

# The HIGHLANDS Current

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## Shipping for a Small Planet

*Schooner brings carbon-free shipping to the Hudson*

By Brian PJ Cronin

Sam Merrett is the captain of the Apollonia, a 64-foot restored sailboat from the 1940s that last year began acting as a carbon-neutral shipping vessel, delivering goods up and down the Hudson River

powered only by wind. In advance of the ship's next voyage, Merrett spoke this week from his home outside of Hudson about seasonal shipping, healthy competition and why "good weather" means something different to a sailboat shipper than it does to people on terra firma. The Apollonia may make a stop in Garrison early next week.

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Capt. Sam Merrett (left) and Roman Horst, a crew member, aboard the Apollonia in the Highlands  
Photo provided

## Zoning Change Could Shape Marathon Site's Future

*Would allow homes, offices, retail, parking on empty Kemble lot*

By Michael Turton

A proposed zoning change could determine the future of the former Marathon Battery property, Cold Spring's last remaining, significant tract of

undeveloped, privately owned land. The classification of the nearly 12-acre field on Kemble Avenue, zoned Office-Light Industry, will change to Mixed Use as part of an ongoing update of the Village Code. That revision was one of many presented at a public hearing on Sept. 7, which considered four existing chapters of the code and one addition. In addition to the property on Kemble, the eastern portion of the south side of

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Photo by Alexa Strudler

## OPERATION Infrastructure

*Congress is about to pass a \$1 trillion bill to fix roads, bridges, dams and water systems. What does it mean for the Highlands?*

By Chip Rowe

Many parts of the Hudson Valley, New York and the U.S. need serious upgrades. The Highlands have some trouble spots but overall seem to be in good shape. Mayors and highway and water superintendents are optimistic about the state of our roads, bridges, dams, drinking water and sewage systems. After four years of stalemate with then-President Donald Trump, only recently has Congress advanced spending bills to address the problem of crumbling infrastructure. On Aug. 10, the Senate agreed, on a 69-30 vote, to send \$110 billion to the states over the next five years to fix aging

roads and bridges and \$55 billion for water infrastructure. The House is expected to vote on the proposal by the end of the month. The Highlands still have challenges, and the money expected to flow from the U.S. Treasury to the states and then to counties and municipalities could have a substantial effect both on the condition of our shared resources and in creating jobs — although finding enough skilled workers to fill those jobs could be a problem that wasn't anticipated. It's another issue of many that may spiral out of the huge influx of cash.

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# 5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: FAYE LEONE

By Jeff Simms

Faye Leone is Beacon's Climate Smart coordinator.

**Eleanor Peck had been the Climate Smart coordinator but moved to the Conservation Advisory Committee, while you moved from the CAC into Peck's position. What happened?**

Eleanor started a new job and is now an intrepid volunteer on the CAC, and I have taken on this part-time position for the city. I'm following through on initiatives she started. Last year the City Council committed to reaching zero greenhouse gas emissions for the electricity the community uses, and that all of the city government's electricity usage will be renewable or carbon neutral. The state's zero-emissions goal is 2040 but we want to be faster, because it's an emergency. This will reduce emissions, lower taxpayer costs and nudge the wider grid away from fossil fuels.



**What else is on your agenda?**

Big picture, we want to show how economically smart it can be to make the low-carbon transition and protect our open spaces, our river and safety and health. We also want to show that any city or town can make changes, not just the ones with big budgets that are often referred to as models. We can be an example of how to do this even with tight resources. I would also love to work with Beacon's businesses that are excited about getting more sustainable, and coordinate more with the school district. In fact, some students in Beacon are already leading the way. It would be great to send the next generation off with the right information about day-to-day decisions and setting priorities.

**When you moved into the role in June, you asked residents on Facebook about their concerns. What did you hear?**

Creating safe bike lanes and adding bike racks, having composting

provided as a city service, generating less waste, better recycling, getting recycling back on Main Street. There was another great idea to help each other out with food grown in public gardens. I love that kind of overlap between hanging together as a society and working with nature.

**Does climate change feel insurmountable?**

One thing I've seen is that people who don't consider themselves environmentalists are getting concerned. The recent flooding was a jolt. What makes it so challenging is its scale, and the hurry that we have to be in. Every community is going to have to figure this out. I would love for us to act early and do well. That can help on a bigger scale.

**What do you like about living in Beacon?**

So many things. My kids have had incredible experiences at their schools; there is so much dedication from their teachers. I love the mountain and the river, and I love the creativity and determination here. Beacon has this longstanding culture of environmentalism, and I want to amplify that, but in a way that includes everyone and doesn't come at anyone's expense. Part of that is making sure changes are doable, affordable and helpful to everyone.

## ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

**What aspect of being an adult do you look forward to most?**

“ Having a job; I like all kinds of music and want to be a musician. ”



Marco Lagerman, 11, Cold Spring

“ Just being able to do things; right now, there are so many things I can't do. ”



Lucas Simms, 9, Beacon

“ Having a cool job, having my own family and being able to take care of my parents more. ”



Wyatt Chadwick, 10, Cold Spring

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# Judge Sends Cell Tower Lawsuit Back to State Court

*Says federal law not applicable in property-rights dispute*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

A U.S. District Court judge ruled last week that federal law does not prevent citizens from bringing property rights challenges to cell tower projects.

The Sept. 7 decision by Judge Vincent Briccetti sends back to Putnam County Supreme Court a lawsuit by Nelsonville neighbors who object to plans to construct an access route to the tower site, which is off Rockledge Road and overlooks Cold Spring Cemetery. The access route would cross homeowners' land.

National telecommunications law "does not preempt causes of action seeking to vindicate state-law property rights," Briccetti wrote in a 12-page decision that sent the case back to the county court. The judge, based in White Plains, added that the residents' claims depend "solely on issues of state law."

In October 2020, the residents filed their lawsuit in Putnam Supreme Court, part of the New York State judicial system. Over

their objections, the cell tower companies attempted to move the proceedings to federal court, where a separate case involving environmental issues is pending against the Village of Nelsonville and the companies: Homeland Towers, Verizon Wireless and AT&T.

Briccetti presided over earlier lawsuits initiated by Homeland Towers and Verizon against Philipstown and Nelsonville after each municipality refused to approve cell tower projects. The town and village settled in 2019 and early 2020, respectively, and plans for both towers went ahead.

However, the 95-foot Nelsonville tower stalled again when the Rockledge neighbors sued to stop the companies from widening the approach to the site. The firms characterize the access as an "easement," while the neighbors say it is a "right of way" that cannot be altered without their approval.

A temporary restraining order issued by a Putnam court that prevents the cell tower firms from starting construction or altering the road remains in effect. In March, crews cut down trees on the property to clear space for the tower base.

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Philip Benante

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Superintendent  
Matt Landahl

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## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

### Marijuana tax

I don't often find myself disagreeing with the Philipstown Town Board, but it should reconsider its recent decision to propose banning marijuana sales ("Opt Out on Pot? Philipstown Moves Closer to a Ban," Sept. 10).

Just last month, the board passed a sensible resolution asking Putnam County to share the annual growth in sales tax revenue with local municipalities. This revenue, a disproportionate amount of which is generated in Philipstown, is badly needed for public services, and the county government is sitting on a historic surplus. The board should apply similar reasoning to marijuana sales, since 75 percent of the tax would be shared with the municipality, setting a precedent.

As Supervisor Richard Shea pointed out, neighboring cities like Beacon and Peekskill are likely to opt in, so this decision has nothing to do with the availability of marijuana — in fact, pot has been readily accessible and widely used in New York since long before it was legalized, although policed and prosecuted unequally along racial lines. So why opt out of new tax revenue that could be put to good use, like treating the real problem of opioid addiction?

The arguments against opting in — that it will reduce property values, promote child

drug use, increase crime and decrease quality of life — are based on long-debunked myths, and the claim that Philipstown can simply opt in later ignores the inertial force of government. If Philipstown bans sales now, it will likely be years before a local entrepreneur can set up shop and the town can begin collecting revenue.

New York has wisely prioritized granting licenses to those most impacted by the disastrous war on drugs, which means this ban could deny a minority business owner the chance to establish an enterprise while the market is new. If it reverses its decision, however, the slow rollout of the program on the state level means there will still be plenty of time to put in place whatever zoning laws are necessary to ensure that any new establishment conforms to community standards and goals.

Jeff Mikkelsen, *Cold Spring*

I fail to understand the self-defeating approach to cannabis legalization exemplified by the Cold Spring and Philipstown boards. For too long, tax dollars generated by the sale of cannabis products has poured out of New York into the coffers of Massachusetts and other states. For our cash-strapped villages and towns to turn

away the tax revenue from cannabis sales is cowardly and fiscally stupid.

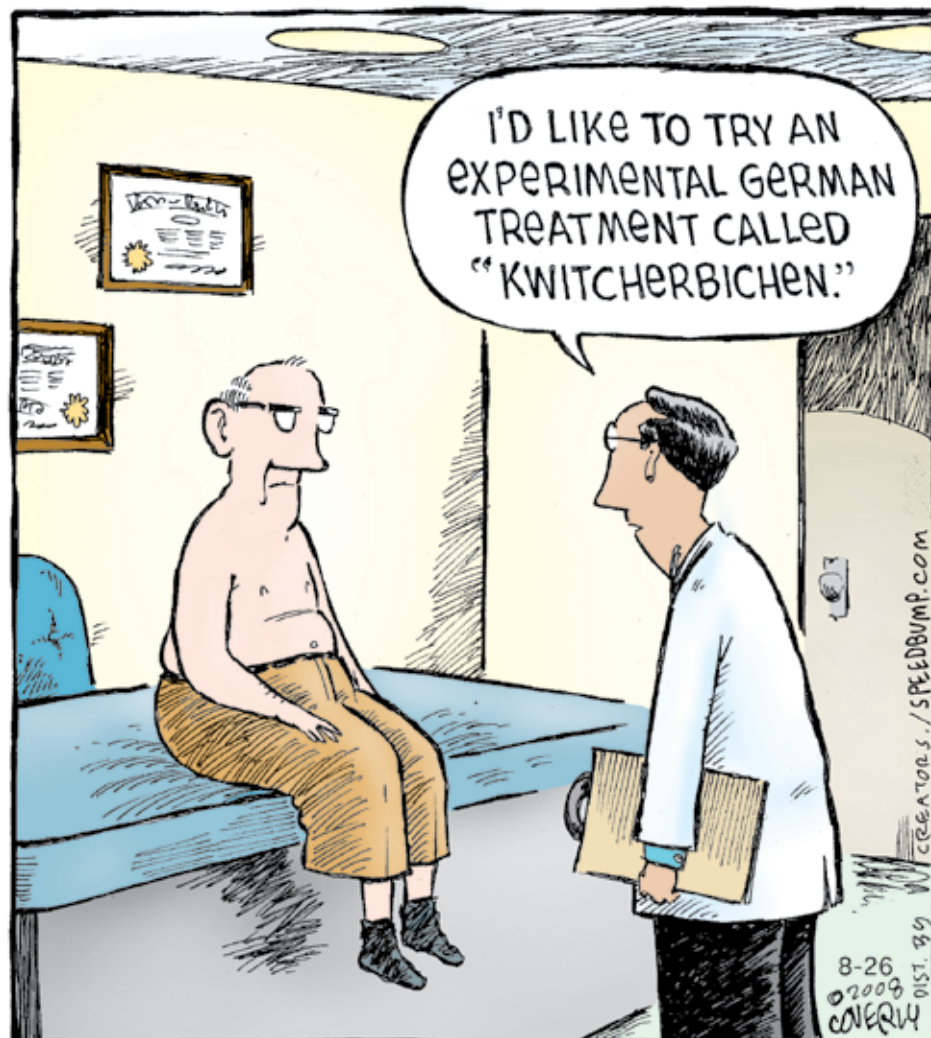
While our governing boards give approving nods to festivals celebrating the production and recreational use of wine, beer, alcoholic cider and distilled spirits, somehow they fear that casual and medicinal use of cannabis is dangerous and must be suppressed to the point where legitimate, legal business ventures will be banned in Philipstown. This is the definition of timidity and hypocrisy.

It's not as if approving the mere possibility of a cannabis dispensary will create a menacing hoard of potheads on every corner, puffing away with clouds of smoke hovering over them! Any user will still have to abide by regulations already in place controlling smoking and access to the products. Many people in Philipstown already responsibly, respectfully and discreetly use cannabis in its many forms to alleviate pain and side effects from medical treatment or for an enjoyable puff to relax at the end of the day, just as one would sip a cold brew.

It's clear that it will be a long, difficult fight to get Carmel to share any sales tax revenue generated by our local businesses with our communities. Allowing cannabis dispensaries and lounges to operate in Philipstown and Cold Spring will guarantee a portion of the increased tax revenue be shared with our community.

I firmly believe our local board members are intelligent, caring people and possess a progressive eye toward the future. But this decision is intentionally myopic, politically cynical, heartless to many who could benefit and fiscally irresponsible.

Lynn Miller, *Cold Spring*



### Continental Commons

As a spokesperson for the Continental Commons project on Route 9, I would like to share some important information ("Developer Accuses Critics of Racketeering," Sept. 3). Our plans for an 18th-century colonial village of restaurants, shops, inn, visitor center and living museum were thoroughly reviewed by many state and local agencies and received the necessary approvals. In fact, the state Supreme Court ruled against the Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot in a lawsuit it filed challenging these approvals.

We hoped to work with the defendants to provide visitors with a dynamic and interactive historic learning experience. In fact, we offered in 2013 to donate 2 acres of the property and a small, unidentified burial area to the FOFSD. However, this was rebuffed by FOFSD President Lance Ashworth, who

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## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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tried to strong-arm the property owner, telling him it wasn't enough and that his group wanted the entire 10-acre parcel. Our complaint includes statements captured by audio recording where Ashworth stated the defendants' goal of acquiring the property.

The state Historic Preservation Office has said there was no archaeological evidence that soldiers from the Revolutionary War were buried on the property.

It is well documented that the FOFSD misled the public when it falsely stated that Continental Commons was the site of the largest American Revolutionary War cemetery. In fact, we have statements captured by audio recording where the FOFSD's chief researcher acknowledged that soldiers were buried at Rombout Cemetery, amongst other places.

As you know, the Fishkill Supply Depot spanned more than 10 square miles. While there is documentation placing soldiers in Fishkill, there is nothing stating that they are buried on the Continental Commons property.

Greg Lane, *Fishkill*

## Marathon site

Notably absent from *The Current's* story in the Sept. 10 ("Notes from the Cold Spring Village Board") is any mention that the zoning changes under consideration include sweeping changes to the section that regulates permitted uses at the former Marathon battery plant on Kemble Avenue, changes that would allow the construction of as many as 48 single-family homes.

The proposed changes to Section 134-12 would create a "mixed-use" district permitting single-family homes on lots of 10,000 square feet (R-1 zoning).

Moreover, the proposed zoning map shows new streets and lot lines for 23 single-family lots at the east end of the site, six of which are on the wooded ridge overlooking Constitution Marsh.

Perhaps it's old news at this point since the proposed changes have been in the works for a while, but I was caught by surprise as I haven't been following the deliberations of the Code Update Committee.

Peter Henderson, *Cold Spring*

*The editor replies: We caught up with the story this week (see Page 1).*

## Vaccinations at school

You reported online last week that the Haldane school district is implementing a COVID-19 testing process for unvaccinated faculty and staff (*Latest Coronavirus Update*). It is unconscionable to allow unvaccinated school staff to continue working at the Haldane schools, where they can readily infect unvaccinated schoolchildren under the age of 12. Regular testing as a substitute for vaccinations is an empty gesture because spread of this deadly disease has already occurred by the time an infected person tests positive.

