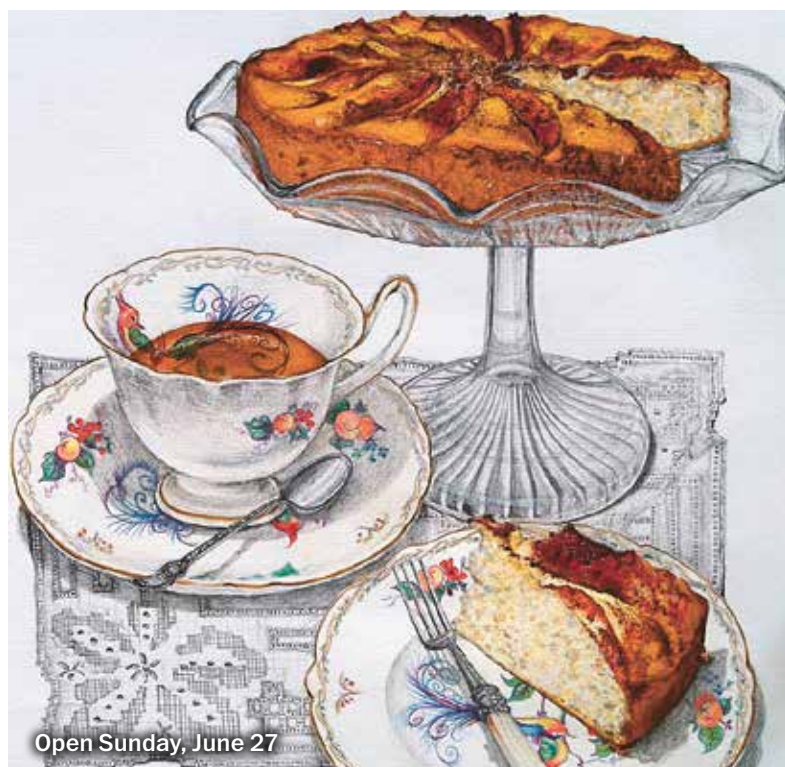
Battle of the Books

BEACON

5 p.m. Beacon Recreation Center
23 W. Center St. | beaconlibrary.org

Students entering grades 9 to 12

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Open Sunday, June 27

in the fall are invited to join the Howland Public Library's team, which will meet weekly over the summer. Team members will read five titles and meet weekly through Aug. 4 to prepare for a trivia contest against other libraries. For information, email community@beaconlibrary.org.

TUES 22

Putnam Performs

PHILIPSTOWN

bit.ly/PutnamPerforms-Philipstown

Today is the deadline to register online for this countywide competition in which students and young adults from ages 11 to 19 will share their talents in videos of dancing, singing, playing an instrument, drawing, comedy, visual art, spoken word, making/creating something, yoga poses, TikTok dances or tricks, etc. Community members will vote on whom should advance.

FRI 25

Madagascar

COLD SPRING

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

The 2005 animated film will be screened outdoors.

SUN 26

Fairy House Hunt

POUGHKEEPSIE

10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Locust Grove
2683 South Road
eventbrite.com/e/fairy-house-hunt-tickets

Search for elusive fairy houses on the estate grounds. *Cost: \$10*



Donald Judd, June 24

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 19

Indiana Jones & The Last Crusade

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Story Screen Drive-In
724 Wolcott Ave. | 845-440-7706
storyscreendrivein.square.site

Harrison Ford starred as the iconic adventurer in this 1989 film. Also SUN 20. *Cost: \$10 (\$8 children, seniors, military)*

WED 23

Pee-Wee's Big Adventure

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Story Screen Drive-In
724 Wolcott Ave. | 845-440-7706
storyscreendrivein.square.site

Paul Reubens plays the lead in this 1985 family comedy about a lost bike. *Cost: \$10 (\$8 children, seniors, military)*

FRI 25

Miss Juneteenth

GARRISON

7 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

The 2020 film, with Nicole Beharie, Kendrick Sampson and Alexis Chikaeze, follows a single mom and former beauty queen who enters her daughter in the same pageant she won. Shown via Kanopy. Register at bit.ly/film6-25.

SAT 26

Homemade

PHILIPSTOWN

8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9
magazzino.eventbrite.com

The documentary by Domenico Palma features interviews with the artists whose work was exhibited in Magazzino's 2020 exhibit, telling the story of creativity during the global pandemic. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 students, seniors)*

SUN 27

Sulle Tracce di Maria Lai

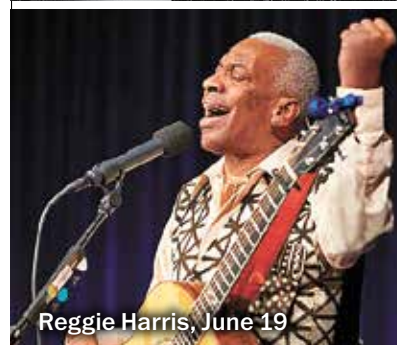
PHILIPSTOWN

8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9
magazzino.eventbrite.com

Maddalena Bregani directed this exploration of the artistic practice of Sardinian artist, Maria Lai, and her place in 20th-century events. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 students, seniors)*



Sulle Tracce di Maria Lai, June 27



Reggie Harris, June 19

VISUAL ARTS

THURS 24

Donald Judd

BEACON

Noon. Dia:Beacon
845-231-0811 | diaart.org

Museum educators will discuss via Zoom the artist's work with light and sculpture.

