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Spirit, or Letter, of the Law?

After one board votes on project, another proposes moratorium

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

When the Philipstown Planning Board last month allowed the proposed Hudson Highlands Reserve to clear a major procedural hurdle, it sparked concerns that following the letter of the law subverts the spirit of the law. It also inspired a call for a moratorium on similar development until the town can re-evaluate zoning regulations.

By a 4-2 vote on April 21, the Planning Board signed off on a state-mandated Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), a 167-page discussion of the 24-home complex and its compatibility with the law and the environment.

Introduced to the Planning Board in 2014, the project involves a 210-acre parcel off Route 9 north of Cold Spring bounded by Horton Road and East Mountain Road North. It is the first conservation subdivision applicant considered by the town after enactment of the 2011 zoning code, which generally tightened land-use rules but now prompts fears that it falls short on regulation of conservation subdivisions — a form of development that in return for protecting nature might have more buildings than a typical suburban housing project could erect.

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG — Lilies bring a change of season / so what e'er could be the reason / that a person in the know / yet suspects it still may snow?

Photo by Ross Corsair



PAVING COMPLETE — Beacon finished the repaving and restriping of its mile-long Main Street last week, which should last for 15 or 20 years, said City Administrator Chris White. “It has been replaced in sections over the years, but this is the first time in at least 30 years it was done end to end,” he said. “We narrowed some of the parking spaces in a few areas on the recommendation of our city planner. That allowed us enough width to carry a consistent 10-foot-2-inch travel lane, or slightly wider, for the length of the road. We also used a more durable striping paint so the lines will hold up better.” White says the project cost about \$330,000, not including in-house labor.

Photo by Valerie Shively

Garrison School Budget Defeated

Haldane, Beacon pass easily

By Chip Rowe

Voters rejected a budget proposal by the Garrison school district on Tuesday (May 17) that would have raised taxes by 9.18 percent, far above the 2.2 percent allowed by a state tax cap.

Because the \$12.36 million in proposed spending for 2022-23 exceeded the cap, state law required at least 60 percent of voters to approve. Instead, the vote was a tie, 314-314. The 628 votes represented a 30 percent turnout and were 2.5 times the number of ballots cast in 2021, when the budget passed with 75 percent of the vote.

The Garrison school board, which ratified the results at its meeting Wednesday, can adopt a contingency budget or present the same or a revised budget for a second vote on June 21.

The board will consider its next steps at a meeting on Wednesday (May 25).

“There is disappointment,” said Superintendent Carl Albano on May 17. “It was a high ask. I know that people were surprised by the [9.18 percent] proposal.”

Albano said that a contingency budget, which allows for no tax levy increase, would require sharp cuts. He said he expected to have a proposal to the board within a week to 10 days. He added that a revised budget would have to be completed by June 14 for a public hearing in advance of the vote.

“We don’t want to end up in contingency,” said Sarah Tormey, the board president.

Garrison was one of 15 districts that attempted to override the state tax cap for 2022-23. Last year, five school budgets of 675 statewide were defeated but all five districts organized a second vote, according to the New York State School Boards Association.

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Reporter's Notebook

The COVID Shrug

By Leonard Sparks

Twists and turns can be enervating.

I sprinted to watch new seasons of *Orange Is the New Black* after its debut and



entered on my mental calendar the Sundays when fresh episodes of *The Walking Dead* were showing and new Marvel movies were to be released.

Thanks to Netflix's memory, I can date my breakup with *Piper* and *Crazy Eyes* — after the eighth episode of the 13-episode Season Three, released on

June 12, 2015.

As far as Marvel, when a friend told me he planned to sprint to see the new Dr. Strange movie, my response was tepid at best: Maybe I should see it since I saw the first one. But then again, that reasoning would doom me to watch the next 10 Dr. Strange movies.

I am built for sprints, not marathons, which is what the pandemic has become.

How many people have I interviewed who

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New Maps Shuffle Political Races

Philipstown would move to new House district

By Leonard Sparks

A special master appointed by a state judge to determine the boundaries of New York’s 26 congressional districts and 63 state Senate seats has triggered a scramble in which elected officials are finding they will not face the opponents they anticipated — and sometimes that they will have to defeat another member of their party for a chance to stay in office.

The judge, Patrick McAllister of Steuben County, concluded, following a challenge

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FIVE QUESTIONS: CARL BON TEMPO

By Leonard Sparks

Carl Bon Tempo, who lives in Cold Spring, is a history professor at SUNY Albany. He is the author, with Hasia Diner, of *Immigration: An American History*, which Yale University Press will release on May 31.



Was it a free-for-all when Europeans began arriving during the colonial period?

In comparison to the 20th and 21st centuries, it was easier to come. But we have this myth that it was wide-open. Controls were enacted by local and state governments to encourage or discourage certain kinds of newcomers. One of the things they worried about was paupers sapping the community of resources.

When did the federal government step in?

After a lot of Chinese immigrants came in the 1870s and early 1880s to help build the railroads in the West and set up thriving communities, especially in California, there was pushback largely led by the white working class. It was based on two fears: that these folks are taking our jobs, and that these folks are not like us. This resulted in federal

legislation in 1882 [the Chinese Exclusion Act] and in 1892 [the Geary Act] that restricted Chinese laborers coming into the U.S. It eventually led, by 1917, to the Asiatic Barred Zone, which banned immigration from a wide swath of Asia.

What happened in the 1920s?

The National Origins Quota Immigration System, which ranked European nationalities on the basis of who lawmakers thought could best contribute. The thinking was that all of the Italians, Sicilians, Poles, Hungarians and Russians who started coming in large numbers after the 1880s wouldn't make for good Americans. The Hungarians got an annual quota of 800 visas. The Italians and Poles each got a

couple of thousand, whereas the British get 65,000 and the Germans 35,000. Incredibly, these laws were on the books until 1965.

How did immigration change after that?

By the late 20th century, the countries sending the most immigrants to the U.S. were Mexico, China, India and the Philippines. Then you got the rise in unauthorized immigrants. Those factors changed how we talk about immigration.

Your book highlights stories as disparate as a Swedish man who came to the U.S. in 1887 and founded the Nordstrom department store to a Sudanese woman who arrived in 2000 and worked at a pork factory in South Dakota. Why are these stories important?

One of the joys of doing this book was reading the stories of folks who have come, time and again, and crafted — sometimes with great difficulty — new lives in the U.S. Sometimes we miss sight of those connections between very different people who are maybe not so different. They're willing to work hard and do jobs that many people don't want and to sacrifice for their families and their communities. That ties them together, and hopefully, it ties them to the best of what the country can offer and the best of what we can be.

ON THE SPOT

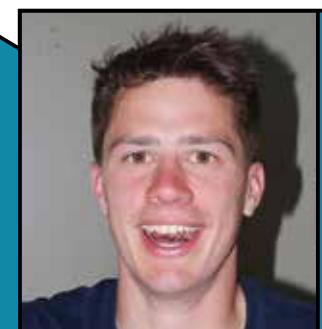
By Michael Turton

What bug are you not overly fond of?

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The spotted lanternfly – an invasive. It's in New Jersey but could invade New York.

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Nathan Jenkins, Duluth, Minn.
(West Point Cadet)

“

Mosquitoes and ticks are the worst pests on the face of the Earth.

”



Shadoe Jones, Beacon

“

I'm a Buddhist from the Himalayas: Bugs don't bug me!

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Chodar Tenzin, Beacon



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School Votes (from Page 1)

Garrison voters did approve, by a 511-112 vote, a measure that will allow the district to contract for two to five years to send its high school students to the Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery school district, rather than annually.

Voters returned Kent Schacht and Sarah Tormey to the seven-member board for three-year terms. Both ran unopposed. Schacht was elected last year to a one-year term and Tormey will be serving her second full term.

Haldane

By a 395-113 vote, Haldane district residents approved \$27.2 million in spending for 2022-23, with a 3.69 percent tax increase, just below a state-mandated 3.7 percent cap.

Voters also approved, 390-118, a measure to spend up to \$185,000 on school buses.

Two candidates who ran unopposed were elected to the five-member board: newcomer Ezra Clementson, who will fill the seat held by Jennifer Daly, who did not seek a fourth term, and Sean McNall, who will begin his second term. Clementson will take the seat on July 1.

Beacon

Voters approved a \$76.9 million budget, 741-210, which included a 3.7 percent tax hike, just short of the state-mandated 3.87 percent tax cap.

They also elected four trustees to the nine-member school board, although none had challengers, and approved measures to allow the district to spend up to \$546,000 on buses (711-237) and to create a capital reserve fund of up to \$15 million (745-203).

Incumbents Meredith Heuer and Antony Tseng won their third, 3-year terms, receiving 786 and 747 votes, respectively; Alena Kush received 742 votes to win the seat held by Elissa Betterbid, who did not run for re-election; and Yunice Heath received 724 votes and will serve the final two years and six weeks of the term of Jasmine Johnson, who resigned April 1.

Heath, an access/equity counselor for Dutchess Community College, will take office immediately while Kush, director of parent engagement at Mount Saint Mary College and president of the Rombout Middle School PTO, will begin July 1.

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTES

	Garrison	Haldane	Beacon
Voted to approve	50%*	78%	78%
Total Registered Voters	2,123	4,226	16,178
Voter Turnout	30%	12%	5.9%

*Because Garrison asked voters to override the tax cap, 60 percent approval was required.

Wappingers Falls

Three candidates who were endorsed by the Wappingers teachers' union, including two incumbents, were elected to the nine-member Wappingers Central School District board.

Newcomer Cheryl Migatz, an English instructor at Dutchess Community College, received 3,545 votes, followed by incumbents Eddy Sloshower (3,393) and Marie Johnson (3,243).

A third incumbent, Keri Cahill, finished fourth with 2,185 votes and was not re-elected.

Cahill was among three candidates endorsed by the Dutchess County chapter of Moms for Liberty, a national organization at the forefront of a movement to remove books from public high schools. (The board found itself under a spotlight in March when it voted to remove *Gender Queer: A Memoir* from the library at John Jay High School.) Virgil Capollari, a retired U.S. Air Force special agent, received 2,057 votes and Dan Pena, a Westchester Community College instructor, received 1,723.

Their campaigns, as well as that of Anthony Ciro DiLullo, who included Christian slogans on his yard signs, emphasized their support for "parents' rights." Capollari added that he wanted "no political influence (or 'indoctrination') in the classroom" and Pena said he supported "transparency in the development of both curriculum and policies affecting education."

DiLullo received 1,182 votes and an eighth candidate, Ariana Dingman, who owns a graphic design business and said she supported "honest education in these challenging times," received 752.

Laura Leigh Abby, a Beacon business owner who lives in the Wappingers district, and Karen Finnegan, a Fishkill parent, in April organized Defense of Democracy NY, a grassroots organization that opposes what the women describe as "far-right, extremist groups like Moms for Liberty that use political agendas to undermine our children's right to a free and fair education." Along with the teachers' union, they endorsed Migatz, Sloshower and Johnson.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Thanks for tour

Several weeks ago, I was privileged to bring my students from the Masa (religious school) program at the Beacon Hebrew Alliance to the Beacon Historical Society to visit an exhibition celebrating 100 years of the history of our synagogue.

I would like to express my gratitude to BHS President Diane Lapis, who was an incredible guide and educator, initiating our students, aged 8 to 10, into the magic of local history with warmth, humor and enthusiasm.

The children were fascinated to see photographs of their sanctuary through years past and to discover that a time capsule is buried behind the stones they see every week. Diane told us stories, showed us artifacts and took us upstairs to the archive room to see what the process of local history is really about. We looked at photographs, learned about the history of the city and left with a stronger sense of knowing who we are and where we are.

I am deeply grateful to Diane, not only for the visit, but for working tirelessly with our centennial committee, in particular local history writer Anna Marcus, to preserve our story and share it with others.

I'd like to recommend all educators, fami-

lies and children's programmers consider a visit to the Beacon Historical Society. The place is a treasure trove waiting to be explored, and the children are a natural fount of questions and curiosity that makes it a delight to see it through their eyes.

Riske Groner, *Beacon Groner is the director of education at the Beacon Hebrew Alliance.*

Fjord Trail

I appreciated Dave Mueller's comments about Breakneck Ridge, especially the data on train usage, which is staggering in terms of the numbers (*Letters and Comments*, May 13). I agree with his sad conclusion that the best thing would be to close Breakneck permanently.

Like Dave, I am an avid hiker, but I avoid Breakneck and the other trails in the vicinity like the plague. I don't even like driving on Route 9D on the weekend because I don't want to be the driver who kills some idiot who wanders into the road. The proposed Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail will only worsen what is already a bad situation.

To top it off, I looked recently at the substantial concrete boat launch under construction at Dockside Park in Cold Spring. I thought

the plan was for a place to drag in a canoe or kayak; this is clearly designed for trailered boats, although where anyone is supposed to park is a mystery. It's another great spot on the verge of being ruined.

Peter Henderson, *Cold Spring*

Fair Street needs a break from the shenanigans.

Lorraine Turner, *Cold Spring*

Indigenous culture

Thank you to Evan Pritchard for sharing his insights ("Then and Now: Native Americans in the Highlands," May 13). If you hear *The Current* podcast episode with Evan, I recommend listening to the end so you can hear his reed flute.

My fourth grader thinks Evan's assessment of teaching Indigenous culture in schools was a bit too pessimistic. He welcomed Evan coming to Haldane to quiz his class to see what they have learned.

Matthew Illian, *Cold Spring*

Pritchard responds: "I send out a big hurray to Haldane. I don't need to quiz them to know that they are excellent on the subject, but it might be fun anyhow."

High scores

I'm surprised by the 37-35 score of the May 1872 baseball game reported in "Looking Back in Philipstown" (May 13). Does this reflect an abnormally high score, or a different style of play at the time?