Steve Laifer, *Cold Spring*

## Beacon housing

It's hard to imagine a world in which housing costs in Beacon drop while simultaneously not building new housing stock (*Letters and Comments*, Sept. 10). It baffles



**FREE WEED** — Grant McCabe, the owner of Smoker's Mecca and The Leaf in Beacon, has been giving away free joints on the first and last Friday of each month. The state legalized the sale and use of recreational marijuana but is still sorting out how retail sales will work. "It's legal but you can't sell it yet, so it's a fun thing to draw some business," McCabe said. Photo by Skip Pearlman

me that so many of my neighbors seem to believe that housing costs have no relation to supply. Supply and demand applies to housing, as well.

As more people want to live in Beacon, we need to build more housing or the price of the existing housing stock will continue to skyrocket.

Beacon needs to build as many units as the market will bear if we want housing costs to come down. And, yes, adding more accessory dwelling units and subdividing lots to create more housing will bring down costs.

Brandon Smith, *Beacon*

## 15 Main St.

Regarding the 15 Main St. covered porch: It was not constructed with an assumption ("Notes from the Cold Spring Village Board," Sept. 10). The previous building inspector informed us that the building owner had the right to construct the covered porch as long as it was within her property line and it was approved by the Historic Review Board. The front porch was constructed with a proper building permit.

As per the owner's request, the ramp was initially built as an illustration on what could be done. We had informed the building inspector of this intent and asked if we should remove it. She thought it was a reasonable solution that just needed the Village Board's approval.

Juhee Lee-Hartford, *Cold Spring*  
*Lee-Hartford owns River Architects.*

## Dirt vs. paved

Our story, "Road Woes," in the Sept. 10 issue, triggered a debate on Facebook about the value of dirt roads, which is not hard to do in Philipstown.

When an emergency vehicle is not able to respond to an emergency due to the horrendous conditions on some roads (or "tricky" conditions, as Supervisor Richard Shea put it), and someone is permanently injured or dies, the Town Board, especially Shea and his successor, John Van Tassel, should be

sued for negligence. They know there is a safety issue and they are ignoring it.

Christopher Stearns

More money has been spent fighting and repairing dirt roads than what would have been spent to pave and repave all the dirt roads multiple times.

Ralph Falloon

My mom fought to pave Old Albany Post Road, so they paved from Travis Corners and stopped past our house. When I last saw it six years ago, it was still dirt from the top of the hill to Saunders Farm, all the way to Route 9. It is brutal on a car.

Mary Harrington-Reide

We'd lose our ole-town, country feeling without dirt roads.

Jennifer Lyons

Albany Post Road is the worst. The amount of upkeep, the storms, the damages, not to mention wheel alignments. And for what? To say it's historical? Keep the homes historic, not the road.

Don Torelli

## Corrections

- Because the editor has math deficiencies, the items that appeared in "Looking Back in Philipstown" in the Sept. 10 issue identified as occurring 150 years ago were actually from 145 years ago. New entries from September 1871 have been added online.

- In a story about artist Daniel Loxton in the Sept. 10 issue, we identified the Abattoir Gallery as being located in Bloomington, Indiana. In fact, it is in Cleveland.

- In a story in the Sept. 10 issue about Keaton's Kids, we reported that Joel Goss died last year. In fact, he died in March.

Dirt-road lovers should pay an assessment for their quaintness.

John Jesek

Highway departments and towns should be sued for their contributions to the destruction of our wetlands. The salt, oil and silt goes directly into what used to be Barrett Pond.

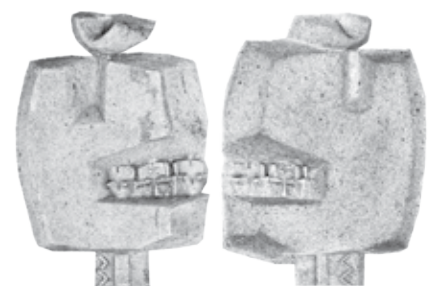
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## Reporter's Notebook

## New Year, Old Concerns

*Mask neglect, unvaccinated students risk another shutdown*

By Ezra Beato

Walking the halls of Haldane High School in September for the first time in three months, I noticed striking differences from the beginning of school a year ago.

With hybrid learning discontinued, the halls are full of students. Last year, no more than half the student body was present in the building on any given school day. Julia Sniffen, the high school's principal, visited one class for each grade to give a small talk, a tradition suspended last year due to the pandemic. Desks are closer together than before because all students are back to attending class in-person.

There are also some disappointing similarities.

All classes have assigned seating, in order to make contact tracing easier. Some classes bind you to the seat you choose on the first day and others have pre-planned seating. (Students have, as you would

expect, expressed their displeasure with this.) In addition, masks must be worn within all school buildings. Although these measures are undoubtedly essential, the lack of enforcement with masks dents their effectiveness.

Students still wear them on their chins or with their noses uncovered, oblivious to the effect it may have on the rest of the year. A few teachers don't bother to correct them, and in other cases some teachers need to ask the same groups of students multiple times to put their masks on, with only the threat of a zero grade for the day to discourage them.

Enforcement varies greatly from class to class. One student told me that his classmates generally seemed responsible; another said teachers would remind students once to wear their masks right before giving up and never asking again. In most of my classes, students and teachers are following the guidelines, with some exceptions. In one of my classes, only I and one other student wore masks correctly. Everyone else was either wearing the mask incorrectly or not at all, including the teacher.

The question must be asked: Have we learned our lesson as the delta variant drives up infections in Philipstown and Putnam County? While this year has the potential to be more productive, safe and fun for students, there must be stricter enforcement to avoid an outbreak, since many students are not vaccinated in the middle and high schools and none at the elementary level. Unlike at many schools, the middle and high school students come together in the middle school building for some classes, such as art.

The state could also do more. As of Thursday (Sept. 16), only 54.5 percent of adolescents aged 12 to 15 in Putnam County had received at least one vaccine dose since becoming eligible to receive the two-dose Pfizer vaccine on May 12.

While it's not clear how many middle and high school students at Haldane have been vaccinated, there seem to be three groups: students who are vaccinated, those who are not by personal choice and those who are not by parental choice. With the Food and Drug Administration's recent full approval of the Pfizer vaccine for people 16 and over (adolescents 12 to 15 years old are still eligible for Pfizer under an emergency use authorization), why has the state not imposed a vaccine mandate for high school students?

The Los Angeles Unified School District, which is located in a county where 67.3 percent of its residents have received at least one dose (compared to 69.5 percent in Putnam) announced on Sept. 9 that all students 12 and older must receive their first Pfizer shot no later than Nov. 21 and their second dose by Dec. 19. Students must be fully vaccinated, with the second shot, by Jan. 10.

The combination of unvaccinated people and the more-infectious delta variant presents a real possibility that schools will have to shut down again.



## COVID-19 by the Numbers

## ■ PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

**11,676** (+145)

Active Cases in Philipstown: 6-10

Tests administered:

**278,231** (+4,257)

Percent positive:

**4.2** (0)

Percent vaccinated:

**70.3**

Percent in 10516: 76.5

Percent in 10524: 72.0

Number of deaths:

**95** (0)

## ■ DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

**33,342** (+619)

Active Cases in Beacon: 26

Tests administered:

**900,008** (+14,028)

Percent positive:

**3.6** (-0.1)

Percent vaccinated:

**65.5**

Percent in 12508: 59.4

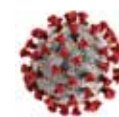
Number of deaths:

**481** (0)

Source: State and county health departments, as of Sept. 16, with change from previous week in parentheses. Active cases in Philipstown as of Sept. 15. Percent vaccinated reflects those ages 12 and older who have received at least one dose.

I asked multiple Haldane students who have not been vaccinated about a mandate; nearly all opposed it, the exception being a classmate who said he would support it because it would pressure his parents into allowing him to get the vaccine.

Beato, a senior at Haldane High School, is a correspondent in *The Current's* Student Journalism Program, which is funded by our members.



## Coronavirus Update

■ New York is mandating masks for children ages 2 and older and all staff and visitors at state-regulated day care centers, even if the adults are vaccinated, Gov. Kathy Hochul announced on Wednesday (Sept. 15). The state two weeks ago mandated that administrators, teachers and staff at public and private K-12 schools will have to be tested weekly unless they are vaccinated.

■ The state on Sept. 15 issued a mask mandate for residents and staff at residential facilities "operated, licensed, certified and approved" by the state Office of Children and Family Services, and programs and facilities licensed by or registered with four other state offices: Mental Health, Addiction Services and Supports, People with Developmental Disabilities, and Temporary and Disability Assistance. The mandates apply even to those who are vaccinated.

■ Dutchess on Sept. 15 opened five sites for teachers and school staff to be vaccinated or tested. Register at [drneal.co/dutchess](https://drneal.co/dutchess). The county is also offering free testing to the public at the former JCPenney site at Poughkeepsie Galleria from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

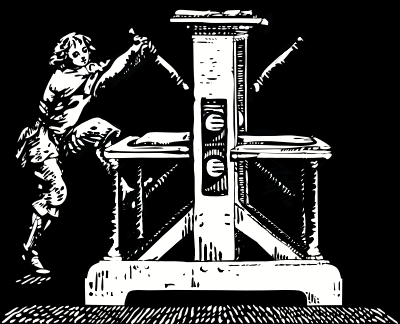
■ Haldane Superintendent Phil Benante on Sept. 9 announced the procedure parents must follow if a student is experiencing "new or worsening" symptoms of infection, even if vaccinated: Students must remain at home until (1) they have received a negative PCR test (rapid or at-home tests are not acceptable), their symptoms are improving and they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours; (2) they have been home for at least 10 days past the onset of symptoms, their symptoms are improving and they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours; or (3) a doctor provides a note documenting a diagnosis other than COVID-19.

■ Dutchess County had 743 active cases as of Sept. 14 and Putnam had 85 as of Sept. 8. Dutchess reported 39 people hospitalized and Putnam had two.

■ In Dutchess, 97.7 percent of those ages 65 to 74 and 88.5 percent of those ages 75 and older had received at least one vaccine dose as of Sept. 16. In Putnam the numbers were 98.9 and 89.8 percent, respectively.

■ As of Sept. 16, 53.1 percent of adolescents between 12 and 15 years old in Dutchess and 54.5 percent in Putnam had received at least one dose.

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## Infrastructure (From page 1)

The need for an infrastructure upgrade should not be a surprise. For years and decades, groups such as Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress and the American Society of Civil Engineers have been sounding the alarm, noting that the state of our shared resources is a reflection of the nation's economic vitality. Poor roads, bridges, dams and water systems make markets less efficient and life more expensive.

Every four years since 2001, the ASCE has compiled a report card on U.S. infrastructure. In their most recent, released this year, the engineers said they were hopeful, giving a grade of C-, an improvement over the D+ of 2017. It was the first time the grade had risen. By ASCE's calculation, there is a national "investment gap" in infrastructure of \$2.59 trillion, including \$1.2 trillion for roads, \$434 billion for water systems and \$81 billion for dams.

That's about the same gap — on a different scale — calculated nearly 10 years ago by New York Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli when he issued a report on the challenges facing local governments called *Growing Cracks in the Foundation*. He concluded that the rising costs of construction, fuel and asphalt were preventing many local projects from being completed and cited a study that projected local governments would need to spend \$3.9 billion annually on local roads and bridges and water and sewer systems. At the time, they were spending \$1.2 billion.

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, a Democrat whose district includes the Highlands, sits on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. I asked him last week how the money will get from Washington, D.C., to our district.

"Typically what happens is that the federal dollars are funneled through the state Department of Transportation [DOT], according to the governor's priorities," he explained. "There are also funds [in the bill] for specific things, such as billions of dollars for commuter rail — Metro-North will do very well — and billions for water infrastructure.

"If you think about sewer and stormwater projects, those are important in communities with older infrastructure such as Beacon," he said. "There are [environmental] requirements around drinking water and stormwater runoff, and cities have trouble meeting it, so they get in situations where they are at odds with regulators but they don't have the resources to fix it."

The bill could also fund earmarks, or money set aside for specific uses such as a Philipstown highway garage, that governors can't divert, or a bill introduced by Maloney to fix thousands of



Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, a Democrat whose district includes the Highlands, at a news conference in May announced he had introduced six infrastructure bills (see right).

Photo provided

small community bridges across the country that are structurally deficient. "We have 1,700 of them in New York state alone," he said.

Given the gaps that the ASCE and others have identified in what is needed, and what this bill will provide, is it going to be enough? "I wouldn't get too hung up on that," Maloney said. "If you're spending what we're talking about in the bipartisan deal, you're talking about a significant increase in state DOT budgets, upward of 30 to 40 percent in some cases.

"That will allow the state to move further down the list of projects it has been holding off on because it has not had a guarantee of funding," he said. "One of the things that's so important about passing a five-year bill like this is that the state can issue contracts for a large number of projects next year and not have to wonder if the money will be there to finish them."

Asked what he thought of ASCE's most recent grade for New York infrastructure (C-), he said: "That sounds about right. We're not at the bottom but we're not where we should be.

"One of the great things about New York is that our parents and grandparents made big investments in infrastructure, and that has given us the growth and the economic power that defines the state," he said. "We need to continue those investments because so many were made 70 or 80 years ago and the useful life of those projects is ending. We can be an 'A' but we need to invest again."

In Dutchess, Marc Molinaro, a Republican who is midway through his third term as county executive, does not share Maloney's optimism about the infrastructure money expected to come out of Washington.

Molinaro says he fears that the billions

of dollars sent to New York will get tied up in Albany red tape and be distributed only to "shovel-ready" projects that may not address long-term needs.

That, he says, is what happened after President Barack Obama signed an \$831 billion infrastructure bill in 2009 and, to an extent, it's happening with American Rescue Plan funding distributed in response to the pandemic shutdown.

"I have seen every transportation bill that anyone has ever talked about in nearly 30 years, and this state squanders those resources and doesn't direct enough of the aid onto the ground," said Molinaro, who served in the state Assembly from 2007 to 2011 and ran for governor in 2018. "And I fear that that is going to be repeated.

"Historically, almost 80 percent of those federal dollars flow through Albany decision-making," he said. "We used to say that the state has this collar on Department of Transportation expenditures, and it's not going to let more than a few million dollars through that collar at any given time.

"Albany would tell us which [transportation projects] they want to move with. And if you're not ready to go, it's not happening," he said. "The last time we did this, we saw a great amount of guide rail enhancements, because those were the things you could move on quickly."

Although the word *infrastructure* can encompass many areas, including public buildings, schools, energy, levees, ports and parks, we will take a closer look at four. This week Jeff Simms focuses on roads and Leonard Sparks on bridges; next week Brian PJ Cronin tackles dams and Michael Turton water and wastewater.

Jeff Simms contributed reporting.

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## Infrastructure Bills

In Newburgh in May, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney announced that he had introduced six bills intended for inclusion in the infrastructure legislation, including to:

- ▶ Fund repairs to New York's 1,757 structurally deficient bridges;
- ▶ Restore a lapsed 2012 program to provide \$325 million to communities across the country for scenic byways;
- ▶ Ban Chinese state-owned enterprises from receiving taxpayer funds for highway, transit or rail projects;
- ▶ Create an infrastructure bank to provide loans and bond guarantees for projects and make equity investments;
- ▶ Require the federal Department of Transportation to investigate any structural defects in the Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge; and
- ▶ Create a grant program for utility companies to protect power lines against extreme weather.

## What is Infrastructure?

The word infrastructure was first used in 19th-century France in the context of railroad planning. During World War II, NATO military planners adopted the term to signify any "fixed installations which were necessary for the effective deployment and operations of modern armed forces."