SAT 26

A (re)Introduction to Watercolors

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. Supplies for Creative Living
165 Main St.
suppliesforcreativeliving.com

Learn basic techniques and ways to develop a practice. For ages 8 and up. *Cost: \$35*

SAT 26

Time Capsule, 1970

POUGHKEEPSIE

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Loeb Art Center
124 Raymond Ave. | flac.vassar.edu

The exhibit will feature Robert

Rauschenberg's *Surface Series* from *Currents* screen prints that captured world events. Through Sept. 19.

CIVIC

MON 21

City Council

BEACON

7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

MON 21

School Board

BEACON

7 p.m. Beacon High School
845-838-6900 | beaconk12.org

MON 21

Village Board

NELSONVILLE

7:30 p.m. Via Zoom
nelsonvillenyny.gov

TUES 22

Public Hearing

COLD SPRING

6:30 p.m. Via Zoom | coldspringny.gov

The Village Board will hear comments on proposed revisions to laws that govern parking in the municipal lot.

TUES 22

Board of Trustees

COLD SPRING

7:30 p.m. Via Zoom
coldspringny.gov



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Former St. Philip's Members Start New Service

Music director, most of choir leaves Garrison church

By Leonard Sparks

After the reading from the Book of Mark of a parable about the growth of a mustard seed into a tree, it was not the voice of a minister who broke the silence in a tiny 132-year-old church on Snake Hill Road in Garrison.

Instead, Carolyn Doggett-Smith walked to a podium in a corner of the nave on Sunday (June 13) and recited her difficulties over the past year: confined to home because of COVID-19; being unable to sing with the St. Philip's Episcopal Church choir; seeing the church splintered by the resignation of its longtime music director; and a subsequent exodus of members.

Then, using words like "rebirth" and "renewal," she spoke of performing and worshipping each Sunday again in a new home, a barely used sanctuary across the road from The Garrison golf course.

"This is yet another resurrection; not only for me, but for all of us," she said.

The building, the former South Highland United Methodist Church, is filled again with worshippers, singing and music each week, a change born of conflict.

Durward "Woody" Entrekin Jr., who was the music director at St. Philip's for 21 years, resigned in November over what he says was



Woody Entrekin (left) directs the choir during a Highlands Choral Society service.

Photo by L. Sparks

a shift in a church many joined for its inclusiveness. His decision triggered a revolt by other longtime St. Philip's members, including nearly every member of the choir.

Seven months later, the former St. Philip's choir members are holding a non-denominational service each Sunday morning in the former Methodist church, having named themselves the Highlands Choral Society and referring to the building as The Highlands Chapel.

Entrekin, a Yale-educated organist and professor of music at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, is again leading the

choir. Friedrike Merck, who joined the choir at St. Philip's five years ago, is the society's president.

With the exception of a sermon given on June 6 by a Presbyterian minister, each service features a "reflection" read by a member of the congregation or the community and music combining traditional hymns with selections by Bach, Beethoven, Mozart and other composers. The services are steeped in informality, with Sunday's readings including lyrics by Bob Dylan and the guest minister quoting Yoda, the Jedi Master from *Star Wars*, in his sermon. Sharing the pews are Christians and Jews, along with atheists, agnostics and Buddhists.

"We knew we wanted to sing and we knew we wanted to be together in a spiritual way," said Merck.

Leaving St. Philip's was "incredibly difficult," said Entrekin, who was married at the church. Judy Dunstan, who joined St. Philip's after moving to Garrison in 1981, also found the decision to leave tough. Her two children were married by the Rev. Frank Geer, who led St. Philip's as rector for 30 years before retiring in 2018. Dunstan said two of her grandchildren were baptized at the church.

"When this group reached out to me, that they were starting, I was thrilled to come and try something different because it's still all people who I've known for years," she said.

Entrekin said the "the joy of working at St. Philip's had gone," and he echoed

a charge lobbed by others who have left: that St. Philip's felt more doctrinal and less inclusive than when they first joined. The Rev. Amanda Eiman, who became St. Philip's rector in January 2020, succeeding Geer, said the church is "very saddened" that anyone would feel that way.

"St. Philip's continues to worship in the Episcopal tradition as we have for 250 years, and remains blessed to have the opportunity to welcome all people to worship with us and be part of our community, no matter who we are or where we are on our journey of faith," she said.

Merck said she and other choir members who left St. Philip's began talking in February about reconstituting themselves, with Entrekin as music director. Their search for a building led to South Highland United Methodist, whose members voted in 2017 to merge with the Cold Spring United Methodist Church. Built in 1889, the church was only being used for special services.

The Highlands Choral Society signed an agreement to lease the building and scheduled its first service for April 4, which was Easter Sunday. The choice of that date for the inaugural service was intentional, said Merck.