Ethan Timm, *Nelsonville*

The editor responds: That is pretty typical of the scores you see at the time among amateurs. There's a good article at the Society for American Baseball Research site that attributes the high scores of the 1860s and early 1870s to the elastic ball used before the "dead ball" was adopted, as well as a shift in defensive tactics from individual to team play.

Climate goals

In her *Living Green* column (May 6), Krystal Ford notes that "New York State has an ambitious goal of having 70 percent of its electricity by 2030 provided by renewable sources such as solar and wind — while simultaneously trying to electrify everything."

Calling that goal ambitious is probably a massive understatement. "Fantastical" may be more accurate.

Currently, the sources of New York's electricity are natural gas (40 percent), nuclear (22 percent); hydroelectric (21 percent); petroleum (10 percent); and renewables

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COVID Shrug (*from Page 1*)

initially believed the first wave of COVID-19 would pass like a brief cold? A lot. Who remembers when handwashing became the first main defense to transmission, elbow bumps a fashionable greeting and face-to-face conversations risky? Remember when testing positive for COVID-19 launched a death watch and mask police excoriated people in public and on social media?

I remember, in those first months, running into neighbors outside and constantly adjusting my position to maintain a safe zone. I would leave the house for short walks to the neighborhood park, often ignoring my girlfriend's plea to wear a mask. Despite being convinced that being outdoors was safe, I was still rattled enough to sometimes veer into the road or hold my breath when passing another mask-less person.

But you can only delay exhaling for so long.

Well into the third year of the pandemic, the change in attitudes is palpable and, I believe, not just driven by a sense of confidence from vaccinations, which have proven to be defeatable by the virus that causes COVID-19. I, like so many others, have changed and been changed since

beginning of the pandemic, which has been marked by deaths and mandates and the reinstitution of mandates.

I am a member of the Weary Ones, for whom outright fear has been replaced by a new realization: there is a balance that can recognize the seriousness of COVID-19 and the importance of moving on with living.

It is obvious that others have moved on.

New York's decision to end its indoor mask mandate in February is not the first time the state rescinded a requirement that people wear masks indoors. This time feels different, however, even as cases and hospitalizations are again rising and the state is "recommending" that even vaccinated people wear masks indoors.

After former Gov. Andrew Cuomo lifted a mandate for masking in June 2021, my sense is that local residents did not begin shedding, in mass, their face coverings in celebration. During trips to my local supermarket, and to other stores, most people still shopped with face-coverings. But since the state's announcement in February, mask-less shoppers easily outnumber the masked. (I am part of the minority, and still wear masks when shopping.)

Some of those shoppers may be among those who rushed to get vaccinated when shots first became available in December

2020, but have put off receiving either a first or second booster shot, even as studies show that immunity from the vaccines falls over time. (Full disclosure: I will schedule an appointment for a second booster before this issue hits the stands.)

It is also obvious that my relationship with COVID-19 has changed.

Several friends have recently revealed that they tested positive for COVID. Two years ago, we would have engaged in a long conversation draped in gloom because so many people were dying — some after a brief improvement in their condition. Now, I ask the obligatory questions: What were your symptoms? How are you feeling? Then we turn to other topics: How is work going? Are you going to so-and-so's get-together?

One of those recent calls came from a friend a day after her mother's grave-

side funeral, which my girlfriend and I attended. Someone else who was there, and at a luncheon afterward, tested positive for COVID-19. We scrapped plans to attend a shiva the next day, and took one of the at-home tests that have become as essential as extra rolls of toilet paper, but absent was that sense of panic that I would have had if that happened in spring 2020.

There is a certain beauty to the sprint, the symmetry of form over a short distance. Compare that to the marathon, where worn-out runners flail and grimace as they cross the finish line. I feel like I have settled into some middle ground, where the pace is manageable even if the distance is unknowable.

LETTERS AND COMMENTS



TO THE STREETS — In response to the release of a draft U.S. Supreme Court decision that would return abortion regulation to the states, protesters gathered on Sunday (May 15) outside the historic courthouse in Carmel. *Photo by Ross Corsair*

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such as wind and solar (6 percent).

New York State plans to have renewable sources go from about 28 percent to 70 percent by 2030, an increase of more than 250 percent. That increase is even more dramatic — and dubious — given that the creation of new hydroelectric sources by damming rivers is anathema even for many renewable-energy advocates.

Without significant increases in hydroelectric, other renewable sources such as wind and solar would have to increase from 6 percent to nearly 50 percent, an almost eightfold increase.

Who seriously believes that will happen? If it did happen, what would it cost taxpay-

ers and consumers? And how does New York intend to deal with the fact that wind and solar are intermittent and unreliable sources? By spending vast amounts of taxpayers' and electricity consumers' money on backup power sources, perhaps?

Wilbur Foster, Garrison

Beacon schools

I was impressed by the line-up of candidates for the Beacon school board. Thank you for your generous commitments and putting our students first.

Lisa Notaromas, Beacon

Coronavirus Update

■ The Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday (May 17) authorized a single booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine for children between 5 and 11 years old. The dose is recommended at least five months after the primary series of shots. The FDA has already authorized a booster for adolescents between 12 and 15.

■ The state Department of Health is recommending indoor mask-wearing for both vaccinated and unvaccinated residents of Dutchess and Putnam, which are among counties designated "high risk" because of infection levels. The state reported a COVID-19 case rate of 60.6 per 100,000 for Dutchess as of May 18, compared to 6.8 on March 1. Putnam's rate per 100,000 rose to 73.8 from 8.1 on March 1. The state's data does not include positive cases from at-home tests unless residents report the results.

■ Dutchess reported 20 people hospitalized due to complications of COVID-19 as of May 17 and Putnam had two admitted in the seven days before May 11.

■ 358 Beacon school district students, 52 teachers and 48 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 so far this school year, as of May 17, according to state data. Haldane has had 262 students, 21 teachers and 33 staff test positive, and Garrison, 53 students, eight teachers and three staff.

■ Dutchess County's Medical Reserve Corps won a national award for its response to COVID-19. The National Medical Reserve Corps recognized Dutchess' volunteers with a 2022 Community Response Award. The corps' 500 volunteers devoted more than 50,000 hours to helping to vaccinate residents, helping people without computers book appointments and assisting residents with transportation. The volunteers also helped with contact tracing and delivered groceries to residents isolated at home.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of cases:

25,182 (+381)

Positivity rate,
7-day average:

12.0 (+2.0)

Percent vaccinated:

83.1

Cold Spring (10516): **94.5**
Garrison (10524): **86.7**

Number of deaths:

125 (0)

DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of cases:

67,770 (+679)

Positivity rate,
7-day average:

12.5 (+2.3)

Percent vaccinated:

77.3

Beacon (12508): **72.2**

Number of deaths:

659 (0)

Source: State and county health departments, as of May 18, with totals since pandemic began and change over the previous week in parentheses. Percent vaccinated reflects those ages 5 and older who have received at least one dose.

NEWS BRIEFS

Man Shot to Death in Beacon

Police say victim killed at Forrestal Heights

A 32-year-old was shot and killed May 14 in the parking lot of the Forrestal Heights complex on West Center Street, according to the Beacon Police Department.

The department said officers responded at about 6:50 p.m. to a report of shots fired. It identified the victim as Lionell B. Pittman Jr. but provided no further information.

Detectives are asking anyone with information to contact the department at 845-831-4111.

A visitation for Pittman is scheduled for noon to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday (May 21) at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey in Beacon. A funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m., followed by interment at Fairview Cemetery.

Dutchess Accepting Infant Formula

Drop-off spots include Beacon site

Dutchess County has organized an infant formula drive because of national shortages caused by supply chain problems and product recalls.

Unopened infant formula that has not expired will be collected for local families to be distributed by the Community Action Partnership, the county said. Residents are asked not to purchase formula to donate.

There are four drop-off locations, including one in Beacon at 10 Eliza St., weekdays from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Parents having difficulty finding formula may call the Community Action Partnership at 845-452-5104, ext. 103, or visit the New York Milk Bank at nymilkbank.org.

Philipstown Food Scrap Recycling Opens

Registration required for pilot program

Registration is open for Philipstown Residents to participate in a pilot food scrap recycling program.

To register, visit Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., in Cold Spring, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Startup kits, which include a pail, transportation bin and 25 bags, cost \$20 (checks only) and can be picked up on May 21. The kit will allow the town to measure impact.

The first drop-off will take place May 28 and continue each Saturday through the end of the year.



Real Estate

Market Report (April)

	Beacon		Philipstown	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
New Listings	15	10	20	16
Closed Sales	8	4	14	6
Days on Market	49	19	121	144
Median Price	\$445,000	\$476,000	\$665,000	\$444,000
% List Received	101.3	101.7	93.8	89.8
Inventory	18	14	42	26

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



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Cold Spring to Revise STR Law

Proposed changes include dropping lottery

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Village Board, at its Wednesday (May 18) workshop, began discussions that will almost certainly result in significant changes to the regulation of short-term rentals, such as those booked at Airbnb.

The existing law was adopted, 3-2, by the previous administration in July.

"Why are we undertaking a review of the law so soon?" asked Mayor Kathleen Foley, who as a trustee before the November election voted against the law. "Simple answer is, it's not working."

Foley said there have been only four applications for the permits required under the law. It is estimated about 35 STRs operate in the village.

"It's clear that there has been something of an organized civil disobedience," Foley said.

"Multiple owners and operators have refused to apply for permits, and that alone should tell us the law doesn't work."

She said the STRs operating without inspections deprive the village of revenue from application and permit fees while "contributing nothing to the municipal costs associated with tourism," including wear and tear on infrastructure.

The village has received 20 complaints about STRs since the law was enacted, although 18 were made by one person against 18 STRs, two of which were operating with permits. None were "nuisance" complaints over issues such as noise.

The village issued notices to the STR owners operating without permits, "and they will be issued again if operations do not cease," Foley said.

One shortcoming of the existing law, Foley said, is that after an initial inspection the burden for enforcement falls on the Cold Spring Police Department, even though violations are civil, not criminal, in nature. The draft revisions include shifting enforcement to the building inspector/code enforcement officer.

Several of the revisions being consid-

ered will simplify the law, which, when it was being drafted last year, was described as too complex by a number of STR operators, some of whom hinted at legal action against the village.

Major revisions being discussed include abolishing use of a lottery system for issuing permits; deleting the stipulation that STRs cannot operate within 300 feet of each other; increasing the permit period from one to two years; banning STRs where the owner does not live on-site; providing no limits on the number of permits for hosted STRs; and increasing the number of operating days from 90 to 180 per year.

The proposed revisions were drafted by Trustee Eliza Starbuck and are available at coldspringny.gov.

"We're at the very beginning of this discussion," Foley said. "There will be a lot of pieces that shift; there will be elements that some will be unhappy with, no matter what we do."

The board has called for volunteers to serve on an ad hoc committee to provide feedback on the proposed changes. The deadline for applications is Wednesday (May 25). A public hearing is required before any changes are made.



Sat. + Sun. May 21 + 22 – 1-5 pm
"Farm to Table: The Bounty of Beacon and Beyond"
Art Exhibit - View works by 22 artists - Free
 Continues weekends through May 29

Sun. May 22 – 7 pm
BEACON CHAMBER ENSEMBLE - String Players with Joe Brent Ben Russell and Jeff Fairbanks
 Free - Donations requested to benefit HCC
 Reservations call/text 914-349-5477 / email texchoi@gmail.com



Fri. May 27 – 8 pm
THOM JOYCE'S OPEN MIC
 Sign-ups at 7:30 - Donations requested

Mon. May 30 – 3 + 4 pm
Classics for Kids - Sights and Sounds
 reservations HowlandMusic.org

Fri. June 3 – 7-9 pm
LIT LIT - Literary Open Mic - Free
Donnaminkowitz.com/lit-lit/

Sat. June 4 – 1-5 pm
BeaconArts at the Howland
 New Art Show

Sat. June 4 – 8 pm
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CURRENT

PROPOSED

Permit required	No change
Permit valid for one year	Permit valid for two years
Permits issued by lottery	No lottery
One-time permit limited to 14 consecutive days or two, 7-day rentals (West Point graduation, etc.)	14 consecutive days only
16 unhosted STRs	No unhosted STRs
33 hosted STRs	No limit specified
Up to 90 nights annually	Up to 180 nights annually
One rental party at a time	No change
STRs allowed in R-1, I-1 and B-1 zones	No change
STRs can't operate within 300 feet of each other	Provision deleted
Hosts must respond to issues within 20 minutes	Hosts must respond to issues within 30 minutes
LLC can't be used as STR unless it is owner-occupied by an individual with at least 50 percent ownership	No change
STRs in R-1 or I-1 must have off-street space	Wherever possible, STR must have off-street space on property
Enforcement	
Cold Spring Police Department	Code Enforcement Officer
Penalties: Non-compliance	
1st offense: \$1,000	1st offense: Warning or 6-month suspension
2nd offense: \$2,000 fine, permit forfeited for remainder of year	2nd offense: 1-year suspension
3rd offense: \$5,000 fine, forfeit eligibility for four years	3rd offense: 5-year suspension
Penalties: No permit	
1st offense: \$2,000 fine, no application permitted for the next year	No change
2nd offense: \$5,000 fine, no use of the property as an STR for four years	No change

NOTICE

The Philipstown Town Board will hold a Workshop Meeting on

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, New York

to discuss state legislation that would amend the general municipal law, the civil service law, the retirement and social security law and the public health law in relation to emergency medical services.