Adam Smith may have described infrastructure as "public goods" undersupplied by private markets; economists refer to roads, bridges, ports and water systems as part of the "nation's physical capital"; in the early days of the Republic the Whigs would have called for more public support for "internal improvements" like canals and turnpikes.

Today, President Obama might call for more investment in "nation-building at home." The term infrastructure, as we know it today, finally made its way into public discourse in the late 20th century when it replaced "public works" and is used to describe the physical and organizational structures and facilities (e.g., buildings, roads and power supplies) needed for the operation of a society or enterprise.

~From *Infrastructure: An Investment in the Future*, a 2016 report by Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress



# Bridging The Gap

Federal bill could boost funding for crossing work

By Leonard Sparks

For more than seven decades, the bridge on Sprout Brook Road in Garrison has been attacked by multiple foes. The weight of personal and commercial vehicles, storms that are becoming more frequent and powerful because of climate change, the waters of Canopus Creek and time have corroded the 27-foot span’s steel girders, eroded its concrete to expose rebar and eaten into the footings of the bridge’s abutments. Two years ago, in a report by TRIP, a research organization based in Washington, D.C., that focuses on transportation issues, the bridge was one of two in Putnam County and 25 in the Hudson Valley with the lowest ratings for the condition of their decks and supports. (The other is the Oscawana Lake Road crossing over Peekskill Hollow Creek in Putnam Valley, built in 1964, which the



The 86-year-old bridge carrying Sprout Brook Road in Philipstown over Canopus Creek is scheduled to be replaced at a cost of \$1.6 million.

Photo by L. Sparks



In 2019, the state spent \$2.2 million on repairs to the Indian Brook Bridge on Route 9D, which was a single lane for much of the summer.

File photo by Michael Turton

county said on Sept. 15 it planned to widen.) The damage at Canopus Creek is so bad, that Putnam is in the process of completing a design for a new 28-foot replacement, with construction scheduled to finish by September 2023 at a cost of \$1.6 million. The project highlights both the stresses on local bridges and the importance of state and federal funding to maintain, repair and sometimes replace structures that in some cases are more than a century old. One of the Highlands’ most-attractive features — a collection of water bodies

ranging from the Hudson River to small creeks and streams — requires bridges catering to an ever-growing variety of users, including residents, vacationers, trucks hauling merchandise and buses ferrying students and workers. The region’s network of crossings includes six bridges in Beacon and 14 in Philipstown, according to the state Department of Transportation. They range from the bridges carrying traffic on Route 9D and Churchill and East Main streets in Beacon over Fishkill Creek to multiple bridges and culverts in Philipstown

that traverse Clove Creek and the bridge on 9D spanning Indian Brook in Garrison. More than half of the state’s bridges are owned by local governments, and many are at least 70 years old. The oldest bridge in Beacon, the one spanning Fishkill Creek on East Main Street, was built in 1911. The bridge carrying Horton Road over Clove Creek in Philipstown was built in 1925. Three other bridges in Beacon were built between 1915 and 1933, and nine of Philipstown’s bridges were built in 1940 or earlier. Besides the crossing on Sprout Brook Road, the only other local bridge rated in poor condition is the one in Cold Spring on Lunn Terrace, which is owned by Metro-North. The agency said this week it has no maintenance scheduled.

Under state law, bridges in New York must be inspected annually, and their condition is ranked on a scale that ranges from 0 (closed) to 9 (excellent). The bridge where Route 9D crosses Fishkill Creek in Beacon, built in 1933 and owned by the city, has a rating of 5, meaning it is in “fair” condition, according to the National Bridge Inventory, a database overseen by the Federal Highway Administration. The condition of the span where 9D crosses Indian Brook in Garrison is also rated as fair, although the state spent \$2.2 million in the summer of 2019 to replace joints, add a drainage system, repair piers and abutments, seal the deck and pave its approaches. Still, the Federal Highway Administration has recommended the bridge be widened and its deck rehabilitated a cost of \$25.8 million. It also recommends spending \$11.6 million on the Route 9D crossing over Fishkill Creek in Beacon. Carl Frisenda, the Philipstown highway superintendent, says that while he usually chooses one bridge each year to include in the budget for repairs, the town’s bridges are in good shape. The most recent major work was on the span on Horton Road over Clove Creek where the footings were being washed out and the stonework was crumbling. The steel undergirding also needed maintenance. And last week, a hole appeared in a 15-foot span on East Mountain Road North, just past the Beacon reservoir. Highway crews noticed the

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## A Bevy of Bridges & Culverts

BEACON	CROSSES...	OWNED BY	BUILT
East Main Street	Fishkill Creek	City	1911
Dennings Point Road	Metro-North RR	State	1915
Route 9D & Fishkill Creek	Fishkill Creek	City	1933
Churchill Street	Fishkill Creek	City	1979
Beekman Street	Metro-North RR	City	1991
9D & Metro-North Railroad	Metro-North RR	MNR	1998
COLD SPRING			
Lunn Terrace*	Metro-North RR	MNR	1930
PHILIPSTOWN			
Horton Road (0.4 miles east of Rte 9)	Clove Creek	Town	1925
3.4 miles south of Rtes 9D & 301	Foundry Brook	State	1929
2 miles south of Rtes 9D & 301	Indian Brook Road	State	1929
0.8 miles north of Rtes 9D & 403	Philipse Brook	State	1929
East Mountain Road North	Beacon Reservoir outlet	Town	1935
Sprout Brook Road* (3.7 miles northeast of Peekskill)	Canopus Creek	County	1935
0.7 miles east of Rtes 301 & 9	Clove Creek	State	1938
1 mile east of Rtes 301 & 9	Clove Creek	State	1938
3.6 miles north of Rtes 9 & 30*	Clove Creek	State	1940
East Mountain Road South	Clove Creek	County	1965
Old Albany Post Road (3 miles SE of Beacon)	Clove Creek	County	1984
Upper Garrison Street	Metro North RR	MNR	1990
3.5 Miles south of Rtes 9 & 301	Philipse Brook Road	State	2000
Mill Road (5 miles NE of Cold Spring)	Clove Creek	County	2017

Source: NYS Department of Transportation. \* Rated “poor”



## Bridging the Gap *(From page 8)*

hole before Tropical Depression Ida brought heavy rain to the area on Sept. 1 and 2, but the storm “opened it up,” said Frisenda.

“We’re going to have to patch that for now until we figure out what we’re dealing with,” he said.

While fixes and upkeep of the Bear Mountain and Newburgh-Beacon bridges are funded by tolls — the deck on the west-bound span of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge is being replaced in a project scheduled for completion in July 2023 — counties and municipalities like Beacon and Philipstown have to rely on their own residents and whatever state and federal funds they can secure. Putnam is underwriting the design and construction costs for the Sprout Brook Road bridge with \$1.5 million it received through BridgeNY, a state program created in 2016 to fund bridge and culvert repairs. Philipstown mostly pays for bridge work using town funds, said Frisenda.

“There’s stuff that I would like to do, but it’s a limited budget,” he said.

Those budget constraints affect every municipality in the Hudson Valley, where 13 percent of the 2,251 bridges that are 20 feet or longer are in poor shape, with significant deterioration of the decks, supports

or other major components, according to a 2019 assessment by TRIP.

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association, using federal data, estimates repairs totaling \$3.2 billion are needed on 1,676 bridges in the 18th Congressional District, which includes the Highlands. Of those, 194 are “structurally deficient,” according to the association.

BridgeNY’s third round of funding, announced in January, has \$150 million available for local bridges, or \$50 million less than in 2018. The infrastructure money expected to come from Washington could close the gap. The \$1 trillion bill passed by the U.S. Senate on Aug. 10 that awaits action in the House includes \$1.5 billion for bridge repairs in New York state. More than half the funding, \$550 billion, is new money, including \$40 billion for replacement, repair and rehab.

Most bridges were designed to last 50 years, according to the American Society of Civil Engineers. Funding shortages mean many local governments cannot afford preventative maintenance to extend the life of a bridge and prevent major work, said Bruce Geiger, state governmental affairs representative for the New York State County Highway Superintendents Association.

“Once you start falling behind, it gets hard to catch up,” he said. “That’s when

you start posting bridges [to limit capacity] and closing bridges. In most cases, they’re either way past their useful life or they were built so long ago they didn’t have the kind of traffic that they do now.”

Although BridgeNY has awarded \$450 million to 179 bridge and 118 culvert projects since 2016, and is an “important source of work,” only 36.6 percent of requests for bridge money and 13.4 percent for culverts were approved, said Geiger.

The state also distributes money for bridges through its Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement (CHIPS) and Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR) programs.

Each municipality gets funding from the CHIPS program under a formula, Geiger explained. The program is flexible, allowing money to be spent on roads, bridges, culverts or equipment, he said. Municipalities spend the money and apply for reimbursement.

The state budget passed by lawmakers in April was “particularly good” for local road and bridge funding, said Geiger. It increased funding for CHIPS by \$100 million to \$538 million and for the EWR program by \$35 million, to \$100 million.

“Things are getting better; we’re hoping that we continue that level of funding, and that level of commitment, going forward,” he said.

## How Do We Pay for It?

That’s a good question and was the sticking point in many of the discussions between then-President Trump and Democrats in Congress.

In 2018, Trump proposed \$200 billion in federal funding paired with \$1.5 trillion in private investment and hinted at tolls on all federal highways, which didn’t go over well with the fleet industry. Public-private partnerships are attractive because they require less taxpayer money but carry the risk of “abdicating control of public property to private interests,” notes civil engineer Henry Petroski in his book, *The Road Taken: The History and Future of America’s Infrastructure*.

One relatively simple measure would be to raise the federal gas tax, which has been 18.4 cents per gallon since 1993, but many elected officials are reluctant to do that. It funds highway repairs but has suffered because hybrid and electric vehicle owners don’t pay as much or any of the tax.

Other novel ideas have surfaced, such as from the Construction Industry Council of Westchester, which has proposed that tax revenue generated by the legalization of marijuana could be spent on infrastructure in a plan it called “Pot for Potholes.”

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, a Democrat whose district includes the Highlands and who sits on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, argued that the \$1 trillion bill pending in the House passed with bipartisan support in the Senate (69-30) only because Democrats made it easy for Republicans to vote for it by removing the funding mechanism, which is higher taxes on corporations and ultra-rich Americans.

Without that, he said, “we’ve given the Republicans the chocolate-chip ice cream of infrastructure investments. We’re going to do that heavy lifting [of funding the bill] without them, so that has made it politically easy for them, and that creates a space for more bipartisanship on core infrastructure.”



Emily Warren Roebling, after receiving her law degree in 1899 (left), was instrumental in building the Brooklyn Bridge.

*New-York Historical Society (1)*

# The Greatest Bridge Ever Built

## *And the Cold Spring woman behind it*

By Chip Rowe

**T**he Brooklyn Bridge, which opened in 1883, is considered an architectural marvel, and the woman who led its construction for years, Emily Warren Roebling, was a native of Cold Spring.

The bridge linking Manhattan and Brooklyn was designed by John Augustus Roebling, who died in 1869 from an injury he received while surveying the site. (He developed tetanus after his foot was

crushed.) His 32-year-old son, Washington, took over as chief engineer but developed “caisson disease” (decompression sickness) when he ascended too quickly from the dry underwater space where the foundations were being dug to solid rock.

He was bedridden for most of the next 14 years, watching the construction in the distance from his window, while his wife, Emily, became the de facto supervisor of the project.

Born in Cold Spring in 1843 as the second youngest of the 12 children of Sylvanus and Phebe Warren (six of whom survived to adulthood), Emily attended

prep school in Washington, D.C. She met her husband in 1864 at a soldiers’ ball; he served on the staff of Gen. Gouverneur Kemble Warren, Emily’s brother.

Emily was the first person to cross the completed bridge by carriage, carrying a rooster as a sign of victory.

She died of stomach cancer in 1903, at age 59, at the couple’s home in Trenton, New Jersey. She and her husband, who died in 1926, are buried under runic crosses in the Cold Spring Cemetery. The 1840 home on Fair Street where Emily and Gouverneur and their siblings grew up still stands.



# How They Rated

In 2016, Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress surveyed 132 municipalities in the Hudson Valley, including some in Dutchess and Putnam counties, asking each to rate the conditions of their roads and bridges.

**37**  
percent of respondents said their bridges needed only routine maintenance

**22**  
percent said some bridges were in danger of imminent failure

**55**  
percent said their roads were in “poor” or “fair” condition

# Report Card

Every four years, the American Society of Civil Engineers rates the nation’s infrastructure. In 2015, it also graded New York’s.

	NATION	NEW YORK
OVERALL	C -	C -
BRIDGES	C	D +
DAMS	D	C -
DRINKING WATER	C -	C
ROADS	D	D -
WASTEWATER	D +	D

# Road Warriors

*Highlands communities contend with traffic, erosion and expense*

By Jeff Simms

As Congress prepares to send billions of dollars to repair and repave the country’s highways and roads, local officials say routes in the Highlands are generally in good shape. A state database shows mostly routine maintenance being planned for Dutchess and Putnam counties, including paving sections and repairing retaining walls on Interstate 84 and the Taconic State Parkway.

In Beacon, the city has a multiyear plan in place to repave the road and build new sidewalks along Teller/Fishkill Avenue (Route 52), from Wolcott Avenue (Route 9D) to the city’s northeast boundary. The city is nearing completion of right of way acquisitions to install new stormwater drains, after which the two-year project is expected to go out to bid in 2022, said City Administrator Chris White.

Following the completion of “bump-out” curb extensions at six intersections, the city also plans to mill (remove the top layer of asphalt), pave and restripe Main Street this fall.

Highway Department crews typically mill and pave 10 to 20 road sections each year, depending on weather and what’s needed, said White, who will present a one-to two-year capital plan to the City Council later this year.

Beyond dam repairs and the renovation of the Tompkins Hose fire station — higher-dollar projects that have been in the pipeline — he doesn’t expect it will include any surprises. “I’m benefiting from years of thoughtful investment,” he said. “The state of repair of our infrastructure is much better than when I was here in the mid-1990s” as a council member.

Beacon’s Main Street was constructed in the late 1800s and early 1900s, when the automobile was a novelty. But these days, with the city and many of its businesses thriving, delivery trucks routinely slow traffic on the narrow, mile-plus-long artery.

White said he anticipates further evolution, as people depend more on public transit to get from the riverfront Metro-North station to Main Street. This month, the city

“Quality roads are one of the real foundations for quality of life. Unfortunately, in some places you have to choose your route not based on what’s the shortest trip but based on what will do the least damage to your car.”

~ Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson



John Amato of Thalle Industries holds a core removed from newly laid asphalt to test its durability. The quarry, located on Route 9 in Fishkill, provides much of the asphalt and crushed stone used to build or repair local roads.

Photo by Michael Turton

submitted an application for a \$10 million state Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant with highlights including a public bus connecting the river and Main, a series of transit- and walker-friendly pocket parks along Main Street, and the creation of bicycle boulevards linking parks, schools and commerce.

“The good thing is that people want to be on Main Street,” the city administrator said. “As it gets congested, it encourages non-motorized transportation. Maybe you don’t need to take your car to get a gallon of milk. Congestion isn’t always the worst thing.”

If an infrastructure bill is passed, White said that in addition to wastewater, sewer and dam upgrades, he would use federal dollars to offset the city’s 20 percent share of the Fishkill Avenue/Teller Avenue project. Beacon could also address rebuilding Pocket Road, a steep and narrow road on the city’s east side that gives way to trails leading to one of its three reservoirs, he said. White estimated that project would likely cost \$200,000.

Less than 10 miles away, Highway Superintendent Carl Frisenda oversees an entirely different animal in Philipstown, with 30 miles of blacktop and 30 miles of dirt roads.