"Easter and spring and renewal — they defined what we were going through," she said.

Because of pandemic restrictions in place at that time, only a soloist performed. Then the choir began rehearsing and now performs as a group, without masks, the first time they have done so since the pandemic shutdown. The first time they sang together "was incredibly moving," said Merck.

"It wasn't just the choir coming back, it was us as people, some of us who live alone and who had been incredibly isolated for over a year," she said.

Attendance averages about 50 people, according to Merck, who expects the reading of reflections to continue, with occasional sermons by guest ministers and the giving of communion. The Highlands Choral Society, now registered as a nonprofit, is also considering buying an electronic organ, said Entrekin.

After each service, attendees walk down to the basement to talk and share coffee and snacks.

Christopher Radko, standing in the basement after the June 6 service, said he has "never seen people so happy" to go to church on Sunday. "If St. Francis was here, he would say, 'I'm down with this,'" he said.

NOTICE

The Village of Cold Spring

Parking Committee Public Meeting

The Village of Cold Spring will hold a second Public Meeting via Zoom to review and accept comment on recommendations to be presented by the Parking Committee.

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Materials will be available on the Village Website (coldspringny.gov) at:

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Resistance Through Food

Restaurateur offers support for Palestinians

By Arvind Dilawar

On May 15, Ziatün is typically closed. The Palestinian proprietors of the Middle Eastern restaurant on Main Street in Beacon observe the anniversary of the Nakba — Arabic for “the catastrophe,” a reference to the displacement of Palestinians from what is now Israel — in resistance, by closing their doors.

This year, May 15 fell amid an 11-day bombardment of the Gaza Strip, a Palestinian territory on the Mediterranean Sea, by the Israeli Defense Forces, which killed 256 people. Rockets fired from Gaza by Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad into Israel killed 12 people.

“Usually we prefer to close the business on that day,” says Kamel Jamal, the owner of Ziatün, whose parents belong to the first generation of Palestinian refugees that were displaced by the founding of Israel in 1948. “But because of the situation that our country is in, and the amount of people in need, we decided to keep our doors open and donate our sales to help children in refugee camps in the surrounding areas of Palestine.”

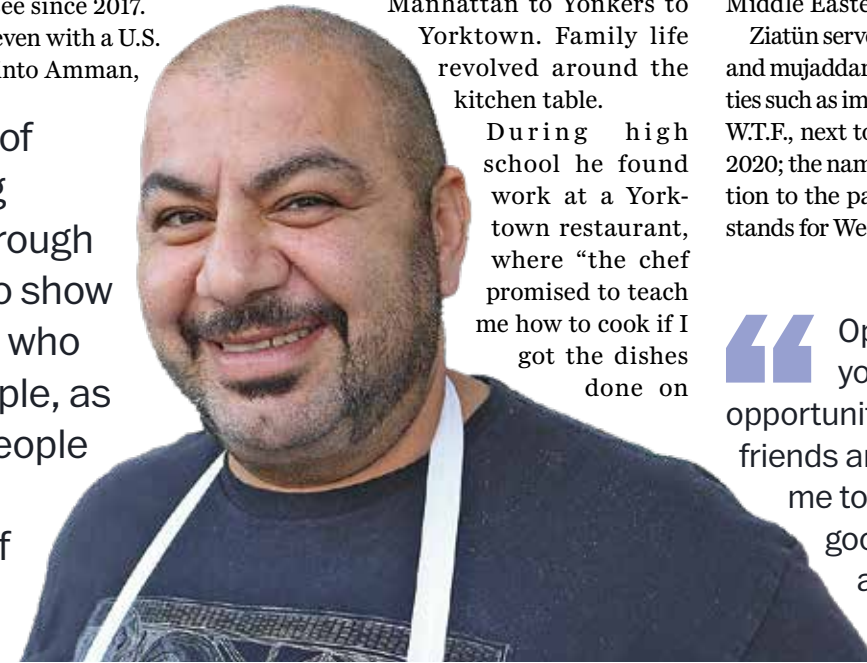
The fundraiser is an example of Jamal’s belief in community outreach, as he

describes it. Besides Ziatün (pronounced “Zay-toon”), his restaurants include Tito Santana Taqueria and the Beacon Bread Co., as well as the cocktail bar W.T.F.

Although Jamal’s restaurants are in Beacon, and he and his family reside in Hopewell Junction, Palestine is very much on his mind. He has relatives in Ramallah and elsewhere in the Palestinian territory of the West Bank, whom he helps support but has not been able to see since 2017.

Traveling to Palestine, even with a U.S. passport, involves flying into Amman,

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Kamel Jamal

Jordan, and then crossing the Jordan River Valley into the West Bank, which “wouldn’t be wise” at this time, he said. So, instead, he focuses on efforts like the Nakba fundraiser.

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Jamal was born in a refugee camp outside of Amman; his family moved to the U.S. in the late 1970s. His childhood followed the Hudson River as the family — including his six sisters and brother — moved from Manhattan to Yonkers to Yorktown. Family life revolved around the kitchen table.