The HIGHLANDS Current

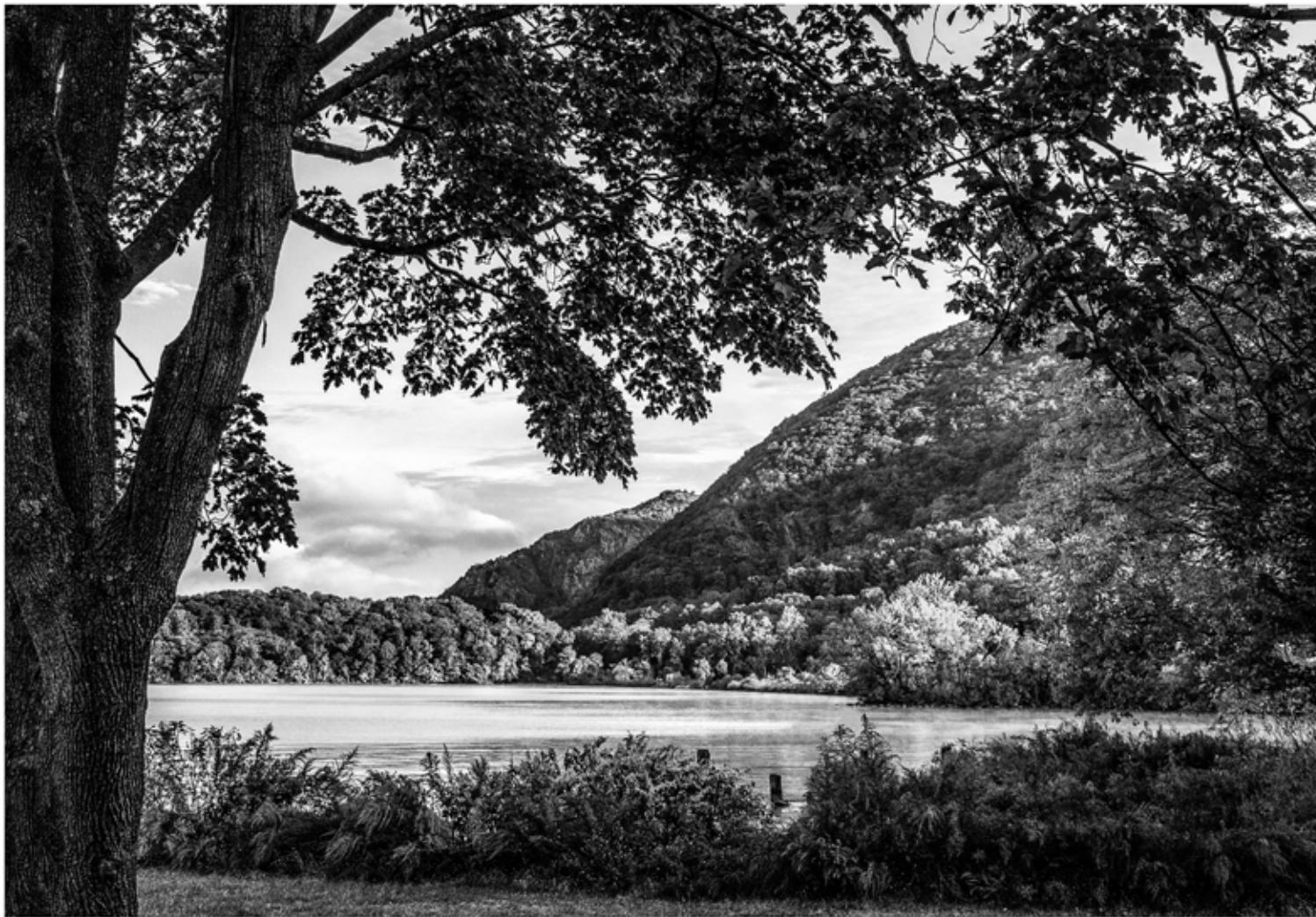
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SOME ISSUES TO CONSIDER:

- * Access to Dockside Park
- * Our view of the Hudson River
- * How an increase in visitors could affect quality of life in the village & town
- * Does the Fjord Trail fit the character of our community
- * Car congestion and parking

Zoom Link: coldspringny.gov > Boards & Committees > Board of Trustees > zoom meeting Board of Trustees.

Districts (from Page 1)

by Republican voters, that congressional and state Senate maps created by the state Legislature violated the New York Constitution by creating too many advantages for Democrats. The special master he assigned to redraw them released the revisions this week.

McAllister still must approve the maps but candidates are jockeying for position in anticipation that he will. Because of the delay, primaries for Congress and the state Senate races have been pushed back two months, from June 28 to Aug. 23.

Congress

Under the revised maps, Philipstown would shift from District 18 to District 17, while Beacon would remain in the 18th. The communities have been represented by a Democrat, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, who lives in Philipstown and won the office in 2012.

There is no requirement, under the U.S. Constitution, that congressional candidates live in the district they represent, but Maloney said via Twitter on Monday (May 16) that he plans to run in District 17.

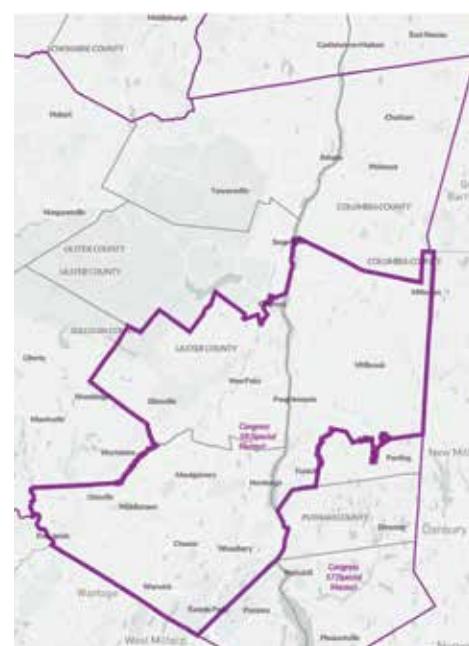
"From my point of view, I'm just running from where I landed," he told *The New York Times* the next day. "If someone else is looking at the district, as well, obviously we will try to work through that as colleagues and friends."

Although Joe Biden received about 55 percent of the presidential vote within the boundaries of both the new 17th and the new 18th, the former is considered more reliably blue and Maloney was immediately criticized for not leaving it for Rep. Mondaire Jones, a Democrat in his first term who represents the current 17th.

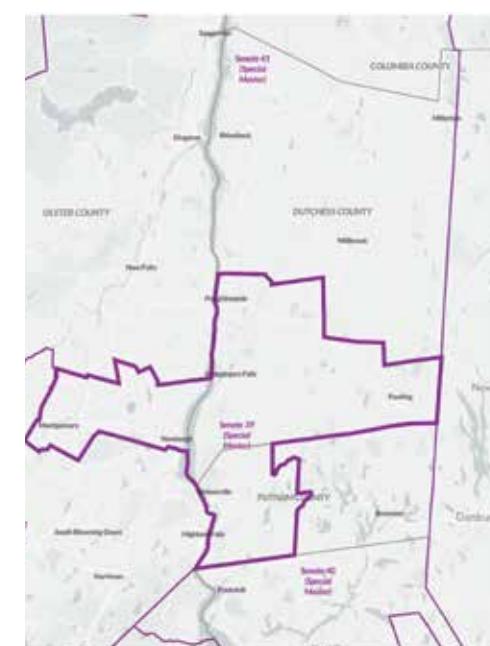
Jones told *The Times*: "Sean Patrick Maloney did not even give me a heads up before he went on Twitter to make that announcement. And I think that tells you



The new 17th Congressional District would include Philipstown.



The new 18th Congressional District would include Beacon.



The new 39th state Senate District would include Philipstown and Beacon.

everything you need know about Sean Patrick Maloney."

The criticism of Maloney comes in part because he heads the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which works to get Democrats elected. Maloney is seen as a stronger candidate in the new 18th to defeat Marc Molinaro, the Dutchess County executive who is the Republican candidate.

Instead, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan filed on Monday to be a Democratic candidate in the 18th. A second Democrat, state Sen. James Skoufis, whose district west of the river includes much of Orange County, also is weighing a run. Skoufis has received endorsements from a coalition of Hudson Valley elected officials, including Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou.

State Assembly Member Mike Lawler, a Republican representing District 97, also filed on Tuesday (May 17).

The revised maps shift Beacon and Philipstown from the 41st district, which is represented by Sue Serino, a Republican, to the 39th, which runs north to Poughkeepsie; west to Montgomery in Orange County; and east to Pawling, which is currently part of the 40th District, represented by Sen. Pete Harckham, a Democrat.

The 39th District does not include Hyde Park, where Serino lives, or South Salem in Westchester, where Harckham resides. (Candidates for the Legislature must have lived in a district 12 months before an election; in a redistricting year such as 2022, they need to have lived in a county containing the district for 12 months.)

A Democratic candidate for the 39th emerged on Tuesday (May 17), when Kevindaryán Luján, an Orange County legislator since 2018, announced his candidacy for the seat.

Serino will run in the new 41st, where she will face Sen. Michelle Hinchey, a Democrat from Saugerties. Jamie Cheney, a Democrat from Rhinebeck who had been battling Serino, now finds herself in the same district as an incumbent from her own party.

Skoufis, who lives in Cornwall, would be a candidate in the new 42nd, which includes most of Orange County. He would face Sen. Mike Martucci, a Republican from New Hampton. An earlier map had placed Skoufis as a candidate against Republican Ronny Diz to represent a district that would have included Beacon and Philipstown.

State Assembly

The state Assembly maps approved by Democrats were not challenged in the lawsuit; those primaries will be held as scheduled on June 28.

In District 95, which includes Philipstown, Democrat Sandy Galef is retiring after 15 terms. Three Democratic candidates will appear on the primary ballot to become the Democratic candidate to succeed her: Dana Levenberg, Vanessa Agudelo and Colin Smith.

Galef has endorsed Levenberg, her former chief of staff. This week, Andre Rainey, a former mayor of Peekskill whose nominating petitions were rejected after a challenge by Smith, endorsed her, as well. Agudelo will appear on the November

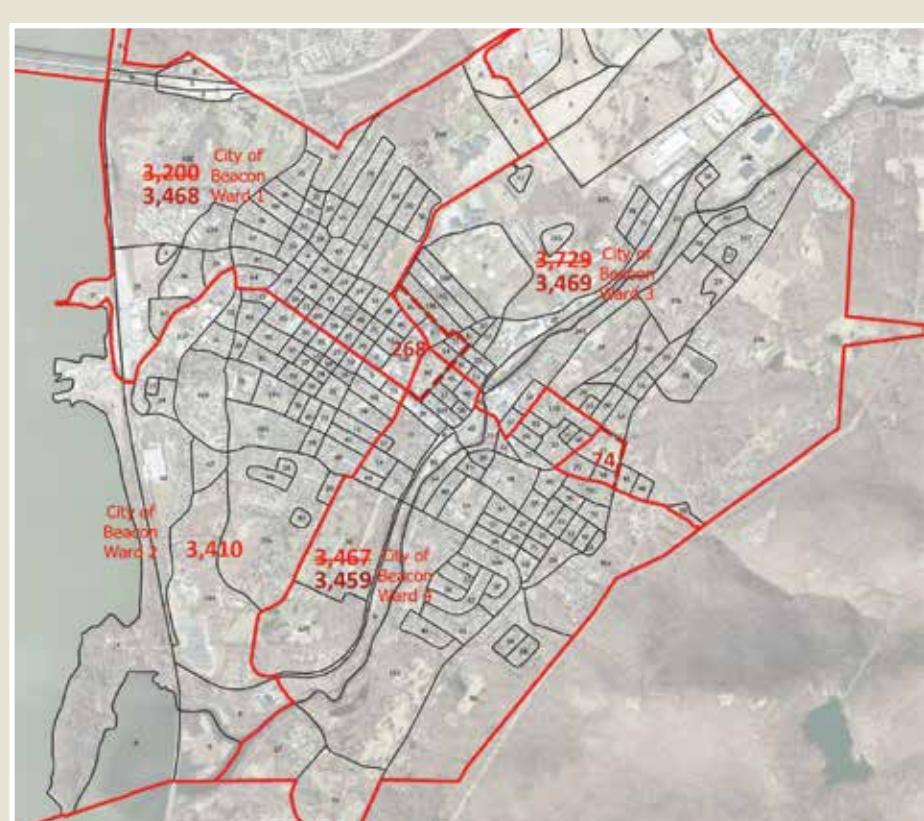
How We Got Here

After the 10 members of a commission established to create new maps based on 2020 census data could not agree, the Legislature stepped in and made its own maps. Those were approved along party lines in February – 43-20 in the Senate and 103-45 in the Assembly. Galef and Jacobson supported them, while Serino dismissed them as "blatantly gerrymandered."

After a lawsuit by Republican voters, McAllister ruled that the Democrats' maps violated the state constitution. He appointed Jonathan Cervas, a postdoctoral fellow at Carnegie Mellon University's Institute for Policy and Strategy, to draw new maps. Cervas estimated that his maps increased the number of competitive congressional seats to eight from three and competitive state Senate seats to 15 from six.

In upholding the lower court decision, the Court of Appeals, New York's highest court, concluded that Democrats failed to follow the legal process for approving maps, which required that lawmakers first reject two plans by the commission. Even then, the court said, state lawmakers could only amend the commission's second rejected plan, and any changes could not affect more than 2 percent of the population in any district.

The court also found that the maps for the U.S. House violated another voter-approved election reform to the state constitution – that new districts "shall not be drawn to discourage competition or for the purpose of favoring or disfavoring incumbents or other particular candidates or political parties."