While Frisenda estimates that most municipalities manage road networks that are at least 90 percent blacktop, many Philipstown homes sit on steep, skinny dirt roads that have been the subject of debate for decades.

Many residents would like to see the roads



Federal infrastructure money could help Beacon rebuild Pocket Road.

Photo by J. Simms

paved, citing the expense of maintenance. Others oppose paving, citing the roads’ rustic appeal and arguing that they slow traffic.

Regardless, “I have a crew on them every single day,” Frisenda said.

Workers begin each spring to rebuild the roads by adding gravel, raking them and using compactors to pack the materials together. But huge storms, like the “remnants” of Hurricane Ida that tore through the region earlier this month, wreak havoc.

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# Rough Roads

The condition of the 42,700 miles of highway maintained by New York State has begun trending downward after holding steady since 2015, according to a report by Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli. Between 2019 and 2020, he noted, the number of highway miles rated only poor to fair jumped 4.4 percent.



## Road Warriors *(From page 10)*

“When we get massive amounts of rain, water and dirt don’t mix,” Frisenda said. “Years ago it wasn’t as bad because you didn’t have as much traffic.” But now, with the proliferation of delivery trucks and other vehicles, “the amount of traffic on these back roads is crazy.”

Last year, the town paved 1,100 feet of dirt road, connecting East Mountain Road South and North. If increased federal funding makes its way to the Highlands, Fris-

enda said one priority would be to realign the problematic intersection of South Mountain Pass and Route 9D.

To address the Highlands’ crowded roadways, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said he would rather see money invested in projects that are the product of regionally coordinated planning. For example, he points to the bottleneck at the Route 9D/Interstate 84 interchange just outside of Beacon, which, at rush hour, can leave cars backed up nearly to City Hall.

“That interchange is actually something

that can be remedied,” he said. “We have, what, six lanes of bridges? That interchange had the capacity at a time to make connectivity under 84, to connect the City of Beacon to 9D, underneath and near Dutchess Stadium. Those are all planning steps that the federal government doesn’t engage in and the state government doesn’t help with. And then local communities are left to try to catch up.”

Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat whose district includes Beacon, said he asked the DOT in 2019 to convert

one of the northbound lanes at the interchange to a second lane turning left onto I-84. The agency said it couldn’t add a second turn lane without widening it, but instead installed “smart” stop lights that could be adjusted for rush-hour traffic.

Jacobson said the jury is still out on the lights, since commuting plummeted soon after their completion behind the pandemic shutdown. “The technology is in but we don’t know how to adjust it to see if it will work because we’re not at the old levels of commuters.”

### Signal Improvements

Replace or install traffic control devices at intersections in Dutchess, Ulster and Westchester counties, including replacing signals, installing flashing beacons and adding pedestrian signals and crosswalks on Route 52 at eastbound and westbound exit ramps off I-84 in Fishkill.

2022 | **\$4.7 million**

### ADA Sidewalks and Ramps

Build or repair sidewalks and ramps on state highway right of ways in southern Dutchess and Putnam to assure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

2024 | **\$2.5 million**

### Guardrail Replacement

Replace deficient or obsolete rails along state highways in the Hudson Valley.

2023 | **\$3 million**

### Bridge Painting

Paint steel surfaces throughout the Hudson Valley to protect against corrosion because of acid rain and de-icing agents.

2021 | **\$9.3 million**

### Route 9D Breakneck Tunnel Lighting

Working with Central Hudson, replace the lighting system in the Breakneck Tunnel in the Highlands.

2024 | **\$2.1 million**

### Biennial Sign Contract

Replace or upgrade signs in the Hudson Valley that have exceeded their useful life.

2024 | **\$3 million**

### Bridge and Culvert Rehab

Correct or prevent problems related to the deterioration of components on four structures, including over Clove Creek on Route 9 in Philipstown.

2021 | **\$16.3 million**

### Catch Basins

Repair or replace stormwater catch basins in the Hudson Valley to ensure that the drainage systems function as designed.

2023 | **\$1.5 million**

### Emergency Repairs

Take immediate action to repair and prevent degradation of state highways during emergencies.

2022 | **\$3.7 million**

# Punch List

The state Department of Transportation keeps a running tally of its projects, their costs and deadlines. As of Wednesday (Sept. 15), the list contained 1,696 projects in the planning stages or under construction, including 253 in the Hudson Valley, 60 in Dutchess and 51 in Putnam. Below are examples of construction and maintenance contracts.

**Construction Projects**

● Planned / Development    ● In Construction    ● Construction Complete

A state map shows construction projects in the region.

### Biennial Mowing

Remove overgrown or undesirable vegetation and litter, including at exits along I-84 in Dutchess, Orange and Putnam counties.

2022 | **\$542,600**

### Repave Parts of Taconic State Parkway

Resurface the parkway from the interchange at I-84 in East Fishkill to Route 55 in LaGrange.

2021 | **\$9.9 million**

### Crack Sealing

Repair state highways using mastic or crack-sealing treatments to prevent water infiltration and prevent or slow asphalt aggregate binding degradation.

2022 | **\$1.5 million**

### Culvert Rehab/Replacement

Repair or replace select culverts on state highways in Orange, Putnam, Ulster and Westchester counties, including along Route 9 in Philipstown. Roadway, sidewalk, wingwall and rail work will also be completed.

2023 | **\$3.8 million**

### Resurface Segments of Route 52

Correct pavement deficiencies on Route 52 from Merritt Boulevard to Wiccopee Creek in Fishkill and East Fishkill and from Old State Road to the Putnam County line in East Fishkill. The work will primarily consist of milling the existing pavement and resurfacing the roadway with an asphalt overlay.

2021 | **\$6.4 million**

### Rustic Rail Replacement

Replace select segments of the “rustic,” self-oxidizing metal guide rails with galvanized steel on state highways in Columbia, Dutchess and Putnam counties. The rustic guide rail is showing signs of extensive deterioration.

2022 | **\$3.6 million**

### Signal Optimization

Install wireless sensors that will enable remote signal phase retiming in response to traffic volumes for four systems in Dutchess and Westchester counties, including on Route 9 in Fishkill. The retiming effort will reduce delays and improve air quality by reducing the number of idling vehicles.

2023 | **\$900,000**

### Special Surface Treatment

Resurface state highways in the Hudson Valley in high accident locations that are typically related to wet weather or slippery pavement.

2023 | **\$2 million**

### Culvert Repair

Repair or replace seven culverts in Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Ulster counties to address problems with corrosion, joint separation, bottom sag, pipe blockage, fill settling, cavitation of fill (sinkhole formation) and sediment buildup. Other maintenance will be considered to prevent inlet and outlet channel problems such as scouring, degradation, accumulation of debris, channel blockage, diversion of flow and bank erosion.

2022 | **\$1.1 million**

### Biennial Geotech Subsurface Exploration

Explore subsurface soil conditions to provide data needed in advance of highway, bridge and culvert design in the Hudson Valley.

2022 | **\$1.3 million**

### Biennial Long Lines Marking

Apply epoxy and preformed pavement markings on state highways in the Hudson Valley to ensure markings maintain their delineation and reflectivity.

2021 | **\$7.3 million**

**Next (Sept. 24): Dams & Waterworks**



## AROUND TOWN



**TWENTY YEARS LATER** — In a service on Saturday (Sept. 11) on the lawn of the Beacon Elks Lodge, Santi Yambem (top left) placed a wreath to remember his father, Jupiter, and others who were killed in the 2001 terrorist attacks. The memorial at the site includes a section of beam from the World Trade Center.

*Photos by Jeff Simms*

## HEALTHCARE, FOOD & HOUSING

### Virtual Town Hall Meeting

**Changes and updates due to COVID-19**

**Thursday, Sept. 23, 7 pm**

**Benefits Plus Learning Center  
Community Service Society of NY (CSS)**

#### Panelists:

- Michelle Berney, Director
- Leslie Bailey, Director of Training
- Yvonne Peña, Project Director

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**For more information and to RSVP for Zoom Link,  
contact Councilwoman Judy Farrell: [jfarrell@philipstown.com](mailto:jfarrell@philipstown.com)**



# The Calendar

*It's not every day you have ...*

## Three New Librarians!

By Alison Rooney



Desmond-Fish Library, Garrison

### Dede Farabaugh

**D**eirdre “Dede” Farabaugh recognized that she was living “the dream” — it just wasn’t hers.

She worked as a project manager for Apple in its iTunes division. Unfortunately, she says, “tech was never my driving force.” So she shifted gears. “Going back to grad school was my midlife crisis,” she says, with a laugh.

The Colorado native, who has a bachelor’s degree in English from Mills College in Oakland, California, left Apple for New York University, where she earned a master’s degree in Visual Culture: Costume Studies. At the same time, she pursued a master’s in library science at Long Island University, while working at the reference desk of the NYU library.

She also met Victor Burgos, her future husband, and moved to Beacon soon after he did. After graduating, Farabaugh began working part-time in the reference library at Mount St. Mary’s College and at the Ralph Lauren Library, where there was an archive of clothing.

In the summer of 2015, she attended an open house at the New York Public Library and was hired on the spot as children’s librarian, “although I’d never so much as done a story-time.” In 2018 she was named director of the Putnam Valley Free Library.

There, she worked to “turn it into more of a welcoming space. We started programming, hired energetic staff members, reshaped our volunteer program and reestablished the relationship with the town.”

It was not easy leaving Putnam Valley, but when the Desmond-Fish job became available, Farabaugh, who now lives in Cold Spring, recognized that it was “a bigger library, with a larger budget and a very engaged community.”

A foundational idea at Desmond-Fish, she says, is a focus on racial equity and social justice. “It was important in Putnam Valley, too; we had educator-led,

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Butterfield Library, Cold Spring

### Johanna Reinhardt

**J**ohanna Reinhardt, who in June succeeded Gillian Murphy at the Julia Butterfield Memorial Library in Cold Spring, says her 17-year journey from volunteer to director was “a natural progression.”

The first time Reinhardt stepped across the Butterfield threshold, she was holding the hand of her toddler son and was excited to learn of the impending Big Truck Day. (That boy is now a freshman at the Rochester Institute of Technology.)

Soon Reinhardt was working “very part-time” — three hours on Sundays — and filling in during staff vacations. Over the years, the hours grew and so did the responsibilities, which began with assisting with children’s programming, then, in 2009, overseeing it, as well as managing a program to help patrons apply for or renew U.S. passports.

“Who knew I would have a strange love for that?” she says. “I like order, and the process for working out what is needed. Plus, I used to be a big traveler, so I love living vicariously” through other people’s vacations.

Reinhardt grew up in New Jersey, Michigan and Minnesota, and considers herself an East Coast/Midwestern hybrid — “it made me adaptable and flexible.” She has a master’s degree in educational policy from Teachers’ College at Columbia University and worked for a time on Capitol Hill.

Along with coping with the stresses of the pandemic, the library is in the midst of a renovation. “Because we’re small, things are still in disarray, but we’re hopeful for [completion] next summer,” she says.

She adds: “We’re in a small building but we try to be as big as we can, which is true of every organization in town. We listen to what the community wants and we do our best to provide whatever we can. We’ll bring a book to you, to your car and, on a weekly basis, to homes. We even have the ability to leave it outside for people when

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Howland Library, Beacon

### Kristin Charles-Scaringi

**K**ristin Charles-Scaringi, who a month ago became the Howland’s head of reference and technology (a newly created position), says her goal is to make patrons feel more comfortable pursuing knowledge. “So many people are intimidated and afraid to try” at the library or online, she says.

As a reference librarian, Charles-Scaringi found that much of her job was wrangling technology. She fielded “constant questions about computers, from how to fill out online job applications, to how to do research beyond the basics of a college library website.”

She’s careful not to present herself as omniscient, noting that part of her job is “showing people that I don’t know everything. I’m not an IT [information technology] person, I don’t know networks, and I like showing people that I need to figure it out, too. It’s all about getting used to trying.”

Charles-Scaringi said she took the job because “it mixes the teaching aspect I like, the technology aspect, with some administrative responsibilities, such as overseeing some staff, and overall getting to be both a librarian and a supervisor.

“I want to do job-help programs, both one-off and also how-to guides for resume assistance and skill building,” she says. “I’m hoping to bring a live chat service into virtual reference. I also want to provide information so people don’t fall into scams. I’m planning on doing basic classes on computers, teaching people how to navigate things like Google Workspace, and conveying information on what’s possible that they may not be aware of, like, for instance, that people with Gmail accounts have access to a Microsoft Word-like program.”

After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in creative writing from SUNY Purchase, Charles-Scaringi worked for a short time as a newspaper reporter, then shifted.

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

## COMMUNITY

SAT 18

### Philipstown Bikes Day

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. Haldane School  
15 Craigsides Drive

Start at the elementary school blacktop and follow a 1.6-mile loop open to walkers, bikes and non-motorized movers. Rain date SUN 19.

SAT 18

### ReCycle Tag Sale

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | bit.ly/recycle-sale

The Friends of the Butterfield Library and Climate Smart Philipstown are partnering to raise money for the library sustainability fund. Find random and assorted treasures. Snacks will be available for purchase.

SAT 18

### Hudson River Craft Beer Festival

BEACON

12:30 – 5:30 p.m. Riverfront Park  
americaontap.com

Sample from more than 60 brewers and seltzer makers while enjoying live music, games and food. *Cost: \$45 to \$85 (\$10 designated drivers)*

SAT 18

### Slaterpalooza

GLENHAM

1 – 9 p.m. Slater Chemical Fire Co.  
76 Old Glenham Road | 845-831-2322

Seven bands are scheduled to perform on the main stage, including Heavy Gauge and Last Minute Soulmates, at this 10th annual fundraiser. Bring lawn chairs; coolers permitted. *Cost: \$10 (children free)*

SAT 18

### Annual Lawn Party

COLD SPRING

4 – 7 p.m. William Kemble Home  
20 The Boulevard  
putnamhistorymuseum.org

Tour the restored 19th-century home and enjoy historic entertainment while supporting the Putnam History Museum. *Cost: \$50 (\$30 to \$45 members)*

SUN 19

### Electric Vehicle Car Show

BEACON

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Elks Lodge  
900 Wolcott Ave.  
climatesmartphilipstown.org

Test drive a Hyundai Kona, Ford Mach-E and Chevy Bolt with Healey Brothers and learn about incentives for electric vehicle purchases at this event co-hosted by Sustainable Hudson Valley, Beacon's



PHM Annual Lawn Party, Sept. 18

Conservation Advisory Committee, the Green Beacon Coalition, Sustainable Putnam and Climate Smart Philipstown.

SUN 19

### Depot Theatre Benefit

GARRISON

4 p.m. Philipstown Depot  
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900  
philipstowndepottheatre.org

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the theater with music, poetry, cocktails and food from Dolly's. *Cost: \$50 to \$1,025*

WED 22

### Green Teen Produce Stand

BEACON

5 – 6 p.m. 23 W. Center St.  
facebook.com/greenteenbeacon

Every Wednesday in September, the Green Teen program is offering free produce at its stand outside the Beacon Recreation Center in partnership with Common Ground Farm and the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County.

THURS 23

### 9th Annual Catoberfest

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery  
7 E. Main St.  
catoberfest.brownpapertickets.com

Support Mid Hudson Animal Aid while enjoying food, drinks and a raffle during this annual fundraiser. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

THURS 23

### Health Care, Food & Housing

PHILIPSTOWN

7 p.m. Via Zoom

This virtual town hall on changes and updates due to COVID-19 will be hosted by Sandy Galef, whose state Assembly district includes Philipstown, Philipstown Councilwoman Judy Farrell and Putnam County Legislator Nancy Montgomery, with panelists from Benefits Plus Learning Center and Community Service Society. Email jfarrell@philipstown.com to register.