During high school he found work at a Yorktown restaurant, where “the chef promised to teach me how to cook if I got the dishes done on

time,” Jamal recalled, with a laugh. “I’m still the best dishwasher my company has!”

In 2007, Jamal and his wife, Lena, traveled farther up the Hudson to Cold Spring to open an Italian restaurant, Angelina’s, which they have since sold. The quiet village weekends sent the couple to bustling Beacon, where they launched Tito Santana Taqueria in 2011, Beacon Bread Co. in 2014 and Ziatün in 2016.

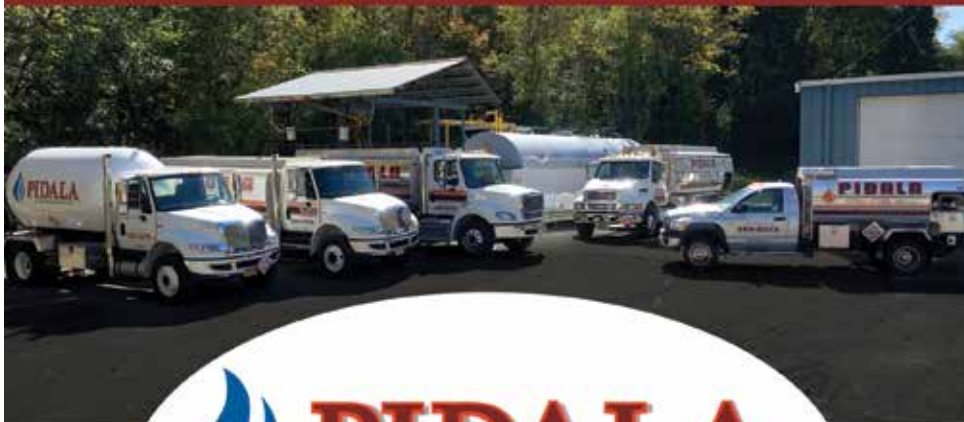
“Opportunity finds you, you don’t find opportunity,” says Jamal. “I got tired of my friends and colleagues telling me to do something I was good at, so I opened a Middle Eastern restaurant.”

Ziatün serves staples such as kebabs, falafel and mujaddara, as well as Palestinian specialties such as imported olives. His latest venture, W.T.F., next to Beacon Bread Co., opened in 2020; the name reflects, he quipped, his reaction to the pandemic, although officially it stands for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

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The Matteawan Asylum for the Insane in 1926

Looking Back in Beacon

By Chip Rowe

Editor's note: Beacon was created in 1913 from Matteawan and Fishkill Landing.

150 Years Ago (June 1871)

The day after William Van Wagener, the police justice of Fishkill Landing, complained of "cholera morbus" [acute gastroenteritis that occurs in the summer or fall], he was found dead in bed.

Louis Guiseppe Contarini was arrested in Poughkeepsie on charges of bigamy. "The first that had been known of him" locally, according to a news account, was in 1870, when he launched a weekly newspaper, *The Matteawan Review*, that soon failed. That same year, he married Mary Diston of Poughkeepsie. When he disappeared soon after the wedding, his wife and her father swore out a warrant for his arrest, suspecting he had another spouse in Brooklyn. The warrant was withdrawn when Contarini reappeared with a gold watch and chain for his wife, telling her that he and his three sisters had inherited \$75,000 from a relative in the old country. Suspicious, Mary's father traveled to Brooklyn, where he found Louise Ercke, whom Contarini had married and impregnated in 1861, when she was 14. Accused of stealing from Louise's father, Contarini had fled to Richmond, Virginia, where he married a woman named Virginia Saunders (who had since died) and fought (he said) for the Confederacy but was captured. [Two months later, in August 1871, a woman came to Poughkeepsie from Boston, claiming that she was Contarini's spouse, giving him at least four wives, with three living.]

125 Years Ago (June 1896)

Three bicyclists who left Albany at 6:30 a.m., headed for Brooklyn, reached Fishkill Landing by supper, a distance of 93 miles over poor roads. They took rooms at the Holland House and left the next day at 6 a.m. in a downpour. The men had to walk their bikes over the hills from Nelsonville to Peekskill, where they stopped for dinner before completing their ride.

Edward Taylor, 44, died of a heart attack at his home on Fishkill Avenue. The New

Jersey native had been employed for 25 years as the foreman of the finishing room at the Matteawan Manufacturing Co.

The DeGarmo Institute held commencement for its nine graduates at the Peattie Opera House in Matteawan. At the same time, the Matteawan Union School held commencement for its five graduates at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Watson's Electrical Sanitarium had so many patients, he opened a branch in Newburgh.

A *Poughkeepsie Eagle-News* correspondent said that in five minutes he counted 10 reckless bicyclists weaving in and out of traffic on Main Street in Fishkill Landing.