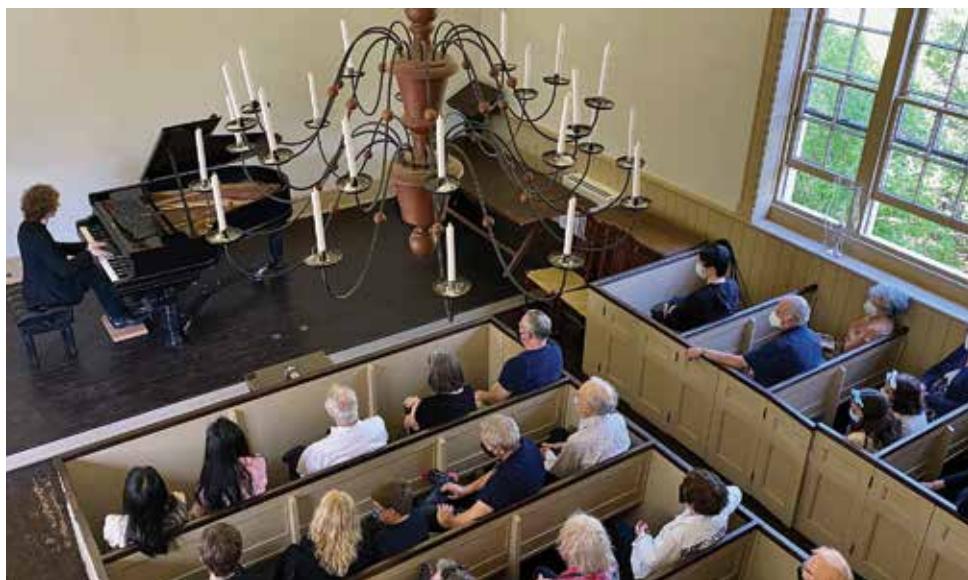


CHANGES IN BEACON – The Beacon City Council on Monday approved minor revisions to the ward map (shown by the dotted lines) based on 2020 census data. The new boundaries will take effect in 2023.

ballot as the Working Families candidate and Stacy Halper will be the Republican and Conservative Party candidate.

In District 104, which includes Beacon, Democratic incumbent Jonathan Jacobson will run unopposed.

AROUND TOWN



▲ **MUSICAL INTERLUDE** — Michael Davidman performed a program on May 15 at the Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring; the program included works by Chopin, Franck, Poulenc and Ravel.

Photo by Ross Corsair

◀ **STORM CLOUDS** — A thunderstorm that rolled into the Highlands over the weekend created a few apocalyptic clouds, such as these that appeared over Route 9D in Cold Spring on Sunday (May 15).

Photo by Charles Rowe



▲ **RIVER CRUISE** — The geese enjoyed the quiet of the Hudson on Sunday — or at least some did.

Photo by Ross Corsair

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BEACON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPERTIES	CITY	BEDS	BATHS	SQ FT	SOLD!
5 McKinley PL.	Fishkill	3	1/0	1,710	\$355,000
25 Willow St.	Beacon	3	2/0	1,547	\$452,000
81 West Center St.	Beacon	3	1/0	978	\$453,000
3105 Granite Ct.	Fishkill	3	2/1	1,891	\$465,000
17 Clearwater Ct.	Fishkill	3	2/1	2,008	\$475,000
224 Fishkill Ave.	Beacon	3	2/0	1,680	\$500,000
48 Wilkes St.	Beacon	3	1/0	1,400	\$500,200
25 Red Schoolhouse Rd.	Fishkill	3	2/0	1,460	\$506,000
4 Sharon Ln.	Fishkill	5	4/0	3,540	\$555,000
1 East Main St., 101	Beacon	2	2/1	2,240	\$1,450,000

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3 Bedrooms
2/1 Bathrooms
3,063 Sq Ft
\$1,950,000



73 Teller Ave.
Beacon, NY
5 Bedrooms
3/1 Bathrooms
4,000 Sq Ft
\$1,495,000



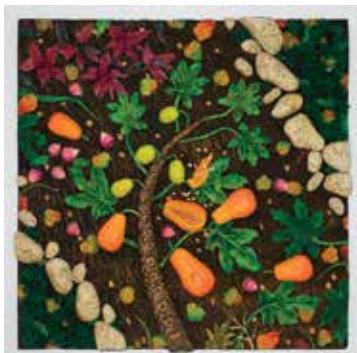
38 Lafayette Ave.
Beacon, NY
4 Bedrooms
3/1 Bathrooms
2,209 Sq Ft
\$825,000



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The Calendar



From left: "Papaya and Pitaja," "Cabbages Under the Snow," "Watermelons," "River Bed" and "Corn"

Carving Out an Ideal World

Magazzino opens exhibit of 'nature carpets'

By Alison Rooney

"I'll have 8 yards of art, please — one section to wear, the other to decorate my home."

Farfetched? Perhaps, but not if you had made it during the 1960s in the Turin studio of Piero Gilardi. The Italian artist was experimenting with materials and sculptural forms and, with an interest in the dynamic between humans and the environment, he would have been happy to fill the order.

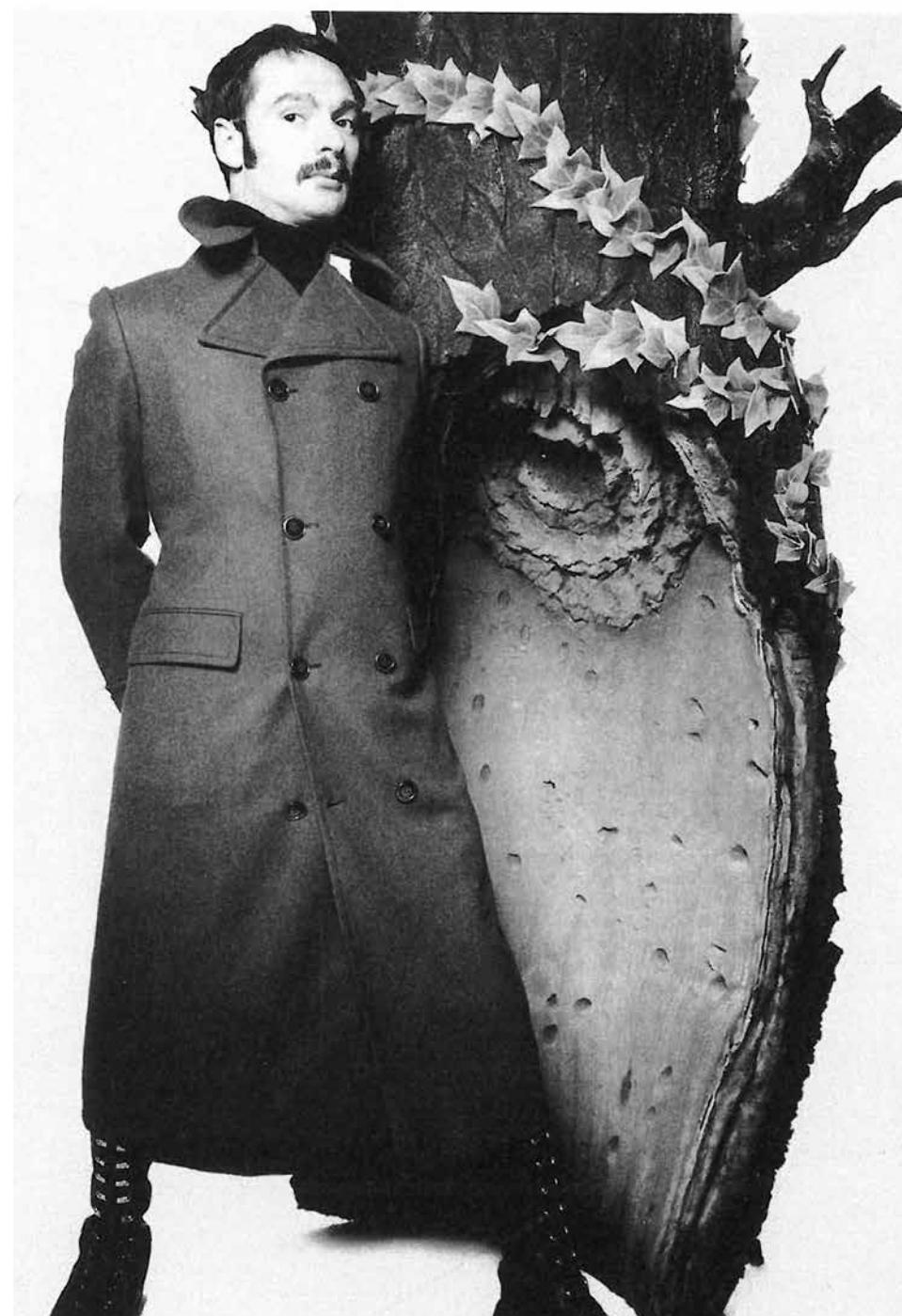
Gilardi's work is being celebrated at Magazzino Italian Art in Philipstown in an exhibit that runs through Jan. 9. Curated by Elena Re, it is the artist's first solo exhibition in the U.S.

Its title, *Tappeto-Natura*, refers to "nature carpets" that Gilardi devised following a walk by a creek that was marred by garbage. The concept of humans being responsible for the environment was still new in the mid-1960s, and he decided to reconstruct nature without pollution.

The "carpets," which take the forms of rugs, wall art or clothing, have occupied him for 50 years. They are molded with polyurethane foam and painted to resemble landscapes with rocks, vegetables and fruit, all in vivid hues and arranged and composed in ways which invite the eyes to travel. These are edens of melon, seabirds, husked corn.

"Gilardi creates shapes through an intaglio [carving] technique and saturates the material with synthetic pigment, first dissolving it in vinyl resin, and later in rubber latex," Re explains.

The nature carpets — some of which were delivered to galleries rolled — stood in contrast to the consumerism of the pop art of the period but proved popular. Gilardi has said his intent was to "merge technology and nature — not to set them in opposition — and to suggest a homeostasis whereby industrial processes and materials could actually help in focusing society on

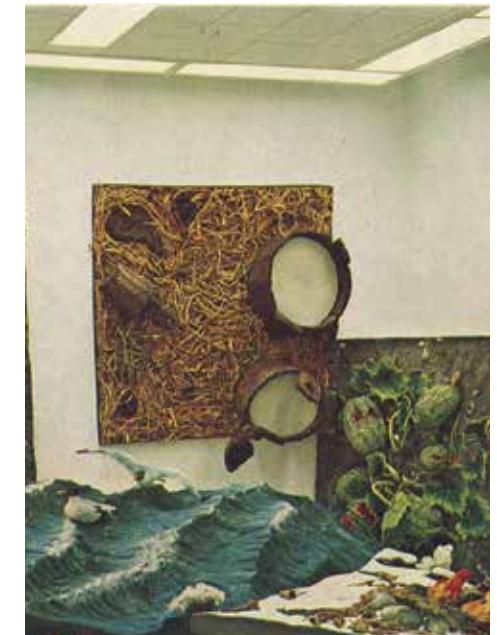


Piero Gilardi in 1966, in a photo taken for *L'Uomo Vogue*

the nascent environmentalist movement."

Despite his early success, Gilardi, now 79, became disillusioned with the art world in the 1970s and receded for a decade. When he returned, he increasingly focused

on political and community activism, although usually still through the prism of nature. He expanded his range to include new media, including virtual reality pieces and interactive installations.



An exhibit of nature carpets in Paris, 1967

“ Gilardi creates shapes through an intaglio [carving] technique and saturates the material with synthetic pigment, first dissolving it in vinyl resin, and later in rubber latex.

~ Elena Re, curator

Gilardi's most recent project, which he began in 2008, is Parco Arte Vivente (Park of Living Art), or PAV, a museum and study center in his hometown of Turin, located on 6 acres of green space there. The grounds are frequently the site of outdoor, ecologically centered installations.

Magazzino Italian Art, at 2700 Route 9 in Philipstown, is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday to Monday. Admission is free; make a reservation at magazzino.art.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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



The Bookends, May 28

COMMUNITY

SAT 21

Community Tag Sale

PHILIPSTOWN

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Continental Village
 Various locations; follow the red balloons. Also SUN 22.

SAT 21

Garage and Rummage Sale

BEACON

9 a.m. – Noon. St. Joachim's Church
 51 Leonard St.

SUN 22

Pollinator Pathways

BEACON

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. DMV Lot
 223 Main St.
beaconfarmersmarket.org

City Council members Wren Longno and Dan Aymar-Blair will have free seeds and plants for gardeners to support the Pollinator Pathways project. Gardeners also will be available to offer planting advice.

SUN 22

International Day for Biological Diversity

OSSINING

11 a.m. Teatown Lake Reservation
 1600 Spring Valley Road | teatown.org

Learn about the diverse species that live in the lower Hudson Valley, how they survive in urban and suburban environments and ways to be a good neighbor to wildlife. Cost: \$8 (\$3 members)

SUN 22

Spring Benefit

GARRISON

4:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
 10 Garrison's Landing
philipstowntdepottheatre.org

Celebrity judges will make their

pronouncements during a Great Cake Bake-Off to support the theater's programs. Cost: \$50+

SUN 29

Putnam Culture Festival

BREWSTER

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm
 100 Route 312 | bit.ly/putnam-culture

This annual festival, organized by the Putnam County Community Engagement & Police Advisory Board, celebrates the diversity and culture of the county with music, children's activities, local vendors and food trucks. Cost: \$15

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 21

Celia Reissig

BEACON

6 p.m. Maria Lago Studio | 502 Main St.

The Beacon poet will read from her latest collection, *Huellas/Traces*, as well as a one-act play.