SAT 25

### Modern Makers Market Pop-Up

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. St. Mary's Church  
1 Chestnut St. | stmaryscoldspring.com

Forty artisans and artists, including woodworkers, glassworkers, leather workers, jewelers and potters, will be selling their crafts. There will also be music on the lawn, two food trucks, New York beer and cider and a fundraising raffle.

SAT 25

### Lunch for the Landscape

GARRISON

Noon. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D  
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Marking the 60th anniversary of the restored mansion and grounds, the fundraiser will include a picnic lunch and presentation on the future of Boscobel. *Cost: \$245 to \$5,000*

SAT 25

### Lions Club BBQ

PHILIPSTOWN

3 – 7 p.m.  
Taconic Outdoor Education Center  
75 Mountain Laurel Lane  
coldspringlions.org

The sixth annual fundraising event will feature Mystic oysters, along with grilled chicken and ribs, and music by Ben Friehtert and Friends. Proceeds will benefit The Hub, Philipstown Food Pantry, Little League, a college scholarship and other projects. *Cost: \$65*

SUN 26

### Spirit of Beacon Day

BEACON

spiritofbeacon.org

Because of the pandemic, the 44th annual celebration will be spread out at smaller events, including music, art, children's activities, fundraisers and food. A community concert begins at noon at Veteran's Place and a talent show starts at 1 p.m. at the New Covenant Learning Center. See the website for a complete listing.

## TALKS & TOURS

SAT 18

### A (re)Introduction to Watercolors

COLD SPRING

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

Beginners are welcome to learn how to paint with watercolors. *Cost: \$35*

TUES 21

### Men Living With Loss

YORKTOWN

7 p.m. Support Connection  
supportconnection.org  
914-962-6402

The group is open to men who have lost a spouse or partner to breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer. Register online for Zoom meeting.

THURS 23

### In Search of Mycotopia

COLD SPRING

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

During this Zoom event, Doug Bierend will discuss his book, *In Search of Mycotopia: Citizen Science, Fungi Fanatics and the Untapped Potential of Mushrooms*.



SAT 25

### History Hike

PUTNAM VALLEY

11 a.m. 443 Oscawana Lake Road  
putnamhistorymuseum.org

During a guided hike sponsored by the Putnam History Museum, learn about the history of resorts that operated around Lake Oscawana during the early 20th century. *Cost: \$10 (\$8 members)*

SUN 26

### Playwriting Workshop

PHILIPSTOWN

10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Via Zoom  
bit.ly/HVSF-playwriting

Join either of these playwriting workshops led by the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival to learn the basics, then submit a short play on the theme of sustainability to the Community Bake-Off. A selection of five to seven entries will be performed in November.

## VISUAL ART

SAT 18

### Punto in Aria

GARRISON

5 – 7 p.m. Garrison Art Center  
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960  
garrisonartcenter.org

Patricia Miranda's textile and sculptural installation will be on exhibit through Nov. 7.

SAT 18

### Botanical Portraits

PHILIPSTOWN

5:30 p.m. Stonecrop Gardens  
81 Stonecrop Lane | 845-265-2000  
stonecrop.org

Walk the gardens, view an exhibit of Lori Adams' photographs and hear Adams discuss her process. *Cost: \$15 (\$10 members)*



SAT 25

### Open Studios

NEWBURGH

Noon – 6 p.m. Various locations  
newburghopenstudios.org

Pick up a printed map at Newburgh Art Supply or download one to tour studios and art centers featuring the work of more than 130 artists. Other events include the Terrain Biennial Newburgh and an outdoor exhibit at the Glenlily estate. *Free*

SAT 25

### Nivola Study Day

PHILIPSTOWN

2 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art  
2700 Route 9 | magazzino.art

Presentations on aspects of Constantino Nivola's work and his current exhibit, *Sandscapes*, will be presented by Alastair Gordon, a critic, curator, cultural historian and author; Lindsay Caplan, assistant professor of art history at Brown University; architect Roger Broome; and Steven Hillyer, director of the Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture Archive at The Cooper Union. Proof of vaccination required. *Free*

## KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 18

### Biodiversity Celebration

BEAR MOUNTAIN

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Trailside Zoo  
3006 Seven Lakes Drive  
trailsidezoo.org

Visit the zoo's habitats and learn about the wildlife. *Cost: \$1 (\$10 parking)*

SAT 18

### Shine

GARRISON

2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403, Garrison  
desmondfishlibrary.org

J.J. and Chris Grabenstein will read from their novel about a middle school girl searching for place. Suggested for ages 8 to 12. Co-hosted with Split Rock Books. Register online.



MON 20

**Game Design**

COLD SPRING

3:30 p.m. Supplies for Creative Living  
143 Main St.

suppliesforcreativeliving.com

In the first of six sessions, students ages 8 to 12 can build a board or card game. *Cost: \$85*

TUES 21

**Touch-a-Truck**

BEACON

5 – 8 p.m. Beacon Elks | 900 Wolcott Ave.

Children are invited to explore firetrucks, police cars, ambulance and construction equipment. Food and drink will be available for purchase. *Free*

THURS 23

**Writing Your Personal Essay**

COLD SPRING

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

Marie O'Shea will lead this workshop for high school students who plan to attend college.

SAT 25

**Storytime with Kristen Balouch**

GARRISON

9:30 a.m. Cold Spring Farmers' Market  
1601 Route 9D | splitrockbks.comThe author of *If You Are A Dreamer* will read for children.**STAGE & SCREEN**

SAT 18

**Aery Theatre One-Act Play Festival**

GARRISON

7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900  
philipstowndepottheatre.orgIn this 15th annual competition, spectators vote to advance short plays to the finals. Tonight is the second semi-final (after the first on FRI 17); the finals are scheduled for SUN 26. *Cost: \$15*

SAT 18

**Woman in the Moon**

COLD SPRING

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

Watch the 1929 silent film written and directed by Fritz Lang via Zoom with live music accompaniment by Cary Brown. Register online.

SAT 18

**Prelude to a Kiss**

WAPPINGERS FALLS

8 p.m. County Players Theater  
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491  
countyplayers.orgIn this romantic comedy, a stranger's kiss after a wedding has magical powers that test the boundaries of love. Also SUN 19, FRI 24, SAT 25. *Cost: \$20 (\$17 seniors, military, ages 12 and younger)*

SAT 18

**The Artichoke**

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
artichokeshow.comOphira Eisenberg of NPR's *Ask Me Another* quiz show will be the featured storyteller, along with Courtney Antonioli, Kendra Cunningham, David Hu and Steve Whyte. *Cost: \$20 (\$15 for livestream/video)*

Eisenberg

SAT 25

**Night Train: Storytelling**

GARRISON

7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900  
philipstowndepottheatre.orgJoe Charnitski — a two-time *Moth* Slam winner, will host storytellers Meredith Maddox, Erik Lenhart and Patrick Lennon. *Cost: \$15***MUSIC**

SAT 18

**Hudson Valley Gospel Festival**

WAPPINGERS FALLS

1 – 5 p.m. Bowdoin Park  
85 Sheafe Road | artsmidhudson.orgThe event will feature the Hudson Valley Gospel Festival Choir and will include performances by the Jazz Pioneers, the West Point Gospel Choir, the Bethel Church of God in Christ Praise Team and Angels Without Wings from the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. *Cost: \$15 (\$10 seniors, students, military; ages 5 and younger free)*

SUN 19

**EJ, The Cello Extraordinaire | Marco Rincon**

BEACON

10 a.m. Farmers' Market | 223 Main St.  
beaconfarmersmarket.org

EJ will play until 11 a.m., followed at 12:30 p.m. by Rincon, who will perform folk songs from Appalachia

and Andalucia. Sponsored by *The Highlands Current*.

SUN 19

**Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach**

GARRISON

11 a.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D  
845-265-3638 | boscobel.orgThe quartet will perform music by Beethoven, Puccini and Dvorak. *Cost: \$45 (\$24 ages 5 to 18, ages 5 and younger free)*

SUN 19

**Thistle**

BEACON

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Bannerman Island  
845-831-6346 | bannermancastle.orgThe composer, singer and harpist will perform on the island. Boats leave the Beacon dock at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. *Cost: \$40 (\$35 children)*

SUN 19

**Pond Music at Quarry Pool**

GARRISON

3 p.m. Manitoga | 584 Route 9D  
845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.orgDavid Rothenberg will play clarinet and transform the natural sounds of the pool into music. *Cost: \$40 (\$35 members)*

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SUN 19

**Bruce T. Carroll Band**

BEACON

7 p.m. Towne Crier

379 Main St. | townecrier.com

Comedian Colin Quinn will host the record release for *First Bird to Sing*, Carroll's third album. The band includes Marc Shulman, Deni Bonet, Tommy Mandel, Joe Bonadio and Lincoln Schleifer. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

WED 22

**Christoph Irniger Trio**

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center

477 Main St. | 845-831-4988

howlandculturalcenter.org

The trio, featuring Raffaele Bossard on double bass, Ziv Ravitz on drums and percussion and Michaël Attias on alto sax, will play music from their recent release, *Open City*. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door; \$15 livestream)*

FRI 24

**Poet Gold | Carl Hancock Rux**

COLD SPRING

6:30 p.m. Little Stony Point

3011 Route 9D

facebook.com/littlestonypoint

Gwen Laster, Damon Banks and Tom Regusis will accompany Gold, and Rux will perform for the first in a series called *Global Music Initiative* curated by Banks and Laster for the Little Stony Point Citizens Association. Spectators must be vaccinated and wear masks. *Free*



Christoph Irniger Trio, Sept. 22

FRI 24

**Average White Band**

PEEKSKILL

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley

1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039

paramounthudsonvalley.com

The chart-topping British band plays soul, R&B, and jazz-funk style originals. *Cost: \$37.50 to \$55*

FRI 24

**Reelin' in the Years**

BEACON

8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.

845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

Jerry Marotta will lead the tribute band playing the music of Steely Dan. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 25

**Gypsy**

PEEKSKILL

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley

1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039

paramounthudsonvalley.com

The band will recreate the performance and sound of the greatest hits by Stevie Nicks and Fleetwood Mac. *Cost: \$32.50 to \$47.50*

SAT 25

**Stephane Wrembel**

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.

845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

Playing gypsy jazz with his band, including Josh Kaye, Daisy Castro, and Ari Folman-Cohen,

Wrembel will perform music from his most recent release, *The Django Experiment VI*. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

SUN 26

**A Country Folk Concert with Pop Wagner**

GARRISON

4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library

472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020

desmondfishlibrary.org

SUN 26

**Ying Quartet**

BEACON

4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center

477 Main St. | howlandmusic.org

The Howland Chamber Music

Circle presents the Ying Quartet. It will play a program including works by Zhou Long, Vivian Fung and Tan Dun as well as Haydn and Beethoven. *Cost: \$45 (\$15 students and seniors)*

SUN 26

**Tribute to John Prine**

BEACON

7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.

845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

Joe D'Urso, Tim Donohue, David Frye, Gary Solomon, Loren Korevec, Chihoe Hahn and Chris Brown will each perform a song. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

CIVICS

MON 20

**City Council**

BEACON

7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza

845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

MON 20

**Village Board**

NELSONVILLE

7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.

845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

TUES 21

**School Board**

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Haldane | 15 Craigsides Drive

845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

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NEW!

Mini Encaustic Monotypes

Mixed Media Botanicals

Screen Printing for Painters Workshop

Silk Screen Full Day Workshop

Watercolor and Beyond at Boscobel

Family Clay Studio

Advanced Handbuilding and Sculpture

Sculpture with James Murray

Pottery (Wednesday)

Drop-In Drawing &amp; Painting from Life

Bookbinding Exploration

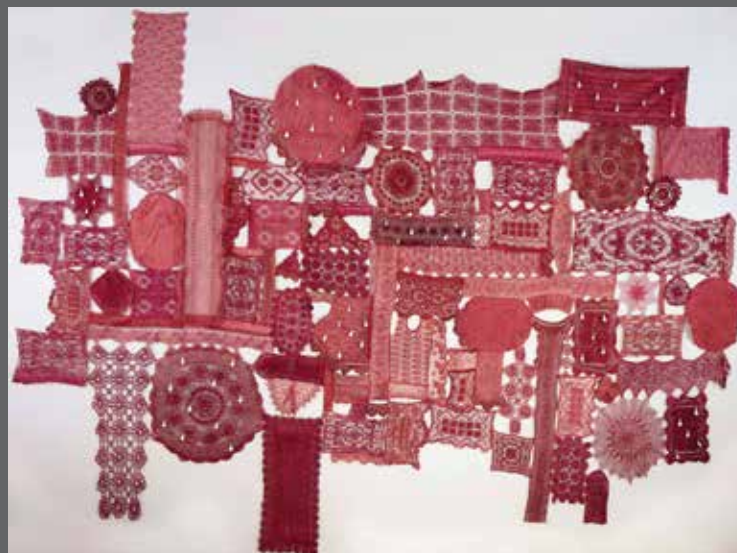
Intro to Intaglio

23 Garrison's Landing,  
Garrison, NY 10524  
garrisonartcenter.org  
845-424-3960

## Garrison Art Center

# Sept. 18 – Nov. 7, 2021

Opening Reception: Sept. 18, 5–7pm



## Patricia Miranda

### Punto in Aria textile installation

Open Tuesday thru Sunday  
10am–5pm  
garrisonartcenter.org  
845-424-3960

## Garrison Art Center

23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison, NY 10524



## Farabaugh *(from Page 13)*

courageous conversations about race.” She also plans on partnering with the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub, the nonprofit that provides a point of access for mental health and addiction recovery.

“Mental illness is the next pandemic,” Farabaugh says. “Everything that everyone’s gone through for the past year and a half — how do we process that? What has the last year meant to you?”

Farabaugh also foresees working with her counterpart at Butterfield, Johanna Reinhardt, to “co-program for the benefit of the town.”

She says one issue now under discussion for Desmond-Fish is Sunday hours. The library is usually open from 1 to 5 p.m., except over the summer. “We’re down a couple of positions right now and need to safely staff the library,” she says. “We’re weighing the effect of that against being here to serve the community, as some people do very much want to come in and be away from their home.”

For Farabaugh, a central question is: “How do you serve this community when people just think of the library as a building?” A library, she says, is “a hub of the community. Our community needs it now more than ever, having been robbed of the traditional things which bring it together: graduations, weddings — how do you memorialize time when life is completely altered? How do you remain relevant? How do you become a community leader? Sustainability is very important. What are you giving the next generation?”

## Reinhardt *(from Page 13)*

we’re closed. There’s always a workaround.

“Libraries are so much more than the books they house; they’re vital community centers,” Reinhardt says. “Now, more than ever, I believe collaboration and a commitment to environmental sustainability are imperative. I don’t think there’s ever been a time of such constant changes. It’s exhausting for patrons and staff.”

Many programs are taking place outdoors, she notes, especially because “we’ve found that virtual programming for children just doesn’t work. With adults, it’s quite the opposite. For instance, we’ve had a tremendous turnout for the silent movies streaming, with lots of chatroom banter — the last time, it lasted at least an hour afterward.”

On Sept. 18, Butterfield will host a tag sale to raise money for its sustainability project. “There’ll be discussions about possible initiatives,” she says. “For instance, we’ll be talking about the feasibility of [electric-car] charging stations for our parking lot. With our old building, we want to maintain the character without leaving much of a footprint — to find our balance. The library itself is a natural progression of sustainability.

“We’ve been working on strengthening our collaborative relationships with many local organizations,” she adds. “Everyone’s looking for a connection, and the library is critical because it inherently instills a sense of community. Even just getting them a library card gives kids a sense of belonging.”