100 Years Ago (June 1921)

Among the defendants judged to be insane at trial and sent to the Matteawan State Hospital were Giovanni Aversa, who shot and killed his wife; Helen Trapp, a pickpocket; and Charles Davis, a manufacturer of surgical instruments who shot and killed a Brooklyn detective. During the trial, his uncle, George Davis, testified in an effort to save his nephew from the electric chair. He said that the entire Davis family was insane and that, in fact, when he (George) fought in the Indian war, he never loaded his gun on sentry duty because he might shoot at imaginary objects.

Gov. Nathan Miller inspected the Matteawan hospital, which held 1,000 prisoners and was so overcrowded some slept in the hallways.

A Beacon man, Henry Corney, was appointed as foreman of a county grand jury considering the case of Edward Malley, a New York Central Railroad detective accused of second-degree murder for shooting a suspect, Andrew Mistur, twice in the back as he fled. Corney said he caught Malley stealing coal from a train car.

Four gallons of illegal whiskey, including two found inside a suitcase, were seized in a raid on a boarding house for "colored" residents near Beacon conducted by the Dutchess County sheriff. After questioning the occupants, deputies located and arrested

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William Lewis, 25, a “gentleman bootlegger” who was described as wearing a straw hat, a new suit and polished shoes. Witnesses said Lewis had gotten off the train earlier that day at Beacon with the suitcase.

A New York City woman survived an attempt to end her life by leaping from a southbound train because, when she jumped, the train had slowed to 15 mph as it approached the Beacon station.

A juror had to be awakened while hearing a lawsuit by Highland Hospital against William Ray over an outstanding bill for \$162. Ray said he had offset the bill by driving the ambulance, putting up patient screens and cutting the grass.

Some 300 people, mostly members of the Poughkeepsie chapter of the Kiwanis, crowded a Beacon courtroom when one of their members, Martin Ryan, appeared on a charge of speeding. Ryan had been leading an 11-car caravan of Kiwanians returning home and said he was not going more than 17 mph. The Beacon officer who made the arrest agreed to drop the charge.

75 Years Ago (June 1946)

An 84-year-old man died of a heart attack during a service at the Nazarine church on Teller Avenue.

Michael Coris filed a certificate with the county clerk to operate a business called Dutchess Manor on Route 9D.

The Beacon High School Class of 1921 held its 25th reunion at the Dutchess of Beacon. The class was the first to go through the high school on Fishkill Avenue and included Stanley Bond, who later became mayor.

The Federal Communications Commission provided conditional approval for an FM radio station, WKIP, owned by the *Poughkeepsie New Yorker*, to install a transmitter atop Mount Beacon. It was the first FM station authorized between New York City and Albany.

Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken, the retiring president of Vassar College, addressed the graduates at the Beacon High School commencement. He had led the college for 31 years, although he was fired briefly in 1918 because of his liberal views on politics, education and women’s suffrage.



A 23-year-old resident of Verplanck Avenue died at Highland Hospital of brain injuries suffered during a fistfight outside George’s Tavern on Route 9D. Police charged a Fishkill man with manslaughter.

A classified ad offered a small business for sale. “Reason for selling: not veteran and cannot obtain sugar.”

In a National Baseball Congress game, the Beacon Texacos had 17 hits in a 21-2 win over Fairview Foundry.

A 32-year-old resident of North Road was arrested on charges he abandoned his wife and five children.

50 Years Ago (June 1971)

A director of the Dutchess County Taxpayers Association complained that while it cost \$1,128 to educate each child in the Beacon school district, the Urban Development Corp. would only be paying \$156.25 for each of its 192 newly constructed units on Tompkins Avenue. Mayor Robert Cahill responded that the nearly all the children who would be living in the subsidized apartments already attended Beacon schools.

The state budget included \$2.3 million to begin work on a \$50 million, two-lane span parallel to the two-lane Newburgh-Beacon bridge. Built in 1963, the bridge had been conceived as a four-lane span but the plan was scrapped because of the expense. The head of the Beacon-Fishkill Area Chamber of Commerce noted that westbound traffic during Memorial Day weekend had backed

up to Fishkill, 3 miles away.

Thomas Ryan, 22, the secretary of the Dutchess County Democratic Committee, nearly became the youngest party chair in the history of the state and country in his race against Forrest Cousens, who had been on the committee for 15 years. The vote was 125-105. Ryan’s supporters came mostly from Beacon, Hyde Park and the Town of Poughkeepsie.

The Beacon Republican Committee nominated its chairman, Glenn Houghtalin, 29, for a seat representing the 17th District on the county Legislature, although Houghtalin was quickly criticized for moving into the district that same week. His former home on Walnut Street was in the 16th District, which already had a Republican candidate. Houghtalin said the timing of the move was coincidental; he resigned his post and withdrew his candidacy but the committee refused to accept either. [Houghtalin died earlier this year at age 78.]

The Hudson Valley Optometric Society appointed Dr. Aaron Zinney of Beacon as president.

Zdzislaw “Brother Stanley” Kolowski, who taught at St. Lawrence Seminary in Beacon, spoke at St. Mary’s School in Wappingers Falls about his experiences in a German concentration camp during World War II. A native of Poland, Kolowski had “12988” tattooed on his wrist by the Nazis. The gas chamber was full the first time he was sent to die; at a second camp,

he was liberated by U.S. soldiers two hours before a scheduled execution. Kolowski had been arrested by the Nazis, along with 16 other Capuchin Franciscans, as they tried to sneak Jews out of the Warsaw ghetto disguised as friars.