SAT 21

The Cake

GARRISON

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
 10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowntdepottheatre.org

This Bekah Brunstetter play, directed by Christine Bokhour, is about a pastry chef's reaction to a same-sex wedding in her family. Also SUN 22. Cost: \$25 (\$22 students, seniors)

SAT 21

Young Frankenstein

WAPPINGERS FALLS

8 p.m. County Players Theater
 2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countyplayers.org

The classic Mel Brooks comedy has been adapted for the stage. Also SUN 22. Proof of vaccination

required. Cost: \$25 (\$22 seniors, military, children 11 and younger)

TUES 24

And So I Stayed

BEACON

6 p.m. Story Screen
 445 Main St.
storyscreenbeacon.com

The documentary, which examines how domestic violence survivors are treated by the legal system, follows the trial and sentencing and ongoing efforts to free Poughkeepsie resident Nikki Addimando, who killed her partner. All proceeds benefit Addimando and her children. Cost: \$40

FRI 27

Silver Linings Playbook

GARRISON

7 p.m. Via Zoom
desmondfishlibrary.org

Join in for an online viewing and discussion of the 2012 Oscar-nominated film starring Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence about mental illness and finding connection.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 21

The Pillowcase Project

GARRISON

2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

In this American Red Cross workshop, students in grades 3 to 6 can learn how to prepare for an emergency with supplies that fit in a pillowcase.

SAT 21

The Lion King Jr.

GARRISON

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Recreation

107 Glenclyffe Drive
philipstownrecreation.com

The Foot in Mouth Players will present the Disney hit. Also SUN 22. Cost: \$10 (\$5 children)

FRI 27

Baby Shark Live

POUGHKEEPSIE

6 p.m. MJN Convention Center
 14 Civic Center Plaza | midhudsonciviccenter.org

This immersive experience will follow Baby Shark and his friend Pinkfong on an adventure in the sea with new and classic songs. Cost: \$35.50 or \$42.50



TALKS AND TOURS

SUN 22

Tavern Talk and Tour

GARRISON

5 p.m. Bird & Bottle Inn
 1123 Old Albany Post Road
putnamhistorymuseum.org

Cassie Ward, the Putnam History Museum director, will discuss the history of the 260-year-old inn and the surrounding area and the owners will share their experience restoring it. Cost: \$55+

TUES 24

Digitally Archiving Beacon's Oldest Church

BEACON

7 p.m. St. Joachim School Hall
 51 Leonard St. | beaconhistorical.org

Emily Murnane, a trustee of the Beacon Historical Society, will share her findings about the history of the former Dutch Reformed Church. Its new owner, Gavin Hecker, will also answer questions about development plans.

SAT 28

From Badge of Military Merit to Purple Heart

NEWBURGH

2 p.m.
 Washington's Headquarters
 84 Liberty St. | facebook.com/washingtons-headquarters

Gen. George Washington created the award that later became the Purple Heart. Find out more about the history of the honor and celebrate those who served.

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 21

Celebrating 25 Years

NEWBURGH

1 – 6 p.m. Holland Tunnel
 46 Chambers St.
hollandtunnelgallery.com

This exhibit, with work by Alexandra Limpert, Bix Lye, Jacques Roch, Jan Mulder, Larry Lee Webb, Paulien Lethen and Susan Daboll, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the gallery. At 3:30 p.m., the Holland Tunnel Jazz Quartet will perform. Also SUN 22, with a potluck and music by The Return of the Down and Dirty Lounge. The exhibit continues through June 26.

MUSIC

SAT 21

Social Robot

PHILIPSTOWN

7 p.m. Little Stony Point
 3011 Route 9D
facebook.com/littlestonypoint

Mike Muller, Bayard Russell, Andrew Gilchrist and Jason Lang will play sci-fi rock outdoors at the Visitor's Center.

Daisy Joplin,
 May 22





Holland Tunnel Jazz Quartet, May 21

**SAT 21**
Back to the Garden 1969

BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The Woodstock cover band will recreate performances from the concert. Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)

SUN 22
Irradiance

PEEKSKILL
3 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley

1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

Classical and rock violinist Daisy Jopling and Orchestra 914 will be joined by youth choirs and Ovation String. Cost: \$25 to \$35

SUN 22
Beacon Chamber Ensemble

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

Joe Brent, Ben Russell and Jeff Fairbanks will play baroque, romantic and modern music. Proof of vaccination required. Free

MON 23
Ornettiquette

BEACON
8:30 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St.
facebook.com/quinnsbeacon
The band, with Chris Pasin, Jeff Lederer, Michael Bisio and Harvey Sorgenwill, will perform as part of Quinn's weekly jazz series. Cost: \$15

FRI 27
Total Mass Retain

BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier
379 Main St. | 845-855-1300
townecrier.com

This Yes tribute band will play the classics. Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)

SAT 28
Azulado

BEACON
7:30 p.m. Reserva Wine Bar
173 Main St. | reservabeacon.com

The jazz rock trio will perform flamenco music.

SAT 28
The Bookends

BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier
379 Main St. | 845-855-1300
townecrier.com

The band, formed in 1976 by Chris Brown and Joe Summo, will perform classic songs and original music. Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)

CIVIC**MON 23**
Dutchess Town Hall

WAPPINGERS FALLS
5:30 p.m. American Legion
7 Spring St. | dutchessny.gov
County Executive Marc Molinaro will discuss the state of the county and take questions. The event was rescheduled from last week.

MON 23
City Council

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

TUES 24
Dutchess County Redistricting Hearing

FISHKILL
7 p.m. Dutchess Community College
461 Route 9 | bit.ly/dclegislature-map

WED 25
Village Board

COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall
85 Main St. | 845-265-3611
coldspringny.gov

The meeting, which will also take place by Zoom, will include a presentation by the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail.

WED 25
School Board

GARRISON
7 p.m. Garrison School
1100 Route 9D | gufs.org

The board will discuss its response to the budget defeat.

WED 25
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Saving the Kemble House

Couple gets down to details to rescue cottage

By Marc Ferris

When they each retired, David Watson and Marianne Sutton didn't start second careers. Instead, they fell in love with a decrepit, vandalized, 200-year-old cottage in Cold Spring known as the Kemble house, after its first owners.

Watson and Sutton, both pediatricians, embarked on an extensive restoration project that has now become the West Point Foundry Bed and Breakfast.

The job of a doctor and innkeeper are similar, says Sutton. "We interact with the general public — most people are lovely — and the goal is the same, taking care of them."

The couple lived all over the globe before settling in Manhattan. When they began house-hunting in the Hudson Valley, Sutton says her husband had three criteria: "It had to have a view, and it had to be within walking distance to a village and the train. We were thunderstruck by this place."

Though reluctant to undertake another renovation — they had once restored a home in Massachusetts — they recognized the property's importance to local history as a remnant of the foundry from before the Civil War.

The home contains a dining room, a sitting room, two upstairs bedrooms and a basement. The project, which took five years, provided Sutton with an opportunity to oversee a multitude of details; it now requires vigilance to maintain, she says, but she's happy to roll up her sleeves. Walking the grounds, she stops to pick up stray candy wrappers and other detritus. "We live in paradise," she says. "But you have to work for it."

Sutton is not shy with a chain saw and learned to wire light switches watching YouTube videos. Watson enjoys researching the foundry's role in U.S. history and sharing stories with guests and visitors during tours.

The 9-acre property, located on a bluff overlooking the river, was the summer residence of William Kemble, who ran the foundry with his brother, Gouverneur Kemble. The house had many prominent visitors, including President Abraham Lincoln, Gen. Winfield Scott, painter Asher B. Durand and Robert E. Lee when he was superintendent of West Point.

The munitions created at the foundry, particularly the Parrott cannon (a replica of which sits on the home's front lawn) helped tip the scales during the Civil War.

"The South didn't have to win — it just had to avoid losing," says Watson. "The South had better soldiers, but the North used its industrial might to pound them into submission. Most of that came from right here."

Many people move upstate and refurbish homes, but "David and Marianne are very community-minded and genu-



David Watson and Marianne Sutton outside their bed and breakfast in Cold Spring

Photo by M. Ferris

“President Lincoln walked on our piazza, shook hands on his way to Uncle Gouv's + The Foundry.

~ A diary entry by William Kemble's daughter, Ellen, dated June 24, 1862, after Lincoln took a ferry to Cold Spring from West Point

inely interested in the history," notes Mark Forlow, who chairs the board of the Putnam History Museum. "What they've done is fantastic and it's not what we typically see from people who come up from the city. To see the house brought back from near ruin is incredible."

The couple, who view the property as a local resource, have hosted events, including tours, a candidate forum and nonprofit fundraisers. They plan on inviting the public to watch the fireworks at West Point.

They priced their rooms to avoid direct competition with established local inns and hotels, Sutton says. On a recent weekday afternoon, a trio of Marylanders stopped by on their way back from Maine.

"We looked for something about halfway home and typed in 'view,'" explains Donna Kaufman. They enjoyed wine and cheese on the veranda as a hazy sun hovered above West Point.

Sutton and Watson built an addition



The home, known locally as the Campbell house, before it was renovated

Photo by Michael Turton

where they live and serve guests. Chef Leigh Ann Hunter, a Mississippi native who adds a dash of Southern hospitality, occupies an apartment above the three-car garage.

The wing provides efficiencies reminiscent of those instituted at the foundry, an early adopter of assembly lines and vertical integration. A geothermal system regulates heating and cooling, including the bathroom floors. Laundry facilities are adjacent to the bedrooms and a modern kitchen hides behind a door in the formal dining room.

The project's crown jewel is the historic interior, all that remained from the original structure, which has been transformed

from a dilapidated shell into a meticulous reproduction.

Despite some frustrating moments with contractors and permits, Sutton and Watson say they enjoyed working with photographs of heirlooms sent by Kemble descendants and tracking down appropriate Federal-era antiques. Even the window drapes are authentic, Sutton says.

"The level of detail is really impressive," says Forlow, who is also the town and village historian. "I noticed the original banister immediately. A lot of older houses have been updated and altered, but this had the original fixtures intact. It just needed to be restored."

Paring Down Through a Pandemic

In new album, Stephen Clair reflects on change

By Alison Rooney

Stephen Clair, the founder of the Beacon Music Factory, is releasing a new album, his ninth, today (May 20). He'll be celebrating on Thursday (May 26), with a show at The Falcon in Marlboro.

To The Trees embodies a departure for Clair, who until now had crafted songs in more of a rock Americana vein. This collection is more intimate and pared down, reflecting, he says, life in a pandemic and watching his children navigate their teens.

"Early on, in April 2020, I was already feeling as though we had been in it for so long," he recalls. "I started to blame the pandemic for anything that didn't feel as right as I wish it could be, such as my kids in their rooms for a whole school year."

"Even more than that, the period felt about change and observing and grappling with that change: Watching my kids grow up, no longer needing us in the ways they once did — all that stuff about that no matter how cool you think you are, you're never cool for them."

"It's about letting them have the experience they're having in this world we've bestowed on them," he adds. "It's also about the layers of our culture. Why do we have to keep learning, generation after generation, about accepting change? How getting on the bus is the best alternative, although sometimes it's not easy."

"There was a feeling throughout the pandemic of being drawn to small, domestic scenarios. We couldn't escape that. That fed a lot of what I was allowing myself to put in those songs. I think maybe all along all I wanted was all that time."

Unlike many artists, Clair says the shutdown did not lead to creative inertia. Instead, "the pandemic made me prolific," he says. "I shrugged my shoulders and went into an empty Beacon Music Factory most days to work on songs. I've become more

STEPHEN CLAIR TO THE TREES



and more jazzed by songwriting. It's been amazing and miraculous to be so engaged with it."

The dynamic extended to the recording sessions. A year ago, right before recording the album, Clair went to The Building, a studio run by Lee Falco, to record songs with an ensemble in a large room.

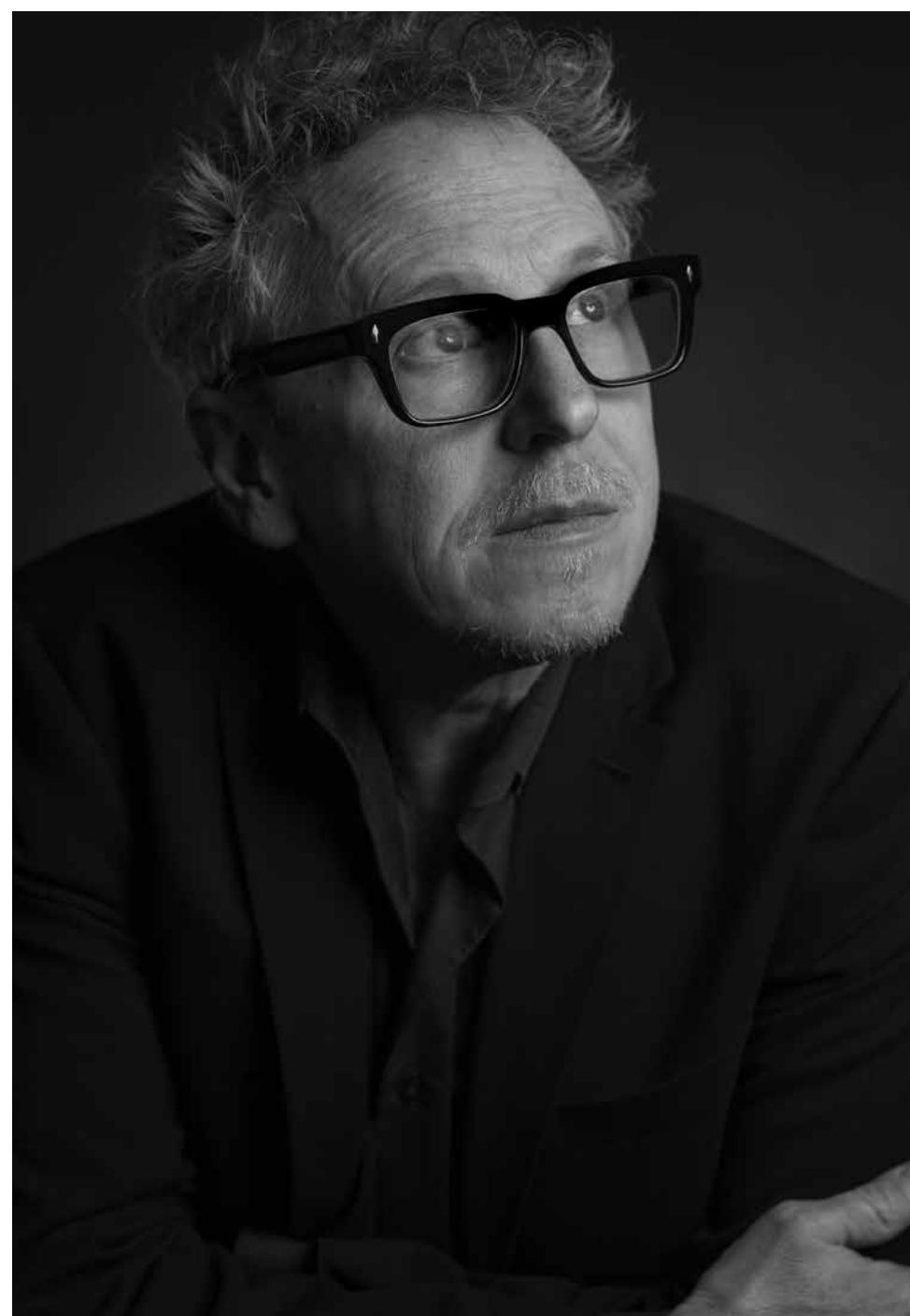
A month later, his thoughts shifted. "I had an incredible compulsion to instead record this collection in a quieter, more heartfelt way. I realized these songs weren't meant to be electrified rockers."