## Charles-Scaringi *(from Page 13)*

“A librarian friend pushed me to become one because not only do I like telling people how to do something, I like teaching them how, so it was a natural progression,” she says. “Reference is instruction — that’s why I like it.”

While pursuing a master’s degree in information and library services at SUNY Albany, she did a summer internship at the Kingston Library and wound up with a job there. Like Butterfield and Desmond-Fish, Kingston and Beacon are part of the Mid-Hudson Library System, which shares resources such as databases.

“Part of my job will be to make them easier to access for patrons, as well as getting my co-workers as comfortable as possible with tech,” she says. “There’s so much going on here, from the Library of Things to our Chromebooks — we’re adding an iPad and a Kindle — and I’m developing how-to guides for staff and patrons.”

Charles-Scaringi says she is getting to know Beacon better. “I’m excited to meet the people who make up this place,” she says. “One thing I’ve learned is people here really like their British TV shows!”

“I love the library itself, the clay walls, the unusual things here — like we have a weaving loom and a robot cat companion. Most of all, though, any time the community comes together to create something, like it does here a lot, that makes me happy.”

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## Apollonia *(from Page 1)*

### Is your usual trip from Hudson to New York City and back?

That's our regular, 120-mile run, which we've done five times this season, although we talk about the whole Hudson River as our route because we have made trips to Albany.

### Once you deliver to New York City, do you usually return empty?

We always try [to find northbound cargo]. We have a number of coffee shops upstate that get bulk deliveries from us. We pick up beans from a place called 9th Street Espresso in Manhattan and Gotham Roasters in Brooklyn. The other northbound cargo that I'm excited about is jalapeno peppers. One of our longtime partners is a company called Poor Devil Pepper in Hudson that makes these delicious, lacto-fermented hot sauces. We learned recently that their peppers come from Hepworth Farms in Milton, about 50 miles south of us. So on this next run we're going to pick up 100 bushels of jalapenos and hope this will be one of our most consistent northbound cargos at this time of year, when jalapenos are in season. We're trying to work with local folks to keep track of the things that have a seasonality, and the desirable times for production. So on this trip we will sail back up the Hudson mostly full.

### The word down at the docks is that you're stopping in Garrison on Tuesday (Sept. 21).

There's a good chance, but it could be Monday. We do our best job to make a plan, but there are so many things that can shift it a little bit. Early in the week we'll be in Garrison delivering flour to Signal Fire Bread. We have two producers: Sparrowbush Farm in Livingston, which is where the flour for Signal Fire is coming from, but it looks like we'll also be hauling flour from Wild Hive [in Clinton Corners]. The goal for us is to move things on the ship, add to the story of it, decrease the carbon footprint, all of that, but we also want to make sure we're moving things people want. If someone wants sustainable shipping but wants this flour instead of that flour, the last thing I would want to do is force them to use a product they don't want.

### What other bulk cargo do you carry?

We've moved so much malt with this ship. It's usually the backbone of the runs, about 10,000 pounds of local malt to beer makers. We did a shipment earlier this year of oak logs for mushroom cultivation from Cornell Small Farms to Brooklyn. That was an awesome cargo that I never would have imagined.

### How long is the trip?

I schedule the crew for two weeks, but usually it's 10 to 12 days. It's about four days down and four days up, and then you factor in the loading and unloading, the coordination and the potential for bad weather — for us that's a beautiful sunny day with no wind. Our last run went great because of the hurricanes; we got a lot more wind than we usually get in August. Typically,



The Apollonia in New York Harbor

*Photos provided*

September and October are windy but not July and August.

### How deep into the winter do you go?

We're going to call it quits in November this year. I'm of the mind — and some of my crew members feel the same way — that we would much rather sail in cold weather than in these burning hot days when you're baking in the sun with no escape. When it's cold, you can always layer up. Plus, we rely on all the waterfront infrastructure. In Garrison, we work with the yacht club, and a lot of those places start shutting down at the end of October. There may not even be people to call and arrange the dockage. Milton, where we're going to load up the peppers, that's a new pier. They did the ribbon-cutting last week. It's a floating dock so they probably take it out of the water in the fall. In Hudson, the city likes to take its docks out in October.

### Where do you haul out?

Rondout Creek in Kingston, just past the Maritime Museum, to a place called the Rondout Yacht Basin. The Maritime Museum is probably our strongest partner; we'll spend a lot of time on their docks doing the down-rigging. But it's not a full-service marina and they don't have a travel lift. The yacht basin is an excellent place.

It's a family-owned business. We're as big as they can handle, but it works for us.

### What is the hardest waterway to navigate in New York City?

It's hard to not give the East River that award because of its marine traffic, which is not as predictable as you want it to be. It also has so much current because it's got the Long Island Sound dumping into it and sucking out of it. And the wind is crazy. All over the Hudson River, the wind is confined by local geography. There will be an island you go around, or a bluff, or a bend you go across, or the Palisades. There's lots of things that screw with wind and it changes fast. You go from Newburgh Bay down into the Highlands and suddenly you're in a canyon. What buildings do to wind is bizarre. In the East River, you have moments where you'll catch a breeze coming down the street, it's strong, and then a moment later you're in the shadow of the next building or a bridge or a ferryboat coming by. It's challenging.

**Until I canoed the East River a few years ago, it hadn't hit me that they call that northern tidal strait "Hell Gate" because the whirlpool there acts like a gate to Hell.**

I've been on some powerful boats there,



Unloading a malt delivery

but it's never a good idea to go against that current. I've been in 6 to 7 knots of current [7 to 8 mph]. That's a lot of water moving. Then you start to imagine what that looks like underwater, and what would happen if you fell in.

### What will it take for your operation to become profitable?

I hope we answer that question next season. All of the producers we work with, all of our shipping partners, are small-scale producers. We don't want to burden them with the costs that come from the fact that it's more expensive to ship on a schooner than by truck. We're working on new revenue streams. The best example of this is the breweries we work with, like Big Alice in Long Island City. We delivered grain to them last month, and they want more grain next month to make a beer about the Hudson River and the Apollonia. It would be amazing if they sold that beer for an extra 50 cents, with the proceeds to support us. It's been hard because for as long as we've been running this operation at scale, there's been COVID-19, and our original business plan was all about hosting events.

### Would you like to have competition on the Hudson?

Absolutely. It would be such a joy to have other boats involved. Not only would that expand the amount of cargo, it would expand the impact. People only catch sight of us on the river once a month, maybe once every couple of months. The more people see this, if there were always schooners loading or unloading, it becomes easier for all of us. Maybe 50 or 100 boats into it, the competition would be a problem. But since right now we're the only one, I would love to see 10 next season. That would be a great problem to have.



## Pear and Eggplant Caponata

This appetizer also makes a great side dish for grilled tuna steaks, seafood or chicken. The word *caponata* comes from Sicily, where it refers to various dishes featuring chopped, fried eggplant in agrodolce, or sweet-sour sauce.

### Mouths to Feed

## Pear Apparent

By Celia Barbour

When Peter and I bought our house in Philipstown 21 years ago, a spindly little pear tree grew in the yard.



Whoever planted it had situated it so far under the drip line of a giant sycamore that by the time we acquired it, it was craned over like the Leaning Tower of Pisa in an effort to grab a few sips of sunlight.

Peter and I discussed cutting it down, but we were busy with babies in those days, and put it off.

The next fall, that tree eked out a handful of pears. Like their host, they weren't much to look at. I harvested a few anyway, peeled off their spotty skin, carved out the insect-holes, folds and stone cells (those hard but harmless little clusters that form in pear flesh), and cut the remaining fruit into uneven chunks.

The flavor took my breath away. Without a doubt, these were among the most ambrosial pears I'd ever tasted. I later came across a scientific explanation for my bliss. When fruits are forced to fight off antagonists such as disease, fungi, pests and harsh weather, the tree fortifies them with additional antioxidants to help them in the battle; these natural defenses include the polyphenols, flavonoids and anthocyanins that enhance a fruit's flavor.

Even so, a few years ago, Peter and I once again debated cutting down the tree. Delectable as they were, the annual harvest of 8

to 10 gnarled pears seemed too paltry to justify the eyesore of that skinny, crooked trunk and unruly branches.

But I couldn't bring myself to greenlight the ax, so instead we lopped off the top half, and decided to let nature determine the pear tree's fate.

She sided with the tree. This year, it put out a bumper crop: Dozens upon dozens of big, imperfect fruits, each as delicious as those heart-stoppers I tasted two decades ago.

As it happens, pears and the Hudson Valley had been linked in my mind long before I moved here. In 1992, when I was a novice writer at the brand-new *Martha Stewart Living Magazine*, I came here for a handful of photo shoots, including a truly wackadoodle Halloween story at Castle Rock, and a lovely story on pears.

Many of the things I learned while researching the pear story have stayed with me ever since. For example, I learned that the best way to check if a pear is ready to eat is to hold it lengthwise, pinched between stem-end and blossom-end, and squeeze very gently. It should give slightly. If you wait until a pear feels soft at its bulge, the core will be mush.

I also learned that the French and Italians ate upward of six times as many pears as Americans did. (Today, it's Argentinians who put us to shame, eating 30 pounds of pears per capita annually compared to 2.8 pounds for the U.S.)

I also got to taste dozens of pear recipes created by our test kitchen, including the predecessor of the one I've adapted here, a favorite that quickly became a staple of my cocktail and dinner parties in the 1990s.

Oh, and one more thing: The location of those photo shoots made an impression on me. I thought: Yeah, Philipstown. Remember that place. You might want to go back there someday.



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| 1 28-ounce can whole peeled tomatoes  | 1 large onion, peeled and chopped        |
| 1 medium eggplant   | 2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced       |
| Salt  | 2 tablespoons capers, drained and rinsed |
| 6 tablespoons olive oil   | ¼ cup currants                           |
| 2 teaspoons sugar, plus more to taste   | 3 teaspoons balsamic vinegar             |
| 2 large, firm pears or several small pears, to total about 12 ounces when chopped | Freshly ground pepper                    |
|   | 1 baguette, sliced and toasted           |

1. Drain the tomatoes, saving the juice. Chop coarsely and set aside.
2. Place a baking sheet in the oven and preheat to 425 degrees. Slice the eggplant into ¾-inch slices, sprinkle salt on both sides and place on a rack to drain for 20 minutes. Gently squeeze the slices after they've drained to wring out excess water, then cut into ¾-inch chunks. Place in a bowl and toss with ¼ cup olive oil and 1 teaspoon sugar.
3. Carefully remove the hot baking sheet from the oven and spread the eggplant across it, then return to oven. Meanwhile, chop the pears into ¾-inch chunks, and toss with 1 tablespoon olive oil and 1 teaspoon sugar. After the eggplant has roasted 10 minutes, remove the baking sheet again, add the chopped pears and return to the oven for an additional 15 to 20 minutes, until both the eggplant and pears are caramelized.
4. Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large skillet over medium-low heat. Add the chopped onion and garlic, and cook until soft and golden, about 10 minutes. Stir in the chopped tomatoes, ½ cup of the reserved tomato juice and capers, and continue to cook about 10 minutes more, adding additional tomato juice or water to keep the pan from drying out.
5. Add the roasted eggplant and pears to the skillet, along with the currants and vinegar. Toss everything together. Cook 5 to 7 minutes longer to let the flavors unite, seasoning with salt, pepper and additional vinegar or sugar as needed. Serve warm or at room temperature, on slices of toasted baguette.



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# Looking Back in Beacon

By Chip Rowe

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

### 150 Years Ago (September 1871)

The Fishkill Landing correspondent for a Brooklyn newspaper reported that authorities were looking for a woman who apparently starved a 7-year-old boy to death at Stormville. The child, who belonged to the “strong woman” of O’Brien’s circus, had been locked in a room with his hands behind his back. According to the reporter, the woman had purchased the child in Paris for \$100 to perform with her.

A portion of the dock at Dutchess Junction gave way, sending about 20 tons of pig iron that had been piled up awaiting shipment into the river.

*The Newburgh Journal* decried the “lounging rowdies” who insulted and often robbed passengers waiting at the Fishkill Landing train depot.

The inhabitants of Glenham approved a new school, voting to raise \$1,500 to purchase a site and \$7,000 to build the structure.

The former Continental Hotel on Fishkill Landing was transformed into retail stores.

Mrs. Joseph W. Wood, on Mount Honness, about 2 miles from Fishkill, was reaching for a utensil in a closet next to her chimney

when she was bitten between the wrist and elbow by a copperhead hidden in the stone work. She drew the snake out with tongs and applied saleratus [baking soda] and vinegar to the bite.

John Turner, 45, died after falling about 50 feet from the railroad bridge in Glenham. He was survived by his wife and seven children.

### 125 Years Ago (September 1896)

Eugene McDowell, who disappeared from Matteawan on Aug. 24, wrote his wife from Herkimer County to say that his mind had been a blank from the Sunday night before his departure until he found himself five or six days later being treated by a physician on a canal boat near Little Falls. He said the doctor said the illness was due to “business worry, overwork and excessive smoking.”

Mark McGoldrick was mortally wounded in an attack near his home. “The neighborhood is afflicted by ruffians who have defied the law all summer,” reported a correspondent for the *New York World*. “The attraction for these outlaws is the 2,000 or more men who work in the brickyards north and south of Fishkill Landing. The laborers are paid on Saturday nights and fall easy victims as they wander along the railroad tracks between the several villages.” Since the spring, 12 laborers had been hit by trains, although authorities

suspected robbers placed their unconscious or dead victims on the tracks. McGoldrick, who had been struck in the head with an ax, was spotted on the tracks by an alert engineer. In his delirium at Highlands Hospital, he cried out, “For God’s sake, don’t slug me!” The next day, the body of Patrick Kelly, who worked at a brickyard at Dutchess Junction, was found floating in the Hudson with his skull crushed.

An inmate escaped from the Matteawan State Hospital into the village, where he was chased by suspicious residents until being caught south of the lumberyard. Benjamin Knapp and Nelson Sirrine split a \$25 reward.

A windstorm knocked down many communications wires but the linemen said they would have everything fixed within a few days.

A photograph of the daughter of baggage master E.S. Colden that won first prize at the Orange County Fair was on display in the barbershop window of Jacob Larger in Bank Square. It was taken by Bowman & Johnson of Newburgh.

### 100 Years Ago (September 1921)

The Common Council heard a proposal to build a memorial building to honor soldiers killed in the World War.

Sarah Seaman of Beacon became the first girl in the state to receive a college-entrance diploma after only three years of high school.

George Donaldson of Glenham, who was sent to Sing Sing after breaking out of the

Beacon jail, was caught attempting to dig a hole in his cell with a piece of tin.

Caroline Brazee, 83, sued her son, William, over a wood lot in Beacon. She said she had signed an agreement to have him look after the property and keep it clear of underbrush but discovered later it was a deed.

Beacon High School said it was interested in joining the reorganized Central Hudson Valley Interscholastic Athletic League with a basketball team but had no immediate interest in football, baseball or track.

A member of the Ku Klux Klan attempted to recruit a shop owner to start a Beacon chapter, claiming the Ossining branch had 800 members who had paid the \$10 initiation fee and \$20 for a robe. The delegate, thinking the retailer was sympathetic to the cause, emphasized that the local Klan was not against Catholics.

Following four years of litigation, the city lost a lawsuit filed by Veronica Meyers after she was injured in a fall on a sidewalk. The judgment was \$5,859.

After visiting a friend, Morris Keating returned to his parked car on Fountain Street and found two young men sitting in it. When he asked what they were doing, they said it was none of his business. The men fled when police arrived.