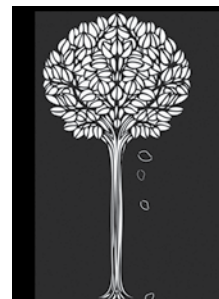
25 Years Ago (June 1996)

John Robinson of Beacon High School finished third in the 110-meter hurdles at the Class B state track-and-field championships: Cheston Bulgin was sixth in the shot put.

About 35 volunteers from IBM East Fishkill gave the Fanny Fay Girl Scout Building at Vine and John streets a face-lift by cutting down a dead tree, building picnic tables, painting and resetting the blue-stone walkway. The Girl Scouts had purchased the former Civilian Conservation Corps house in 1937; George Morrison donated \$200 on the condition it be named for his mother.

The Beacon school district said it planned to spend \$1.8 million over three years to put computers in every classroom and create an electronic network.

The City Council revised the city noise ordinance to allow police officers to confiscate “boom-box” stereos at any time. (The law had only prohibited loud radios from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.) The council also voted, 4-3, to remove a provision that compelled people using radios on public property to wear headphones.



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Out There

Beacon Fire Tower Turns 90

By Brian PJ Cronin

On July 13, 1931, *The New York Times* published a brief notice that work had begun on a 60-foot steel observatory atop Mount Beacon that would allow rangers to watch for forest fires from a glass room.



“With the aid of powerful telescopes, the observers, on a clear day, will be able to obtain a view of the countryside within a radius of 70 miles or more,” it reported.

That was the birth of the Beacon Fire Tower, although it was not the birth of rangers watching for fires from the summit. From April 1922 to June 1924, Ray Hustis of Cold Spring served as the lookout, for which he was paid \$90.20 a month. After Hustis, there wasn’t another ranger regularly at the summit until the tower was erected in 1931 and George Lamoree of Beacon took over for \$100 a month. A cabin was also built on the Route 9 side of the ridge for the observers to live in.

The tower had six more observers — George Ketchum was the longest serving, from 1940 to 1971 — before the last in 1972. After that, the tower was kept in stand-by mode until it was decommissioned by the state and fell into disrepair.

David Rocco, after volunteering for years to get the decommissioned elevated railway line in Poughkeepsie turned into the Walkway Over the Hudson, organized an effort in the 2000s to restore and re-open the tower. Aided by relatives of two of the original observers, and with the blessings of Scenic Hudson and the state parks department to use Jeeps to bring materials to the summit, the volunteers spent several years restoring the landmark.

Rocco convinced the workers dismantling the train tracks at the Walkway to give him the grates for the tower. In 2013, at a re-opening ceremony, Pete Seeger led the crowd in “Amazing Grace.”

Maintenance work has continued since. And with the tower’s 90th birthday approaching next month, new volunteers have climbed the summit for a round of repairs. Graffiti has been a constant problem, but Brett’s True Value Hardware in Beacon donated the kind of paint used on subway cars, which allows graffiti to be wiped off with a sponge. The concrete bases that hold the tower in place on the rock face have begun showing cracks, so repairs were done there, as well.

“I still can’t believe people go to all that trouble to bring spray cans up there,” Rocco said of those who vandalize the tower. “But I’ve seen worse.” In April 2020, shortly before the trails were closed due to the pandemic, Rocco noticed bullet holes in the walls.

“It’s utterly stupid,” he said. “The bullets are obviously going through it and landing somewhere else. Thank God no one on the



The nearly 90-year-old Beacon Fire Tower

Photo by B. Cronin



Volunteers repair concrete at the base of the tower.

Photo provided

trails below got hit.”

As with the last round of repairs, Rocco again has received permission from the state to allow Jeeps on the summit. “I can’t say enough good things about the Hudson Valley 4 Wheelers,” he said. “They help us bring up the materials, and when we get there, they get out and help.”

The next round of repairs, and a ceremony marking the tower’s 90th anniversary, are planned for June 26 and 27. (Anyone interested in volunteering can email coyoteroc@verizon.net.) Rocco would also like to put up more safety railings and reinforce the fencing but has abandoned the idea of rebuilding the observer’s cabin at its original site down the ridge. “It’s so far out of the way, and no one would be there” to monitor it, he said. “Shit could go down.”

SPORTS

Varsity Roundup *(from Page 24)*

mances,” said Coach AJ McConville.

For the boys, Luke Flagler finished eighth in the 100; Everett Campanile was sixth in the 3,200; Luke Parrella was 15th in the 1,600; Ben McEwan finished 25th in the shot put and the 4x400 relay team of Flagler, Campanile, McEwan and Dan Phillips finished seventh. McConville noted that most of the team members had their best performances of the season.

At the county championships earlier this month, Jake Patinella took fourth in the javelin at 113-7, setting a Haldane record.