Next up is getting the music out there, something Clair used to feel he had expertise in. Now he's not as certain.

"The 22-year-olds now absolutely are not bothering to even care about radio," he says. "I still jump through all the hoops and expense of trying to get my song on the radio — to me it feels like a feather in my cap. But is it helping me? The way to do it for so long was to develop relationships in the small world of Americana/roots/folk rock and try to get reviews in 20 places. Now I wonder what value it has."

"The adage was: 'Start locally and build out.' What continues to make sense is to use the channels you have the friendliest access to, and those are usually closer to home," he says. "I used to fly off to Texas or the West Coast with guitar in hand, doing mini tours; I'm over it."

"Now I try to book as many gigs as I can in the region, realizing there are so many towns here, and every other town seems to have a brewery which is a music venue. Who's to say we couldn't play 75 dates and



Stephen Clair

Photo by Ernesto Eisner

not leave the state, plus have so much fun having a posse of players in tow?"

Beacon Music Factory, which he founded in 2012, survived the shutdown. The first to return was the popular adult rock band boot camps program, and the last to recover were horn and voice lessons, he says. They're all happening again in larger rooms, with windows open.

"It feels we are recovering," he says. "I've

continued to teach a songwriting class over Zoom, but it has always been over Zoom. It's my favorite job of all my jobs here in Beacon."

The Falcon is located at 1348 Route 9W in Marlboro. For reservations, see liveatthefalcon.com/reservations. To The Trees is available at stephenclair.com.

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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 (May 1872)

Frank Walters died in the quarries at the Newark Lime and Cement Co. when a mass of rock and earth buried him following a blast. He was survived by his wife and six children in England.

A teamster from Newburgh was fined \$25 at Fishkill Landing for cruelty for driving a horse pulling a heavy load of beer.

A fire about a mile in length burned atop Fishkill Mountain, illuminating Newburgh Bay.

Hattie Pierce of New York City was convicted of robbing John Jenkins of Fishkill of \$40 by means of the "panel trick." [According to a contemporary account, a common form of the con worked like this: A mark is brought to an office and shown a wrapped bundle of real bills that he is told are fine counterfeits. They are offered at 10 percent of face value. The swindler throws the bundle on the top of a desk and opens the desk to show the client something else. The upraised lid hides the bundle, which a confederate in the next room switches out through a panel in the wall with a bundle of sawdust. The mark pays and leaves but is unlikely to go the police since he was attempting to buy counterfeit bills.]

Homer Ramsdell purchased for \$125,000 [\$3 million today] a large amount of property formerly owned by the bankrupt Boston, Hartford and Erie Extension Railroad Co. He and George Brown, president of the Dutchess and Columbia Railroad Co., planned to move the terminus at Dutchess Junction about a mile north. They also said they would build an iron ferryboat to transfer up to 20 coal cars at a time across the river.

125 Years Ago (May 1897)

A muscular tramp named John Harrington, while being taken from Fishkill Landing to the Albany penitentiary by Officer Theodore Moith, jumped from the New York Central train as it ran at full speed (40 mph) about 3 miles north of Poughkeepsie. By one account, Harrington was handcuffed to the officer, who was dragged after his prisoner; the cuffs broke in the fall and Harrington ran into the woods. After a chase of 2 miles, he was captured by a railroad hand.

About 20 percent of the liquor dealers in Matteawan closed on May 1, when their annual liquor licenses expired, because of an 1896 state law that had made the certificates prohibitively expensive to renew at \$200 each [\$7,000]. The law's stated goal was to reduce the number of liquor dealers.

Albert Goslin and Samuel Keller, two of the five men associated with the defunct E.S. Dean Co., accused of bilking 30,000 people with its "safe system of specula-



The mansion owned by the Ursuline Sisters burned down in 1972.

Beacon Historical Society

tion," were arrested in New York City on the complaint of Alfred Kemp of Fishkill Landing, who said he lost \$50. The swindlers were said to have taken \$7 million [\$244 million].

Arthur Palmer, who shot and killed his mother, brother and sister at their home in Mamaroneck, was pronounced insane and sent to the Matteawan Asylum for the Criminal Insane.

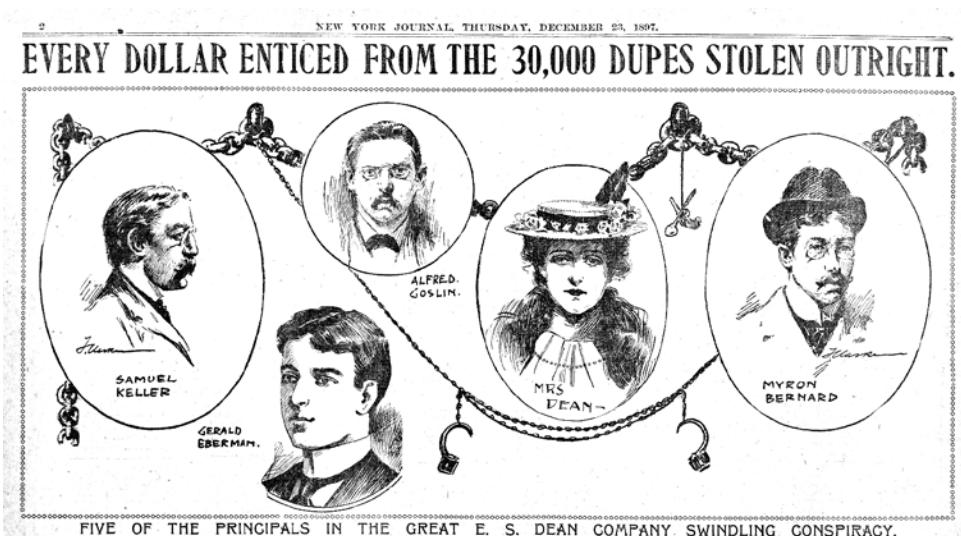
An unidentified flying object that might have been an airship appeared over Matteawan at 10:30 p.m. on a Thursday night and remained visible for about 20 minutes. According to a news report, "the aerial craft was sailing swiftly on a beam wind, with her prow pointed due north. In the port fore chains the excited citizens beheld what they thought was an able seaman heaving the lead. And a few minutes later a green cabin boy came to the rail and chucked a large pan of hot ashes to windward. A bright, green light, streaked with yellow, as seen flashing at intervals."

John Van Vliet died at Matteawan at age 95. A boyhood friend, George Miller, the former longtime postmaster, often joked that he wanted to live longer than Van Vliet, even if by a day. Instead, he died in Brooklyn a week earlier at age 94.

A worker at Most's hat factory at Matteawan was fatally injured when struck by a bursting shell in the "pouncing" room. [Hats were pounced with progressively fine sandpaper to create a smooth finish.]

Traffic report: Roads muddy.

While working on the boulevard on the grounds of the Matteawan asylum, inmate Edward Sheridan bolted for the woods. He was caught two days later along the river at Low Point [near Castle Point].



In 1897, Keller and Goslin were the first of five people arrested in the E.S. Dean Co. swindle, on the complaint of a resident of Fishkill Landing.



An architectural drawing from 1972 envisioned renovations at the Howland Library in its new home.

“ A green cabin boy came to the rail [of the unidentified flying object]... A bright, green light was seen flashing at intervals.

100 Years Ago (May 1922)

A fire destroyed 1,200 acres on the eastern side of Mount Beacon and Lamb Hill, although no buildings or cottages on the western side were damaged.

Mayor Irving Stafford notified the police after he said he saw a man and woman with an infant stagger out of an establishment owned by David and Hyman Pomeranz. Although police said the couple admitted buying whiskey from the brothers, in violation of temperance laws, they said at trial they couldn't recall the visit.

A truck driver from Beacon was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol after he crashed into a Poughkeepsie school.

A Beacon police officer was charged with using obscene and profane language while detaining a Wappingers Falls man for speeding.

The commissioner of public works for Beacon threatened to sue the secretary of the Taxpayers' and Rentpayers' Association for libel after the latter accused the highway department of being sloppy with its finances.

The Southern Dutchess Gas and Electric Co. excavated for a new building to meet increasing demand.

The visiting Manhattan Colored Giants defeated the Beacon American Legion in a baseball game, 13-6.

A 14-year-old girl, Thelma Bloomer, was taken before a judge for examination after she was committed to an institution in Rockland County for "feeble-minded" children who had the maximum mental capacity of a fourth grader. The girl had passed the sixth grade, and authorities charged that the girls' father turned her over to the county welfare office because she and her boyfriend planned to elope.

75 Years Ago (May 1947)

A rainstorm that began at 4:30 p.m. and lasted more than an hour flooded cellars throughout the city, including in stores on Main Street. Five days later, the City Council said it would ask the Postwar Planning Commission to pay for an enlarged sewer system.

Navy Cmdr. Charles Goldier McIlwraith of Beacon received the Order of the British Empire in a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The body of an infant boy, wrapped in newspapers, was found by city workers in a storm sewer catch basin at Ferry Street and Park Avenue. The county district attorney said investigators were contacting physicians and hospitals.

Following a revelation that New York City had paid as much as \$640 a month in welfare to a single family, the commis-

sioner of welfare for Dutchess County said an audit found the most it had paid was \$178.35 per month to a woman and her 11 children.

Boxer Melio Bettina took on light heavyweight champion Gus Lesnevich at Madison Square Garden. "This is the big chance for the likable fighter from Beacon" in his quest to fight Joe Louis, said *The Poughkeepsie Journal*. "Melio has made little money since before the war and has been shunned by most promoters. Only Jimmy Grippo's barrage of copy to the national press has kept his name before the public." Lesnevich knocked out Bettina in 59 seconds — the first of three knockdowns that would end Bettina's career.

50 Years Ago (May 1972)

The school board, by a 7-1 vote, passed resolutions requiring administrators to live within 10 miles of the district and all other employees within 25 miles. Soon after, the high school principal, Morton Tannenbaum, who lived in Rockland County, resigned, prompting protests by many students. They said the superintendent and school board refused to meet them for a "rap session" to discuss the new rule.

The school district received \$120,000 in federal funds to launch a Spanish-English bilingual program.

Because of an especially rainy April, the city's three reservoirs were running over, the public works commissioner told the City Council.

The Howland Library launched a campaign to raise \$200,000 to renovate its new home in the former Tishman Building at Main and South Cedar streets and to increase its collection from 14,000 to 60,000 books.

George Kohl of Fishkill and Frederick McCoy of Beacon won the fifth annual Dutchess-Putnam sectional bridge tournament, the first time the Kagan trophy had been claimed by male players.

Twelve nuns, priests and retreat guests were injured while fleeing an early morning fire that destroyed the Ursuline Novitiate on DePuyster Avenue. The order had occupied the 18-room mansion, known as Hiddenbrooke, since buying it in 1922 from J. Noah Slee, president of the Three-in-One Oil Co.

25 Years Ago (May 1997)

The school district proposed a \$33.8 million budget that would increase taxes by 1.98 percent. It was the first time that Beacon voters were allowed to vote on the budget under a new state law that applied to small-city districts.

A 30-year-old man was sentenced to 4-to-8 years in prison after being convicted of raping a woman on Hammond Field.

After 32 years in business, Ruby Looper retired and closed Looper Liquor. She and her husband had moved to Beacon from South Carolina in 1945. In 1974, they bought a junkyard on South Avenue and built Looper's Plaza, later known as Fishkill Plaza.

The school district prepared to open a \$2.2 million garage near Dutchess Stadium. It had been paying \$86,000 a year to lease space for its 60 buses.



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Bugging Out

By Brian PJ Cronin



Some months it takes a while to find an idea for this column. Some months, an idea bites you when you least expect it. Like 11 a.m. on a Saturday morning in May, when mosquitoes should not be out already. And yet, there one was, sucking on my arm like a kid with a milkshake.

I was outside trying to take advantage of this six-week period from early May to mid-June when the weather in the Hudson Valley is perfect nearly every day: warm days, crisp nights, flowers budding everywhere and the green wave of leaves slowly making its way up the mountains. Post-Flag Day, however, an enormous mass of humidity parks itself over the Hudson Valley like one of those miles-long spaceships from *Independence Day* and then, also like the spaceships from *Independence Day*, obliterates everything in its path.