Authorities were searching for a Beacon mother who disappeared, leaving her two toddlers behind, after allegedly being beaten by her husband, an employee at the Matteawan State Hospital.

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THE GATE HOUSE TEAM



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A judge sentenced the former clerk of the Fishkill National Bank in Beacon to 30 days in jail and a \$250 fine, saying he was imposing the minimum sentence for embezzlement because the man stole the money to pay his wife's medical bills.

#### 75 Years Ago (September 1946)

Police identified the laundry mark on the shirt collar of a man who had jumped in front of a train at the Beacon station as belonging to People's Laundry, but the firm said it had not used the mark in 15 years. The man, a hat factory worker and Army veteran who lived at the Beaconview hotel, was later identified by his fingerprints.

A demonstration by 10 disabled veterans at the Hotel Plaza at New York City to prove they could work if properly trained prompted the *Poughkeepsie Journal* to profile Melvin "Ben" Franklin of Beacon, who had been advocating for handicapped vets in the workforce for 25 years. "The disabled man is often a better employee than the man who has never been sick," he explained. "After a fellow has fought his own battle, he works harder."

Two men escaped serious injury when their Piper Cub crashed on the grounds of the Matteawan State Hospital.

Paul Gordon, 44, died at his home. Known as the "Robin Hood" of Dutchess County, he contributed an article on archery to the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and made bows and arrows at his Tioronda Avenue craft shop.

Soon after Beacon's 25 bus stops were each given a fresh coat of white paint, a city tar truck repaved the streets, covering the markings.

Melio Bettina of Beacon won a convincing decision over Eldridge Eatman, one of champion Joe Louis' sparring partners, in a bout in Connecticut. The heavyweight's manager, Jimmy Grippo, said he had scheduled three fights for Bettina over two weeks in October in Chicago, Baltimore and Detroit in pursuit of a match against Louis.

#### 50 Years Ago (September 1971)

The state recommended that a 3.5-mile arterial highway start on Route 9D south of Dutchess Junction, proceed north past Craig House, across Fishkill Creek and west of South Avenue to Wolcott Avenue. It would then extend north along Hudson Avenue, Park Avenue and Ferry Street and end at I-84. An alternative route would have taken the highway closer to the river.

Art Smith, the first-year coach of a Beacon High School football team that had one victory in the previous four seasons, said his squad "had a whole new attitude and it's a good one."

The Beacon school board sued Beacon for \$62,000, saying the city had shortchanged the district in tax sale proceeds.

Mayor Robert Cahill said that petitions calling for a riverfront park had apparently taken a "slow boat to China" and not yet arrived at City Hall. Folk singer Pete Seeger and the Beacon Sloop Club organized the signature drive, saying that the park would only cost each taxpayer 50 cents a year.

The couple who owned the Fisherman's

Inn on Route 9D in Wappingers Falls were charged with kidnapping Jasper Canzoneri, a New York City jeweler, who was rescued from an apartment on North Cedar Street in Beacon. Police said Canzoneri had been abducted on a Manhattan street for a \$200,000 ransom.

Work began on a blocks-long parking lot behind the retail shops on the north side of Main between Eliza and North Chestnut streets.

#### 25 Years Ago (September 1996)

A five-hour search for an eagle's nest on Mount Beacon turned up no signs of the birds. The state was alerted to the possibility of a nest by an opponent of a plan by a mining company to remove 52 million tons of bedrock from the eastern face of Fishkill Ridge over 150 years.

Beacon High School began its second season of varsity football after the program had been disbanded for several years because of a lack of players. The Bulldogs finished 0-8 in their first season back but Athletic Director Eric Romanino said he felt the program was now at a turning point.

After completing the 18th Dutchess County Classic, Eric Rizzo of Fairfield, Connecticut, proposed to his girlfriend, Cindy Stella of Beacon, who accepted. Rizzo carried the ring with him during the marathon.

Chris Bodor, 29, who wrote poetry to pass the time during his daily commute to Grand Central Station, published an e-book collection called *Train of Thought*.

#### Socking Southpaw



A 1941 newspaper feature about Beacon fighter Melio Bettina



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Roots and Shoots

Fall Planting and Fertilizer

By Pamela Doan

I'm a fan of fall flowers, although if you'd asked me in July, I would have said mid-summer was best. Blame my capriciousness on living in the moment.



At this moment, the fall seems best because of the two types of goldenrod and four types of asters, plus the sedums and Rudbeckia (black-eyed Susans), that spread themselves around, appearing as a single connection through the front flowerbeds. They knew better than I did.

Complementing the stars of the party are a patch of Joe-pye weed that's a few weeks later than the rest, sedums, Rudbeckia with pops of white snakeroot flowers along the trail in our woods. These plants are busy, too, with buzzing and fluttering.

When I walk by with the dog, birds fly out of the pokeweed, where they are enjoying a feast during a stop on their migration. On the patio, butterflies-to-be are munching the parsley and dill to bare stalks.

For sure, this is the best moment in the garden. How could I have thought otherwise?

This week, I'll tackle a few reader questions.

What kind of manure can I use on the garden?

Animal manure (never pet waste) can be a foundation for soil-building and nutrients for plants. Nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, as well as micronutrients, come from manures. A farmer would want an analysis to determine the values but home gardeners probably don't need this.

Cow, poultry, horse and goat manure is the most commonly used. Poultry manure has the most complete profile of nutrients because the others are bedding animals and that breaks down as organic matter but doesn't raise the nutrient value. Since we are what eat, the quality of manure depends on the diet and care of the animal.

Bacteria are the main concern for manure-fertilized vegetables. The U.S. Department of Agriculture developed guidelines through the National Organic Program about how to use manure safely. These are intended for commercial farmers but any gardener should follow it as a best practice.

The NOP says that uncomposted or fresh manure should be applied 90 days before harvest if the part of the vegetable you eat doesn't touch the soil. This could be corn, beans on a trellis or grains. If the edible part of the vegetable makes contact with the soil, manure should be applied 120 days before harvest. This includes root vegetables and greens.

Composted or processed manure usually



New England Aster (Aster novae-angliae) with a fuzzy bee visitor

Photo by P. Doan

refers to manure that has been heated up to 115 to 160 degrees for a specific period to kill the bacteria. If you are composting manure in your backyard, you might not hit those marks. Another option is to let it sit longer.

Because I am a lazy composter who doesn't turn the pile often enough or combine my browns and greens in the right ratio, to be on the safe side I let the chicken manure age for 120 days and apply it at the beginning of the growing season so it will be 6 to 8 months old before I harvest anything. There is flexibility to adapt the

guidelines but follow them as a minimum.

Is it OK to plant in the fall?

Fall involves less maintenance since the plants are going dormant. I am transplanting seedling chokeberry shrubs (*Aronia arbutifolia*) soon that I have been growing in containers all summer. I'll need to water them until the first frost but then can stop for the season. Next year they will be established and I won't have the watering demands. If I'd planted them earlier, just more watering time...

Plugs, an industry name for immature plants, are also great for planting at this time of year. They will go dormant soon and be ready to start with a full season of growth next spring. Since many perennials take three years to hit their potential, you've already logged one year without having to stare at small plants all season.

Trees, like shrubs, are happy with fall planting. The cooler temperatures are less stressful for transplants and many of the pests that bother trees have gone away for the year.

Mulch any new plantings, preferably with untreated wood chips. This will stabilize soil temperatures to help prevent it from being damaged during the heave/thaw cycle as the ground freezes and heats up during our unpredictable winters.

*There were other questions but that's all I have space for this week. Next time! Email me at rootsandshoots@highlandscurrent.org.*

A Conservationist's Take on the Shakespeare Proposal

BY FRED RICH

*Note: Fred Rich is the author of Getting to Green: Saving Nature, A Bipartisan Solution (W.W. Norton, 2016), among other books. He is the former Chair of Scenic Hudson, Vice Chair of the national Land Trust Alliance, and head of the NY State Environmental Leaders Group. He is also a director of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust and the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival and a resident of Garrison. The views expressed are his own, and do not reflect the positions of any of the organizations with which he is affiliated.*

I love the Hudson Highlands and for the past 30 years have been passionately devoted to land conservation and the environment. I want to share with the community why, as a conservationist, I strongly support the planned conservation of the Garrison golf club lands with Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival (HVSF) at its core.

Two decades ago our community dodged a bullet when Chris Davis acquired the Garrison golf club to fend off intensive residential development that already had started with the subdivision of residential lots around the edges of the course. When subsequently it became clear that operation of the commercial golf course was not economically sustainable, many of us realized that a permanent solution depended on finding an alternative use for the property.

The Garrison property has been developed and operated for public commercial uses for 100 years. Currently, there are 49,804 square feet of existing structures, 2 acres of parking lots, 3.55 acres of internal roads and extensive infrastructure. The first and most difficult step in implementing a permanent conservation solution for such a property is finding a use for the already-developed core that is consistent with the open space and conservation values of the surrounding land.

So when HVSF found itself in need of a new home, Chris Davis's offer to have them relocate up the hill was a marriage made in heaven. It provided an economically sustainable use for the core of the land that was already developed, and allowed Chris to finally proceed with the permanent conservation of the entire parcel.

Why is the Shakespeare solution ideal? *Very little new is being added to the town by way of traffic or development* – HVSF's existing facilities and audience move up from Rt. 9D to Rt. 9, with plans for only modest growth in the future. The new steward of the site is a known quantity. Founded, governed, and supported by residents of Philipstown, HVSF has proven itself a trusted neighbor for over three decades. One of the largest employers in western Putnam County stays in town. The town continues to receive property taxes on the portion of the land that is operated for commercial purposes. And most importantly, a night under the tent at HVSF will continue to be one of the greatest pleasures of summers in Philipstown.

I've heard people say this is a big project. It is, in the impact that it will have on the cultural life of the Hudson Valley. But physically, it's just not. The fact is that initially HVSF will add only about 12,550 square feet of tent and back of house to the 49,804 square feet of buildings already present at The Garrison. Even if every element of the wish list that is included in HVSF's long-term plan were to be fully built (which could take many years), this would result in only an additional one acre of ground that is covered with buildings.

Another way to understand the low intensity of proposed use is to look at open space. The 98 acre parcel to be occupied by HVSF currently has about 91 acres of open space (golf, lawns, forest). After full build out of the wish list plan by HVSF (including all future structures, new parking, roads, etc.), the open space would be reduced from 91 to about 87 acres, and this surrounded by 170 acres of newly – and permanently – protected open space under the stewardship of Hudson Highlands Land Trust. And thanks to the brilliant work of the internationally renowned ecologically oriented landscape architects Nelson Byrd Woltz, that open space will be far superior to the thirsty chemical-drenched golf monoculture that is there now. In its place, HVSF will replant native meadows designed to restore biodiversity and sequester carbon, and we know that Hudson Highlands Land Trust can be counted on to be superb stewards of the surrounding lands.

Some of the concerns I've heard expressed by friends relate to the fear that HVSF at The Garrison will become a major "tourist attraction" or "a second Breakneck," swamped with hikers and tourists outside of performance times.

This has not been the experience at other similar rural performance venues, many of which are also in beautiful locations. And here it is just not possible: *the HVSF property is and will remain private property and will not be a public park.*

If you want to know what it will look and feel like during a typical daytime, go visit Boscobel or perhaps Caramoor in the rural residential heart of Bedford/Katonah. Both are peaceful uncrowded enclaves, despite having historic houses and other daytime attractions generally open to the public, which HVSF will not.

Of course the nearest neighbors to the golf course have legitimate questions about the impact of HVSF's operations. Most are easily answered by looking at the 35 years of experience at the Boscobel site, where the buffer lands around the tent were much smaller and residential neighbors more plentiful. In addition, HVSF is committed to state-of-the-art "dark skies" site lighting and will obtain confirmation from expert acousticians that siting and designs are adequate to prevent sound bleed to neighboring residential properties. Traffic experts will tell us what kind of incremental traffic to expect and what if anything is required for safety (including, hopefully, finally convincing the state to install a light at the dangerous Rt. 9/Travis Corners intersection).

I grew up in Morris County, New Jersey and returned from college to find my home town destroyed by residential subdivision and development. I went in search of what I had lost and, in 1988, found the Hudson Highlands and fell in love. If I thought there was any risk that the Shakespeare proposal would undermine the environmental integrity or rural character of Philipstown, I would oppose it. Instead, I know that HVSF's relocation is what *makes* possible permanent protection of a critical parcel at the heart of our community. Environment and culture are natural partners. With a cultural use the land can stay green and still "earn its keep" by contributing jobs and taxes. Our land, our lives, and our economy all will be enriched for many decades to come by Chris Davis's decision to provide a permanent home for HVSF here in Philipstown.

# # #

*This message was paid for by Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival.*



## Marathon *(from Page 1)*

Rock Street would become part of the Mixed-Use Zone.

Pamela Tames, a remedial project manager at the federal Environmental Protection Agency, confirmed on Wednesday (Sept. 15) that the parcel can be redeveloped. The agency's website calls it "Superfund Success Story."

The Cold Spring Village Board was scheduled to continue discussion of the code update, including Chapter 134 on zoning, on Thursday (Sept 16).

The code change would permit single-family residential, business and professional offices, live-work units, retail, restaurants, professional services, recreational facilities, municipal parking and certain types of manufacturing and assembly.

Residential, business and mixed uses would each be allowed to occupy up to 30 percent of the Mixed-Use Zone, with buildings limited to two-and-a-half stories. Accessory apartments and short-term rentals would not be permitted.

The Kemble property is owned by The Kearney Group. About 10 years ago, at a meeting of the Special Board for Cold Spring's Comprehensive Plan, developer Ken Kearney discussed a conceptual plan for the property that included a clustered mix of residential, commercial and live-work buildings as well as green space. At the time, Kearney mentioned a storage unit complex as another possibility, though he favored the mixed development.



The site of the former Marathon Battery property on Kemble Avenue, looking north

Photo by M. Turton



A view from Kemble Avenue in 1993 of the former battery plant

EPA

The property has sat idle for more than 40 years because of its long history of pollution, which began in 1952 when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built a 46,000-square-foot battery factory on the northern, 7-acre portion of the site.

The Sonotone Corp., which operated the factory, purchased 5 additional acres at the southern end of the property in 1966, using it, in part, to dispose of toxic waste.

The Marathon Battery Corp. purchased the factory in 1969. The following year, the federal government sued Marathon to stop the discharge of toxic chemicals.

In 1971, fish in Foundry Cove, adjacent to the property, were found to contain extremely high levels of cadmium, a metal used in the manufacture of nickel-cadmium

batteries. The next year, the EPA ordered Marathon to dredge the cove, resulting in the removal of more than 90,000 cubic meters of contaminated sediment that was buried on-site in a clay-lined vault.

Marathon closed the plant in 1979 and, two years later, the EPA designated the area as a Superfund site and compelled the owners to clean it up or reimburse the government for the work. That process took nine years.

In 1993, the clay-capped vault was excavated. The Army, Marathon Corp. and Gould Inc. agreed to pay \$91 million for the cleanup and \$13.5 million to the EPA for its work and future oversight.

The overall site, which, in addition to the battery plant property takes in 58 acres of East Foundry Marsh and Cove and

the Hudson River, was removed from the Superfund list in 1996 and the EPA began a series of five-year reviews of its condition.

Kearney Realty purchased the parcel from Gould Inc. in 2003. In 2009, the EPA tested the basements of 10 homes on The Boulevard and Constitution Drive for polluting vapors; a mitigation system was installed in one of the houses. The EPA concluded the main source of groundwater contamination was a solvent shed that had been located on the factory property.

The EPA's most recent five-year report, from 2018, indicated that groundwater beneath the property remains polluted and will continue to be monitored. It also found that nearby Foundry Cove Marsh has not yet recovered from the toxic discharge.