The Beacon High School boys’ team finished second to Pearl River at the Section I, Class B championships in Montrose on June 9 and 10, with Mark Guzman winning the triple and long jumps and Zach Cader winning the 800 and anchoring the victorious 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams.

Guzman set a school record with his javelin throw of 158 feet, taking down a record (157-5) that’s stood since 1984. Henry Reinke was second and Ryan Liao third in the 400, and Evan Labelle was third and Sal Migliore fourth in the 800.

For the girls, Tamar Adams was fourth in the high jump, Alicia Williams was sixth and Rachel Thorne was ninth in the 3,000.

The relay team of Migliore, Cader, Reinke and Eddie Manente have launched a fundraiser at bit.ly/beacon-track to raise \$5,000 for expenses to compete at a national track and field competition in Oregon.

BEACON BASEBALL

Four members of the Beacon baseball team earned sectional honors. Pitcher Matt Manzoello, catcher Jackson Jackson and outfielders Mike LePere and Tyler Haydt were each named to the All-County team for larger schools.

HALDANE LACROSSE

Four members of the Haldane lacrosse team, which closed its season with a loss in the Section I semifinal, earned honors. Darrin Santos was named All-League and All-Section, and Daniel Santos, PJ Ruggiero and Evan Giachinta were named All-League.

NOTICE

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 #203 – Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative, an ad hoc Stakeholders 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 vcclerk@coldspringny.gov or by mail at 85 Main St. Cold Spring, NY 10516

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

Puzzles

CROSS CURRENT

ACROSS

1. Egyptian deity

5. Piercing tool

8. Probability

12. Lion's share

13. Hot tub

14. Stench

15. Unoriginal one

16. Home to the Buccaneers

18. Pizza topping

20. Wine container

21. Off-white

23. Dict. info

24. Spoofs

28. Pharmaceutical

31. Playwright Levin

32. Leg bone

34. Mentalist's gift

35. Rhett's last word

37. Mildew cause

39. Scratch

41. Valentine flower

42. Molds

45. Foliage

49. Marshmallow toaster

51. Carousel, for one

52. "I cannot tell —"

53. Pair

54. Aspiring atty.'s exam

55. Fork setting

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56. Still, in verse

57. Orange veggies

DOWN

1. Apple computer

2. Former frosh

3. "Got it"

4. Meryl of film

5. Space rock

6. New Deal agcy.

7. Gentle soul

8. Gave a speech

9. Owing nothing

10. Transaction

11. Terrier type

17. Group of seals

19. Highlander

22. Release a deadbolt

24. Cover

25. Altar constellation

26. Abba-inspired hit musical

27. Buck

29. Constitution letters

30. Family docs

33. Church section

36. Caught some z's

38. Almost

40. Ump

42. *Lion King* villain

43. Saintry ring

44. Faction

46. Travel permit

47. Dutch cheese

48. Collections

50. Regret

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

1 one assigned a beat (8)

2 mysterious graffiti artist (6)

3 what a watched pot won't do (4)

4 openhandedness (10)

5 "wool coat" (6)

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

SPORTS

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Haldane golfer Tim Ben Adi earned All-Section recognition. *Photo provided*

Varsity Roundup

By Skip Pearlman

HALDANE GOLF

The Haldane boys' golf team had a successful season, according to Coach Tim Donaghy. The team returned Tim Ben Adi, Stefano Hammond, John Peters and Brennan Spruck, and added Elliott Goldberg and Charlie Keegan.

Ben Adi, a junior who was named All-League and All-Section, qualified for the postseason tournament as the No. 12 golfer in Section I. He played his first round at the Westchester Country Club on June 7 under tough conditions, with heat, rain and lightning stoppages, Donaghy said, but advanced to the next round at Wykagyl Country Club in New Rochelle the next day and finished tied for 13th.

TRACK AND FIELD

The Haldane High School track and field team sent a small group to the Section I, Class C championship meets, with the boys competing on June 11 at Croton and the girls on Monday (June 14) at Valhalla.

For the girls, Eloise Pearsall finished seventh in the 800 meters; Andriela Vasconcelos was 10th in the triple jump; and Chloe Rowe finished 14th in the 800.

"It was a tough day with the heat and humidity, but we still got some nice perfor-

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Renegades *(from Page 1)*

announced by the county last week, keeps the Renegades in Dutchess through at least 2046 and, according to County Executive Marc Molinaro, should more than pay for itself through savings and revenue expected over the life of the contract.

Molinaro touted the deal, saying that "Dutchess Stadium remains an economic engine for our county, employing our neighbors, attracting thousands of visitors from throughout the region and adding revenue which offsets taxes for county residents and businesses."

The county also recently agreed to purchase 33 acres of land beneath and around the stadium from the Beacon City School District for \$627,000, a sale that was approved by voters in May. Dutchess will now save what it had paid in rent to the school district (roughly \$29,000 annually under its most recent contract) and anticipates increased attendance after the Renegades, as part of Major League Baseball's restructuring of its minor leagues, dropped their affiliation with the Tampa Bay Rays to become a High-A farm team of the New York Yankees.

The new cash flow will enable the county to establish a reserve account for maintenance or capital projects at county parks, Molinaro said.