Last year, as you may recall, the summer and early fall were wet and humid, with mosquitoes still biting in mid-October, leaving me to wonder if I was going to have



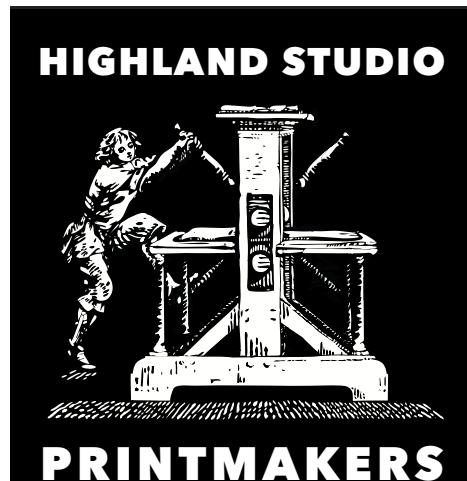
Don't blame me — I'm a pollinator.

to hand out travel-size bottles of bug spray on Halloween. I was expecting a longer respite before their return, but the itchy bump on my arm proved otherwise.

So now what? I'm always a "look for systemic solutions instead of individual ones" kind of guy, and my inbox is filling up with missives from various government agencies asking the press to remind the public that mosquitoes need still water to breed and offering tips to ensure their early demise.

They include emptying any buckets or

spare tires that collect rainwater. The Westchester Department of Health hands out free minnows each May to homeowners with ponds because the fish voraciously feed on mosquito larvae. (The Putnam and Dutchess health departments apparently don't offer the same, but you could get a supply at a bait shop.) NASA has a citizen-science program in which people use the GLOBE observer app to report mosquito habitats. "As temperatures increase in many areas of the world, the presence



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of disease-carrying mosquitoes should be closely monitored," says the program website.

The "as temperatures increase" part is key. Climate change is producing hotter, wetter, more humid summers in the Northeast, as well as more mosquitoes.

There's a theory that western science was born out of the limits of ritual, as some ancient Greeks figured out that there were more accurate ways to predict the weather than whether a sacrificial bull was burned the day before. In time, we looked back on our ancestors with disdain. Imagine thinking that humans could influence the weather by their actions!

Thousands of years later, those ancient pyromaniacs are having the last laugh. Turns out, we can influence the weather by our actions, only instead of burning livestock, we've been burning fossil fuels, sacrificing the finite materials of Earth instead of harnessing the infinite materials of the sky.

So if more mosquitoes are the norm, we have only ourselves to blame. But we may need them in the years to come. The primary role that mosquitoes play in the ecosystem is not to annoy humans, or to spread disease, but to pollinate. They feed on flower nectar — only the females bite, and only when they need the protein from our blood to lay eggs.

With bee populations crashing as a result of widespread pesticide use and habitat destruction, and bats (also pollinators) being decimated because of white-nose syndrome, mosquitoes might have a lot of heavy lifting ahead if we want to continue to have brilliant blooming flowers. With apologies to Emily Dickinson, hope is not always the thing with feathers. Sometimes it draws blood.

I am working on making peace with my new winged friends, these spreaders of future beauty, these delightful angels of the dusk who give so much and ask for so little in return — just a teensy bit of vital fluid in return for tomorrow's blooms. "April ouchers bring May flowers," we'll tell our grandkids. "Nature is healing," I say to myself as I slather my ankles with witch hazel. "You reap what you sow," I remind myself as a buzzing cloud descends upon me while I take the trash out, a walking blood sacrifice for the sins of man.



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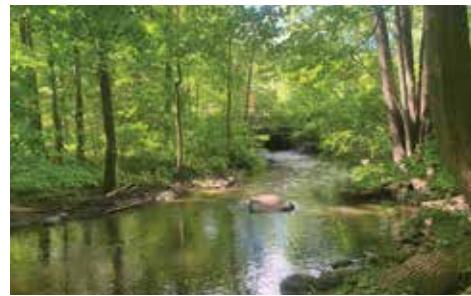
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The state Department of Environmental Conservation has launched a program to make it easier for residents and businesses to dispose of paint.

The program, in partnership with Paint-Care, will accept latex and oil-based paints and similar products in quantities of up to 5 gallons per visit. Local drop-off points include Herzogs Paint Center in Fishkill and Sherwin-Williams in Wappingers Falls, Peekskill and Newburgh.

For more information, see dec.ny.gov/chemical/120606.html. The program is funded by a fee applied to the sale of new paint in New York.



This expansion brings the preserve to 310 acres. HHLT said it will focus over the next year in removing junk cars and debris from the land while exploring visitor parking and trail development.

Land Trust Expands Preserve*240 acres added to Canopus Creek*

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust said this week it had purchased 240 acres to expand its Canopus Creek Preserve in Putnam Valley.

From the 1930s to the 1960s, the undeveloped land was part of the resort, dude ranch and rodeo grounds known as Cimarron Ranch.

Beacon Hires Assistant Superintendent*Will succeed retiring administrator*

The Beacon school board on May 9 hired a new assistant superintendent for pupil personnel services. Heather Chadwell Dennis, who has held the same position with the Hyde Park school district since 2013, will succeed Dawn Condello, who will retire on June 30. Chadwell Dennis began her career as a speech/language pathologist and special education coordinator with the Arlington school district. Condello, a former school psychologist and Glenham Elementary principal, held the position for six years.

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Highlands (*from Page 1*)

"I would highly recommend a moratorium" on conservation subdivisions, said Jan Baker, a Conservation Board member, at its May 10 meeting. "We know the current [code] language is ineffective. It doesn't achieve the result the town wanted. That sort of cries out for a moratorium."

Town Board Member Jason Angell, the liaison to the Conservation Board, said the situation indicates "that if the letter of the law is not living up to the spirit and main intent" for conservation subdivisions, "we should go back and see if it could be tightened." Angell added that "because this major project set a precedent," town officials should act "before another large project comes along."

The HHR property includes a pond, woods, a circa-1815 barn (slated to become a clubhouse) and other environmental or historic features. The developer, Horton Road LLC, run by architect Ulises Liceaga, initially proposed an equestrian center, but that has been dropped. In addition, according to the FEIS, the project designates 163 acres for conservation "in perpetuity."

Each of the 24 homes would be 2,500 to 3,000 square feet, on a 1-acre lot, accessible by its own driveway off a street or cul-de-sac.

Over the last eight years, HHR has generated intense interest from neighbors and others who filled public hearings and wrote letters in opposition. Several complained to the Planning Board, after its vote, that HHR "fails to deliver on the intent of a conservation subdivision" as defined in the town code. Moreover, environmental groups, as well as members of the Conservation Board, expressed skepticism.

The Philipstown code encourages conservation subdivisions, "in which units are clustered or sited on those portions of a property most suitable for development, while leaving substantial portions as undeveloped," a practice that "results in the preservation of contiguous open space and important environmental resources while allowing compact development, more walkable neighborhoods, and more flexibility than conventional subdivisions."

The FEIS says that HHR employs "a clustered layout and preserves large areas that currently function as wildlife corridors." Yet, as mapped, the homes do not appear to be particularly close to one another. The town code does not define clustering and notes that conservation subdivisions may include a variety of lot sizes.

HHR's proposed layout reflects that of adjacent neighborhoods on Horton Road, Horton Court and Mill Road, the developers argue. But old tax rolls show that at least some of those properties were developed well before the town adopted the current zoning code.

Using smaller lots or making the homes contiguous or recasting them as town-homes would conflict with Philipstown's desires to retain a rural character, according to the FEIS. And decreasing the number



of houses — even from 24 to 19 — while enlarging lot sizes "will make the project [financially] infeasible," it states.

Two Planning Board members who voted against the FEIS, Heidi Wendel and Peter Lewis, cited their reservations about the project's impact on wildlife, whether it qualifies as a conservation subdivision and concerns that a homeowners' association could ignore conservation requirements.

"We have no assurances those provisions will actually go into place," said Wendel. Lewis added: "The homeowners' association disturbs me. I'd like to see a full-time administrator, who can't look the other way." Lewis also said that "I'm sad there's no public access. It gives me a feeling like it's a gated community."

In January, the Conservation Board informed the Planning Board that it believes the developer has "not significantly lessened environmental impacts to the extent practicable" and "is evading the intent" of conservation subdivision regulations.

But Stephen Gaba, the town attorney, told the Planning Board on April 21 that "the project meets town code. There's no

question about that." He said he understands the concerns about honoring the intent of the law but advised the board that "the clearest manifestation of the intent of the Town Board is the language it used" in the code. If HHR "meets the code as a matter of law, it meets the intent of the town," he said.

Richard O'Rourke, Horton Road LLC's lawyer, similarly emphasized that "the intention of the [zoning] legislation cannot override the clear provisions of the law."

Consequently, the Planning Board felt it had no choice but to accept the FEIS, said Andy Galler, who chairs the Conservation Board, at its meeting on May 10. He recommended that the Planning and Conservation boards convene to determine what revisions are needed for the "somewhat problematic" code.

Work remains before the developer can break ground. For example, the Town Board must change the zoning on 11 acres of the site from industrial-manufacturing to rural residential, review the road plans and authorize creation of a sewer district. Going forward, the Planning Board will review the site plan and exercise other oversight.

Paper Trail

2018

June — The Hudson Highlands Reserve developer submit a state-mandated Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to the Philipstown Planning Board.

December — The draft is revised.

2019

May — The draft is revised again.

May 29 — A "notice of completion" is published for the draft.

June 20 — The Planning Board holds a public hearing.

2021

July 15 — The applicant submits a draft Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), "which responded to all substantive comments on the DEIS, and also memorialized changes made to the subdivision layout by the applicant (including removal of the Equestrian Center component)."

Sept. 15 — AKRF, the town's planning consultant, and the town engineer give the Planning Board and applicant a set of revisions for the draft FEIS.

Sept. 16 — The Planning Board meets and discusses the draft.

Oct. 5 — AKRF and the town engineer provide a set of revisions to the appendices of the FEIS.

Nov. 9 — The applicant submits a revised draft FEIS.

Nov. 18 — AKRF and the town engineer provide a third set of revisions. The Planning Board meets and discusses the draft.

Nov. 23 — AKRF and the town engineer provide a fourth set of revisions.

Dec. 2 — The applicant submits a revised draft FEIS.

Dec. 16 — AKRF and the town engineer provide a fifth set of revisions. The Planning Board meets and discusses the draft.

2022

March 3 — The applicant submits a revised draft FEIS.

March 11 — AKRF and the town engineer provide a final set of revisions.

April 21 — The Planning Board votes 4-2 to accept the FEIS.

May 5 — The FEIS is filed with the town.

OBITUARIES**Linda Duquesne (1959-2022)**

Linda Ann Duquesne, 62, a 40-year resident of Beacon and Newburgh, died April 29 surrounded by family members.



She was born Oct.

20, 1959, on Staten Island, the daughter of Donald and Jane Sefcik. In 1977, she married Richard Duquesne. Linda worked for the U.S. Postal Service at the Beacon and West Point offices for 27 years until her retirement in 2016. She enjoyed baking, cooking and spending time with family.

In addition to her husband and mother, Linda is survived by her children, Garrett Duquesne (Skye) of Beacon and Phillip Duquesne (Stephanie) of Wappingers Falls; her grandchildren, Elodie and Duke Duquesne; and her siblings, Donald Sefcik Jr. of Dickson City, Pennsylvania, Cynthia Mathies of Staten Island and Mark Sefcik of Staten Island.

A graveside service was held May 4 at Wappingers Rural Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society (cancer.org).

Terrance Grannis (1985-2022)

Terrance Patrick Cutler Grannis, 37, of Naples, Florida, and formerly of Philipstown, died Jan. 13.



He was born July 5, 1985, the son of Alexander ("Pete") and Ainslie Grannis.

He was nicknamed "the mayor" by friends in New York because of his gregarious nature and his ability to remember people's names and stories. Among his passions, he was a warrior against injustice to people and animals.

Handsome, with a 6-foot-6-inch athletic build and booming voice, Terrance was hard to forget, his family said. His heritage was Russian and he was proudly Irish. He sometimes referred to himself as a gentle giant.

Along with his parents, he is survived by his brothers, Wilcox Snellings and Jason Kamprowski. Memorial donations may be made to the 24 Hour Club of Naples, 1509 Pine Ridge Road, Naples, FL 34109. A memorial service will be held in Garrison in June.

Alford Lessner (1930-2022)

Alford H. Lessner, 90, of Beacon, died at his home on May 8.



Alford was born on Jan. 16, 1932, in New York City, the son of Lorraine and George Lessner, and grew up in the Bronx. After graduation from the High School of Music and Art, he earned a bachelor's degree in music from New York University. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War

and was stationed in Washington, D.C., where he was chief arranger and orchestrator for the Air Force Band and Symphony Orchestra.

He went on to work for his parents' production company, Lance Productions, which produced movie trailers and documentaries. He was the production manager for the cult horror classic *The Brain That Wouldn't Die*, and worked as a sound engineer for *Candid Camera*. Subsequently, Alford and his brother, Robert, founded Beacon Broadcasting Corp., which owned and operated the radio stations WBNR and WSPK.

Alford and his wife, the former Helen Rees, lived for many years in Newburgh. Since moving to New York City, Alford and Helen had become members of the Blue Hill Troupe, a 98-year-old theater group that raises money for charity.

Along with his wife of 59 years, Alford is survived by his daughters, Joanne Lessner (Joshua Rosenblum) and Kathy Yellen; and his grandchildren, Julian and Phoebe Rosenblum and Vivian Yellen. Memorial donations may be made to MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care (mjhs.org) or a charity of choice.

Mary Scarola (1941-2022)

Mary E. Scarola, 80, of Clermont, Florida, and formerly of Cold Spring, died May 2 at her home.