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# 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 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 JUNE 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](mailto:vcclerk@coldspringny.gov) or by mail at 85 Main St. Cold Spring, NY 10516. Those that have previously submitted letters of interest are still under consideration.

Deadline to submit a letter of interest is October 1, 2021

# MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

The Philipstown Planning Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on  
**Thursday September 16th, 2021 at 7:30 pm Via ZOOM**

If you would like to attend, **please visit the following link to register:**  
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**One tap mobile:** 1-646-558-8656,,83491017570#,,,912654#  
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OR, find the meeting through Zoom by searching the Meeting ID above and inserting the passcode when prompted.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**OR email [crockett@philipstown.com](mailto:crockett@philipstown.com) or [nzuckerman@philipstown.com](mailto:nzuckerman@philipstown.com) to request login information before 7 pm on September 16th, 2021.**

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## PHILIPSTOWN PLANNING BOARD

**Public Hearing – September 16th, 2021**

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**3622 Route 9 LLC, Cold Spring, New York 10516 TM#17-1-44**  
 (Applicant seeks site plan approval to remove an existing approximately 2,000 square foot structure and 325 square foot accessory structure, and to construct two new buildings (11,620 SF & 10,500 SF) to house contractor offices and storage.)

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Planning Board at the Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring (behind Town Hall). Prior contact with Cheryl Rockett is required to arrange access to the documents, at (845) 265-5202.

The meeting will be held via Zoom. Please email [crockett@philipstown.com](mailto:crockett@philipstown.com) before 7pm on 9/16 to request log in information.

*Dated at Philipstown, New York, this 17th day of June, 2021. | Neal Zuckerman, Chair*

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**Riverview Industries, 3012 Route 9, Cold Spring, NY 10516 TM#27.20-1-28**  
 (Applicant is seeking major site plan approval for a parking area for commercial truck parking and storage. The applicant owns and operates a commercial truck repair and auto body business on two parcels located across Route 9 and this is an extension of that use. A wetland permit will be required for disturbance in the 100-foot local wetland buffer. A floodplain development permit will be required for disturbance in the 100-year floodplain.)

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Planning Board at the Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring (behind Town Hall). Prior contact with Cheryl Rockett is required to arrange access to the documents, at (845) 265-5202.

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM

### City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special City School District Referendum of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, will be held on October 26, 2021, at which the polls will be kept open between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting upon the following proposition:

#### PROPOSITION

Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, on September 8, 2021, authorizing the reconstruction of and construction of improvements to various School District facilities, including site improvement, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and other improvements and costs incidental thereto, at a maximum estimated cost of \$26,000,000; authorizing an expenditure of \$600,000 available current funds, \$1,000,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund and the issuance of not exceeding \$24,400,000 bonds to pay the costs thereof to mature over a period not exceeding thirty years; providing that such bonds shall be payable from amounts to be levied in annual installments on taxable real property of said School District; pledging the faith and credit of said School District for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds; delegating powers to the chief fiscal officer with respect to the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes and such bonds; containing an estoppel clause and providing for the publication of an estoppel notice, be approved?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the aforesaid proposition will appear on the ballot used at such Special City School District Referendum in the following abbreviated form:

#### PROPOSITION

Shall the September 8, 2021 bond resolution authorizing the reconstruction of and construction of improvements to various School District facilities at a maximum cost of \$26,000,000; authorizing an expenditure of \$600,000 available funds, the use of \$1,000,000 capital reserve funds and the issuance of \$24,400,000 bonds (30 year maximum maturity) to pay such cost; providing for a tax levy therefor in annual installments; pledging the District's faith and credit for debt service; delegating powers with respect to bonds and notes; and providing for an estoppel procedure, be approved?

A copy of the bond resolution referred to in said proposition is on file in the office of the School District Clerk, located at 10 Education Drive, in Beacon, New York, where the same is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours.

Said Special Referendum will take place at the following voting sites:

School Election District Polling Place

Election District No. 1 Beacon High School  
 Description: First Ward, First and Second Districts

Second Ward, First, Second, and Third Districts  
 Third Ward, First, Second and Third Districts  
 Fourth Ward, First and Second Districts

Election District No. 2 Glenham Elementary School  
 Description: Bounded on the north and east by Wappingers

Central School District No. 1, Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the Towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County, south by the common town line of the Towns of Fishkill and Wappinger and west by the Hudson River.

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

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

An accurate description of the boundaries of the aforesaid school election districts into which said City School District is divided is on file and may be inspected at the Office of the Board of Education.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, has fixed Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at the Administrative Offices, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York, as the date on which the Board of Registration of said School District will meet between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, for the purpose of preparing the register of the School District for each election district for the Special Referendum, to be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register if known or proven to the satisfaction of the registrars to be then or thereafter entitled to vote. Persons whose registration to vote with the County Board of Elections is current, pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, shall be qualified to vote without further registering with the School District's Board of Registration, as well as all persons who shall have previously registered for any annual or special district meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special district meeting or election held or conducted at any time during the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 or 2021 calendar years.

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

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

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

Dated September 8, 2021 Beacon, New York  
 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BEACON,  
 DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK.  
 By Kelly Pologe School District Clerk





## Real Estate



### Market Report (August)

	Beacon		Philipstown	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
New Listings	12	10	12	8
Closed Sales	8	4	12	15
Days on Market	42	55	69	43
Median Price	\$447,500	\$447,500	\$652,000	\$750,000
% List Received	101.9	101.1	97.2	96.0
Inventory	19	19	65	34

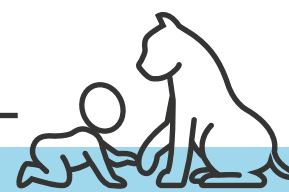
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### Baby and Dog

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## Current Classifieds

### FOR RENT

**COLD SPRING** — 1,521 sq. ft., single-story, free-standing, well-maintained commercial building for rent in the village. The building is well-suited for a wide range of potential uses (Office/Professional/Medical/Art/Studio/Retail). On-site parking. Walkable to train station, Main Street and shopping district. Currently set up as medical/professional office with reception area, multiple office/exam rooms, kitchenette and bathroom. \$3,600 per month, not including utilities. Call Kevin at 845-265-2683.

**PHILIPSTOWN** — Philipstown Square Plaza, Route 9. (1) 1,600 sq. ft. store; high ceilings; 2 baths; (2) Second-floor office space; 450 to

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## Roundup (from Page 28)

hosting Blind Brook, 2-1, on goals by Eng-Wong and Westphal.

The Blue Devils dropped a 2-1 decision to Pleasantville (Eng-Wong had Haldane's goal) and a 4-1 verdict to Lakeland (Eng-Wong again).

Coach Ahmed Dwidar credited his defense for the Blind Brook win, saying William Sniffen and Pat Dinardo had "played a huge game to win against a quality team." Keeper Ronan Kiter recorded eight saves.

Haldane (2-2) will host Hamilton today (Sept. 17) at 4:30 p.m. (which will be livestreamed at [bit.ly/haldane-stream](https://bit.ly/haldane-stream)) before traveling to Peekskill and Croton-Harmon next week.

## GIRLS' SOCCER

Beacon defeated Port Jervis, 6-2, on Tuesday (Sept. 14), improving to 3-0. Chelsea DerBoghossian scored twice, and Maddie Bobnick and Claire Derrenbacher had a goal and assist apiece. Devyn Kelly also scored off a pass from Olivia Del Castillo. Kasey Senior added an assist and Sara Gonzalez had a goal off a free kick in the second half.

"We were up 3-0 early but were a little shaky to end the first half, and let Port back into the game," said Coach Hugo Alzate. "The grass field made it challenging, but the girls were able to adjust by halftime. I

told them that we had to score the first goal in the second half and we did — five minutes in. Sara's free kick sealed the deal. I trusted her to take the kick and she buried it."

The Bulldogs were scheduled to visit Valley Central today (Sept. 17), host Washingtonville on Monday, travel to Minisink Valley on Wednesday and host Cornwall Central on Friday.

## VOLLEYBALL

The Haldane girls won their season opener, 3-1, over Westlake on Sept. 10 in Cold Spring. Jillian Weinpahl had 10 kills and Meghan Tomann added six. Tomann led in assists (7) and digs (18), and Scotia Hartford had three blocks. Mikayla Santos had 11 aces in the win.

The Blue Devils travel to Briarcliff today (Sept. 17) and host Keio on Saturday at 11 a.m.

The Beacon girls dropped a 3-0 decision on Wednesday to New Paltz, falling to 1-3. The Bulldogs are scheduled to visit Cornwall Central today and host Marlboro Central on Monday at 4:30 p.m.

## TENNIS

In their first four matches, the Beacon girls lost twice to Hendrick Hudson (4-3 in both), and defeated Goshen, 4-3, and Pine Bush, 7-0.

On Tuesday (Sept. 14) against Pine Bush, Maura Lane, Isabelle Ray, Farah Jaafar and



Beacon's Ella Cason finished first in a Sept. 14 meet against Monticello.

Photo provided

Elizabeth Ruffy each won at singles, and Emma Sandison and Lindsay Darcy, Lina Ahmed and Kailey Mesorgno, and Gretta Anderson and Brianna Moleano prevailed in doubles.

"I was most impressed by Maura Lane and Isabelle Ray," said Coach David Ryley.

"Maura had to battle from behind numerous times. Isabelle improved her consistency and was able to adapt her game based on her opponent's."

## CROSS COUNTRY

The Beacons boys' and girls' teams faced Monticello on Tuesday (Sept. 14). A Monticello runner won the boys' race, but Beacon runners — Evan LaBelle, Henry Reinke, Jack Twining, Jack Cleary, Cleveland Wright and Joey Baffuto — took the next six spots.

The Beacon girls had only four runners, but sophomores Ella Cason and Rachel Thorne finished first and second.

"I was very happy with the tighter compression in the boys' top five," said Coach Jim Henry. "They're starting to run more as a team than individuals [which is important for scoring]. I was also excited to see the improvement of my top two girls. The other Section IX teams are starting to notice."

## LIVESTREAMS

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CROSS CURRENT

**ACROSS**

1. Havana's land

5. For each

8. — Valley, Calif.

12. Miles away

13. Parisian pal

14. Former Yankee slugger, to fans

15. Abe Lincoln's first home

17. Cello's ancestor

18. In the style of

19. Shiny, as a photo

21. Trombone part

24. Swizzle

25. Ireland

26. Backyard structure

30. Old Oldsmobile

31. Move to one side

32. — roll (winning)

33. Theme park attraction

35. Landed

36. Mater lead-in

37. Test score

38. Spider's creation

41. Spill catcher

42. Location

43. Cozy spot on the slopes

48. Sandwich shop

49. Last (Abbr.)

50. Jeopardize

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51 52 53

51. Pieces for one

52. Evening hrs.

53. Hose woe

**DOWN**

1. Nev. neighbor

2. Flying saucer

3. Satchel

4. Video-game hub

5. Sunscreen additive

6. Brit. record label

7. Cellphone tune

8. Relishes

9. Eye part

10. Cattle calls?

11. In a lazy way

16. Hearty quaff

20. Joyful tune

21. Lowly worker

22. Stead

23. Press agent?

24. "The March King"

26. "OK" gesture

27. Spanish greeting

28. Oklahoma city

29. See socially

31. Only

34. Aloha State

35. Garden shelters

37. Baseball's Hodges

38. Scoundrels

39. Sandwich treat

40. Phone inventor

41. Morsels

44. Carrier to Amsterdam

45. Cacophony

46. Fed. property manager

47. Heart chart (Abbr.)

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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 kitchen storage spaces (9)

2 applying color to (7)

3 box for Japanese meals (5)

4 footnote indicator, often (8)

5 overly particular (11)

6 Roo's mom (5)

7 not unique (10)

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1. PATCHING, 2. MINSTREL, 3. BEEPS, 4. OVERLOADED, 5. HEADSET, 6. OBFUSCATING, 7. DEEPEST

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5	8	2	9	4	1	6	7	3
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Ryan Van Tassel made his varsity debut for Haldane at quarterback, completing 5-of-11 passes.

Photos by S. Pearlman

## Haldane Dominates in Opener, 38-0

*Beacon also posts win over Kingston in first game*

By Skip Pearlman

After an opening quarter of feeling things out, the Haldane High School football team went to work, putting 24 unanswered points on the scoreboard by halftime en route to a 38-0 victory over Rye Neck on Saturday (Sept. 11) in its season opener at home.

Sophomore running back Evan Giachinta led the way with a pair of touchdowns and 101 yards rushing on 18 carries. Senior Giancarlo Carone also scored on a 70-yard run, and sophomore quarterback Ryan Van Tassel made his varsity debut, rushing for a touchdown (TD) and completing 5-of-11 passes for 63 yards. Junior corner Tommy Tucker also returned an interception 50 yards for a TD.

"I'm excited about how the kids prepared and played the game," said Coach Ryan McConville. "On offense there were some nerves early in the game but in the second quarter we found our rhythm. Van Tassel threw some screen passes and got comfortable, and our offensive line did a great job creating holes" for Giachinta.



Evan Giachinta rushed for 101 yards and two TDs in Saturday's win.

McConville said he was also impressed with his defense. "Rye Neck is a good team, and that was our first shutout in three or four years," he said. "Our linebackers — Erik Stubblefield and Jake Mason — ate it

up; Rye Neck was unable to run at them. Our secondary also did a great job, and [senior cornerback] Soleil Gaines had a great game."

The Blue Devils (1-0) will travel to Hartsdale on Saturday afternoon (Sept. 18) to take on Woodlands High School (0-1), which lost 33-0 last weekend to Tuckahoe.

### BEACON

On Friday (Sept. 10), Beacon High School picked up a 10-0 victory at home over Kingston, with the Bulldogs' defense forcing four turnovers.

Owen Lynch kicked a 26-yard field goal and quarterback Jason Komisar rushed for 91 yards, including a TD, and completed 6-of-12 passes for 24 yards. Ahmir Bell added 28 yards on the ground, and Jayden Quintana had a fumble recovery.

"We played good defense, ran the ball and won the turnover battle," said Coach Jim Phelan. "We wanted to come out and establish the run and control the tempo of the game, and we were able to do that."

Beacon (1-0) will travel to Staatsburg tonight (Sept. 17) to face Roosevelt High School of Hyde Park (1-1). The game will be streamed at [nfhsnetwork.com](http://nfhsnetwork.com).

## VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

### BOYS' SOCCER

Beacon posted a pair of blowout wins over new Section IX opponents last week, hammering Port Jervis and Monticello each with 8-0 finals. The school moved its athletics this year from Section I to IX.

At Port Jervis on Tuesday (Sept. 14), Chase Green had a hat trick and Dillon Kelly added two goals. Miguel Ruiz, Andre Alzate and Yahya Ouldane each contributed a goal.

The previous Friday (Sept. 10) at home against Monticello, Green and Liam Murphy each scored twice, and Jack Philipbar, Alex Wyant, Ruiz and Kelly each had a goal.

"We completely controlled play in both games," said Coach Craig Seaman. "We dominated possession, created chances, scored and didn't concede any chances."

Beacon (3-1), which is ranked No. 7 in the state among Class A teams by the New York State Sportswriters Association, will host Valley Central of Montgomery (1-2) on Tuesday at 4:15 p.m., and Washingtonville (1-1-1) on Thursday at 6:45 p.m.

Haldane had wins on Monday at Woodlands, 5-1, behind a hat trick from Ryan Eng-Wong and goals by Max Westphal and Emilio Schweizer, and on Sept. 9,

*(Continued on Page 26)*



Beacon's Chase Green had three goals against Port Jervis and two versus Monticello in 8-0 shutouts.