"Investing some of the one-time American Rescue Plan funding into these stadium improvements will create a multiyear benefit," he said. "Establishing a reserve for our county parks will help to make ongoing improvements for our facilities, which our residents and visitors truly value."

Effective next year, the Renegades will pay the county \$308,000 annually in rent, an increase of \$50,000 over the current rate. Rent will increase \$10,000 every five years, topping out at \$348,000 per year. In addition, Dutchess will profit from other events held at the stadium and could sell the stadium's naming rights. The net benefit is expected to be \$600,000 annually, or \$15 million over 25 years.

The agreement with the Renegades still must be approved by Major League Baseball. The Dutchess Legislature on Monday (June 14) approved the deal and the purchase of the school land, although all 10 Democratic legislators, including Nick Page and Frits Zernike, who represent Beacon, voted against the contract with the Renegades, saying it does not reflect the spirit of the \$1.9 trillion Rescue Plan, which President Joe Biden signed into law in March.

The American Rescue Plan is intended to help communities recover from the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including offsetting lost revenues, reinforcing essential services and restoring the local economy.

"I'm a baseball fan but, please, let's not put this public money toward this," Page said on Wednesday, noting that the project will use up the majority of the county's first \$16.3 million appropriation from the stimulus package. "Don't give our pennies to this when there are people who are still hurting" from the pandemic.

Earlier this month, Molinaro announced a Dutchess Invests initiative to allocate stimulus money in four categories: supporting children; jobs, infrastructure and public safety; county parks; and community partnerships.

"We have been engaged in ongoing dialogue with residents across Dutchess County through formal public meetings, our town hall conversations, one-on-one discussions, even connecting through social media, and they have made their priorities clear," he said.

County parks will receive the most money, more than \$17 million, the bulk of which is earmarked for Dutchess Stadium, a park that Dutchess Comptroller Robin Lois last year said "does not provide public access for resident enjoyment and is operated by a for-profit entity" in an audit she prepared for the Legislature.

Rather than stadium improvements, Democrats on Monday proposed a series of amendments that would have directed stimulus funding toward youth programs, mental health services, water quality improvements and a tax rebate to property taxpayers. All were voted down by the full Legislature.

The remainder of the first federal infusion will be spent on a countywide broadband survey (\$350,000); an airport project supporting Dutchess Community College's new aviation training program (\$350,000); and \$3.1 million in grants for children and youth programs, primarily through libraries, arts organizations and sports leagues.

The \$12.5 million will allow the county to make what Molinaro called "transformative" changes to the ballpark by constructing a new clubhouse for the team and building pitching and batting areas, as well as a new seating area and enclosed event space — improvements Dutchess says are required by Major League Baseball now that the Renegades will play 60 or more games at home, about twice what they played as a lower-level Tampa Bay affiliate.

By utilizing stimulus funding, the county will save more than \$2.5 million in interest it would have paid using bond funding, he said.

Since 2018, the Legislature has already authorized spending nearly \$4 million on improvements to the stadium. Yet the facility cost the county an average of \$170,000 more annually to operate than it brought in via lease payments over the past five years, Lois wrote last year in the stadium audit.

Given that disparity, the county should "continue swiftly" in negotiating with the Renegades on a long-term lease, she wrote.

Renegades in First Place

Lead division with 21-15 record

By Skip Pearlman

In their first season affiliated with the New York Yankees, the minor league Hudson Valley Renegades are in first place in the East North Division with a 21-15 record as of Thursday (June 17). The team plays at the High-A level, or three levels below the majors.

The team took a 6-4 loss to the Jersey Shore BlueClaws (16-20) on Wednesday night (June 16) at Dutchess Stadium; catcher Josh Breaux had four hits in the defeat. A day earlier, the Texan homered in the bottom of the ninth to give the Renegades a 6-5 win over the BlueClaws.

On Saturday (June 12), fans were hoping to see more of Yankees ace Luis Severino, who was making his second rehab start for the Renegades while recovering from Tommy John surgery. He threw 35 pitches at Brooklyn, and the Renegades won, 5-4, but Severino suffered a groin injury that may push his return to the majors back about a month.

On Sunday (June 13) the Yankees' No. 30 prospect, pitcher Hayden Wesneski, earned a win at Brooklyn. The righty tossed seven innings of two-hit ball, striking out nine and improving his ERA to 1.49 in the 5-0 victory.

Shortstop Oswald Peraza, 21, a native of Venezuela, was leading the team with a .306 batting average, 20 RBI and 16 stolen bases before he moved up earlier this month to the Somerset Patriots, the Yankee's Double-A affiliate.

The Renegades will celebrate the re-opening of the state today (June 18) with a 100 percent capacity doubleheader against the BlueClaws, followed by fireworks to thank essential workers, health care providers and emergency responders.

The first game begins at 5:05 p.m., with the second game (separate admission) 30 minutes after its conclusion. The Saturday game starts at 6:05 p.m. and the Sunday game at 4:35 p.m. Call 845-838-0094 or visit hvrenegades.com for tickets.