She was born Dec. 31, 1941, in Brooklyn, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Doran) Taylor. She graduated from St. Francis Xavier Academy High School in 1957 and Saint Catherine Hospital School of Nursing in 1962 before earning a bachelor's and master's degree at Pace University.

She was a registered nurse from 1962 until her death, working for Butterfield Hospital in Cold Spring, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in New York City during the AIDS crisis and at the Montrose VA Medical Center until she retired to Florida with her husband, Salvatore. He died in 2013.

Mary is survived by her children, Robert Scarola, Barbara Scarola, Susan Misuraca (Tony) and Elizabeth Ricci (Michael); her grandchildren: Isabella, Olivia, Eva and Michael Ricci; her brother, Frank Taylor; and her close friend, Carol DeVita.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 6 at Our Lady of Loretto in Cold Spring, followed by interment at Cold Spring Cemetery.

Cyrus Vaughn III (1933-2022)

Cyrus Stevens Vaughn III, 88, a long-time music teacher in the Beacon schools, died May 8 at the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose.



He was born Sept. 1, 1933, in Harrison,

the son of Cyrus Jr. and Dorothy (New) Vaughn. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict. On April 24, 1954, in Mamaroneck, he married Josephine "Jaye" Fosella.

Cyrus earned a bachelor's degree from SUNY Potsdam and a master's degree in music education from Boston University. He was a music teacher and director of music at Rombout Middle School and Beacon High School for more than 30 years.

Along with his love of music, Cyrus loved the art of stamp collecting. He enjoyed gardening and traveling with his wife and was a faithful Brooklyn Dodgers fan. Cyrus was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Beacon.

Along with his wife of 68 years, Cyrus is survived by his children: Neil Vaughn of Beacon, Deborah Jayne Forzano of Pleasant Valley and Brenda Lynn LaManna of White Plains, as well as six grandchildren and a great-grandson. In addition, he is survived by his brother, Earl Vaughn.

A funeral service was held at Libby

Funeral Home in Beacon on May 13, followed by interment with military honors at Fishkill Rural Cemetery.

Other Recent Deaths*Beacon*

Thomas Arnold, 69	Chuck Fayo, 71
Betty Baldwin, 66	Gloria Marchie, 91
Israel Beltran Sr., 67	Maureen McMahon, 65
Jim Cotter, 58	The Rev. Ronald Pecci, 71
Dylan Cronk, 32	Edward Lee Porter, 57
Lou Faure, 88	Johanna Ruiz, 43

Philipstown

Ed Griffiths, 81	Stephen Rose, 71
Joe Nelson, 83	Curt Thompson, 70
Phil Padilla, 70	
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Sports (from Page 24)

guys confidence that we can even the series up," Duder said, which they did on Wednesday with a 4-0 victory. The deciding game was scheduled for Thursday.

Beacon had an eight-game win streak going into yesterday's game against Cornwall (10-1). It won its seventh straight on Tuesday, defeating Newburgh Free Academy, 8-7, and its eighth on Wednesday, edging Minisink Valley, 10-9.

The Bulldogs defeated Newburgh on a Joey Vollaro walkoff single in the bottom of the seventh. Ronnie Anzovino earned the win on the mound, pitching 3.2 innings of relief, striking out four. Vollaro had three hits, Tyler Haydt had two hits and a double, Jackson Atwell had two hits and three RBI, and Liam Murphy drove in two runs.

Beacon (12-6) also won at Monticello, 9-3, on May 13 and at Washingtonville, 7-4, on May 14. The Section IX playoffs begin Saturday (May 21).

SOFTBALL

Beacon ended its season Tuesday (May 17) at Cornwall, dropping a 6-4 decision. Olivia Ciancanelli took the loss. At the plate, Ciancanelli went 2-for-3, Leanna Rinaldi drove in two runs and Bella White scored for the Bulldogs, who closed the spring at 5-15 (2-10 league).

"The girls played with passion the last few games of the year," said Coach Michael Carofano. "It was nice to see them come together and have fun. Our eight seniors [Ciancanelli, Rinaldi, Makkaila Caputo, Briana Jones, Christina Merola, Olivia Spiak, Tess Wills and Haleigh Zukowski] will be missed next season."

Beacon picked up its final win on May 14, topping Lourdes, 9-7, with Ciancanelli earning the victory. Merola and Wills each drove in two runs and Zukowski had a



The Beacon sprint medley relay team poses with its hardware on May 12. Photo provided

single to drive in a run.

TRACK & FIELD

The Beacon boys defended their title in the sprint medley relay East Coast Challenge at the Loucks Games on May 12 at White Plains High School.

The team — Eddie Manente, Sal Migliore, Henry Reinke and Evan LaBelle — ran 1:56.21 for the final 800 meters to move from sixth place to victory. Beacon edged a team from Huntington, on Long Island, by five-hundredths of a second.

"That was one of my top 10 coaching moments of the last 20 years," said Coach



LaBelle at the finish.

Photo provided

Jim Henry. "I was hoping we could run fast enough to sneak onto the podium. To win the race in such dramatic fashion was an adrenaline rush."

The boys' and girls' teams lost to Monticello on Wednesday (May 18). The boys' meet was a divisional championship won by Monticello.

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Haldane, which fielded a varsity team for the first time this year, lost its initial playoff game on Tuesday (May 17), 19-5, at Briarcliff. Mairead O'Hara had three goals to lead the Blue Devils.

"We had a great season," said Coach Keri Dempsey. "The girls hustled and worked hard every game, and getting to sectionals was awesome. I'm so proud of how far they've come and grown this season."

Beacon (3-9) ended its season on Tuesday with an 11-4 loss at New Paltz. Anaya Camacho had three goals and Kasey Senior added one. "We're looking forward to next season, and are excited to see the team continuing to grow," said Coach Taylor Modica.

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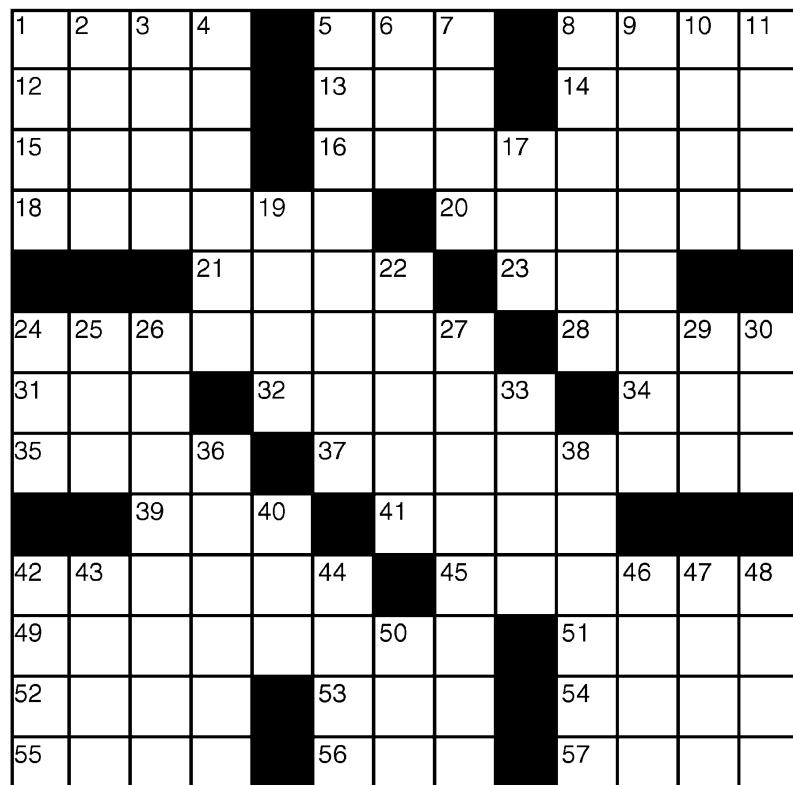
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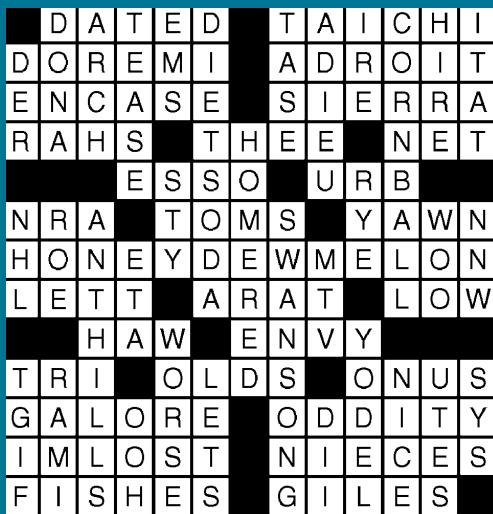
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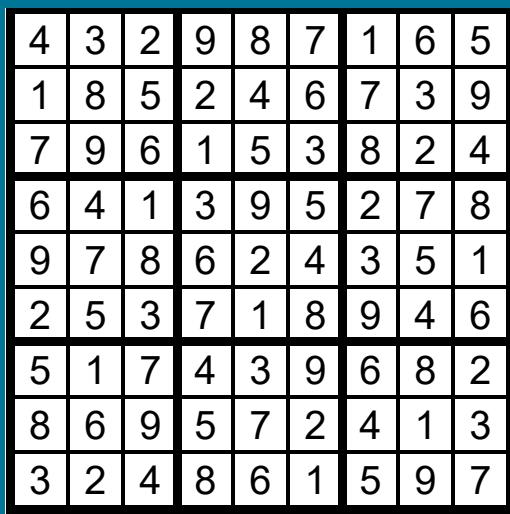
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Answers for May 13 Puzzles



1. ARCHIMEDES, 2. FORFEITS, 3. ENTRENCHED, 4. REUNIFY, 5. FERRIES, 6. AUSTINITE, 7. SWINDLE

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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.

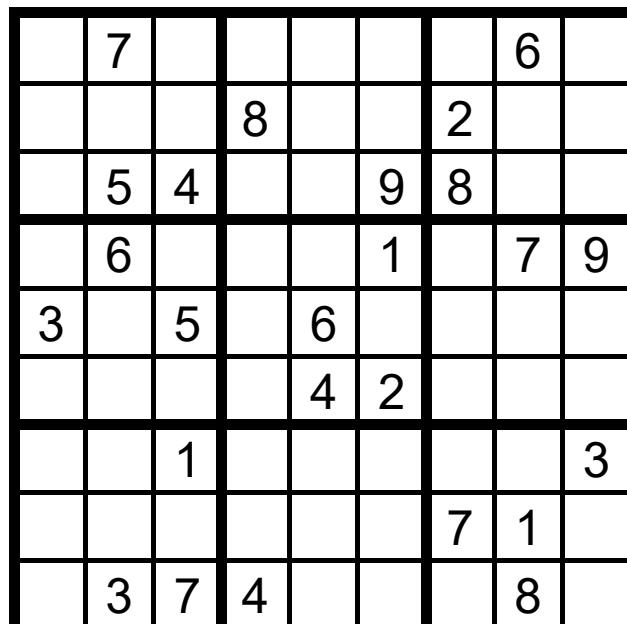
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- 1 Nick, Joe and Kevin (7)
- 2 not mainstream (6)
- 3 antagonistic (11)
- 4 drained (8)
- 5 Prince Charles' aunt (8)
- 6 self-named (9)
- 7 like mixed emotions (11)

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VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

BOYS' LACROSSE

After a slow start, Haldane found its rhythm in the second quarter and cruised to a 13-4 victory over Dobbs Ferry in the first round of the Section I, Class D playoffs on Tuesday (May 17) in Cold Spring.

The Blue Devils (10-7) were the No. 7 seed and Dobbs Ferry was No. 10. Haldane should face tougher competition when it travels today (May 20) to No. 2 Bronxville (11-5). The winner advances to the semifinal round on Tuesday (May 24).

Against Dobbs Ferry (3-14), Haldane led after the first quarter, 2-1, then scored six goals in the second quarter for an 8-2 half-time lead.

"They surprised us a little early on," said Coach Ed Crowe. "They were locking in on a couple of our guys and we were having trouble getting loose."

Sophomores Evan Giachinta and Liam Gaugler each had a hat trick, and Giachinta finished with five assists. Frankie DiGiglio scored twice and Rhys Robbins, Ryan Van Tassel, Will Sniffen, Rowen Kuzminski and Jesse Hagen each scored. Jordan Hankel had 10 saves in goal.

"Evan has been the catalyst," Crowe said. "He makes us go offensively. Liam has been finishing well. Both have doubled their totals [in goals and assists] from last year.

"And our defense, time and time again, has locked it up," he said. "With Jordan in the net, and Brody Corless, Nate Stickle, Tommy Tucker and PJ Ruggiero —they're all young. Sniffen does the little things —he scores, gets ground balls, plays good defense. We could be set for the next couple of seasons."

Bronxville will be a challenge. "We have to play within ourselves, control pace and possession, and clear effectively," Crowe said. "We want them to play with confidence, because when they do, we're a tough out."

BASEBALL

Haldane fell on Tuesday (May 17) at Leffell, 9-7, in the first game of a best-of-three playoff series. Eighth grader Dan Nakabayashi started on the mound and



Sophomore face-off man Frankie DiGiglio heads for a ground ball in the first round of the playoffs.

Photos by S. Pearlman



Sophomore Liam Gaugler had a hat trick against Dobbs Ferry.



Sophomore Evan Giachinta scored three times on Wednesday.

was relieved by Trajan McCarthy. Jake Hotaling also pitched in relief.

Coach Simon Dudar said poor defense hurt the Blue Devils. "We had too many

little plays that needed to be made," he said. "Nerves seemed to be percolating throughout the early parts of the game."

Haldane settled down: After entering

the top of the seventh inning down 9-2, the team rallied and had the tying run at the plate. "The late-inning boost gave the

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