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Ryan Biden

## Ryan Asks Biden to Bow Out

*Beacon representative becomes latest Democrat with doubts*

By Jeff Simms

Rep. Pat Ryan, a Democrat whose 18th Congressional district includes Beacon, published an opinion piece in the *Poughkeepsie Journal* on Wednesday (July 10) calling for President Joe Biden, also a Democrat, to end his bid for re-election.

Ryan, who urged Biden to “deliver on his promise to be a ‘bridge’ to a new generation of leaders,” posted a similar message on X/ Twitter. He became the eighth House Democrat and the first member of Congress from New York to ask Biden to step aside after his poor performance in a June 27 debate against former President Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee.

Biden has so far brushed off the calls, saying earlier this week in a letter to congressional Democrats that he is “firmly committed” to staying in the race.

In his op-ed, Ryan, who is up for re-election this fall and holds a House seat that

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## EPA Punts on Cleanup Ruling

*Says it needs more data to rule on PCBs in Hudson*

By Brian PJ Cronin

The Environmental Protection Agency this week released the draft of its latest five-year review of the

cleanup of General Electric’s pollution in a 40-mile segment of the Upper Hudson River. Although the report is a year late, the federal agency said it still needs more time to reach any firm conclusions.

For 30 years, from 1947 to 1977, GE discharged polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) into the river from two manufactur-

ing plants on the Upper Hudson. The pollution effectively ended commercial fishing in the river and kicked off decades of legal battles. As part of a settlement, GE dredged the Upper Hudson for six years, from 2009 to 2015, to remove contaminated sediment. Environmental groups argued that the cleanup didn’t target the most polluted parts of the river and that initial measurements of PCBs were faulty.

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**COMMUNITY DAY SIZZLED** — Cold Spring’s annual summer festival returned to Main Street and the riverfront on July 6 and, despite temperatures in the 90s, there was plenty of fun to be had. Visitors stayed cool with iced drinks, umbrellas and adventures on the water. For more photos, see [highlandscurrent.org](https://highlandscurrent.org).

Photo by Ross Corsair



Mike Wilson is the general manager of Foodtown in Cold Spring. Photo by M. Turton

## The Folks Behind Foodtown

*Cold Spring supermarket now ‘employee-owned’*

By Michael Turton

Positive outcomes were not the hallmark of the COVID-19 pandemic, but its aftermath did produce a silver lining for employees of the Foodtown supermarket in Cold Spring. They now own their company.

Many of the Cold Spring grocery’s employees worked through the pandemic, drawing praise from residents for the service they provided during what was

an uncertain and anxiety-filled time. In 2021, the company converted its stores to “employee-owned” by adopting an employee stock ownership program (ESOP).

“We realized we had to do it when we saw the job our associates did during COVID,” said Noah Katz, the president and CEO of PSK Supermarkets.

PSK owns 14 supermarkets in Nassau County, Long Island, New York City and as far north as Columbia County. Including in Cold Spring, 10 operate under the Foodtown banner while four are branded as Freshtown or Pathmark stores.

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FIVE QUESTIONS: CLODAGH

By Jeff Simms

Clodagh, an interior designer who lives in Beacon, is the subject of a documentary produced recently for Irish television. The film can be viewed online at [bit.ly/clodagh-film](http://bit.ly/clodagh-film).

How did the documentary come together?

I think it was either Aidan [O’Leary, who did graphics] or Oda [O’Carroll, the director] who called me and asked if I’d be interested. I thought about it and said, “OK, let’s do it.” They filmed my husband [Beacon real estate agent Daniel Aubry] and me in Spain, where we lived before moving back to the U.S., in Ireland, in my studio in Manhattan and on various projects. They also took footage from two previous films. The BBC [British Broadcasting Corporation] filmed me when I was 27 and again 10 years later when I was leaving Ireland.

What led you to design?

I was educated at Alexandra College in Dublin and graduated with honors at 16 but never went to formal school for design. I broke my back in a horseback-riding accident. While recovering I saw an ad in *The Irish Times*



that said, “Why not be a dress designer?” I thought, “Why the hell not?” I opened my first design business when I was 17. Fashion became my art. I would do the makeup, orchestrate the shows and do the voice-over speaking. I do what I call total design. If I have a concept, I try to flesh it out in a way that the concept is available to other people.

Were you happy with the film?

It’s hard to say you’re happy about a documentary about yourself because it’s like pushing the button for rewind. I was

certainly better looking. I had more hair. It covered some very painful moments, but I think they handled it gracefully. I’ve gotten some lovely remarks and emails about it. People find that it, in a sense, opens the door for them, perhaps because I haven’t had any formal education. I was learning on the job.

Your last line in the documentary is “I don’t want to right now, but I could change careers.” What would it be?

Probably sculpting. I’ve had a lot of accidents in my life, and in one of them I lost the top of my thumb. I tried weaving but couldn’t do it; it just was too difficult. I had thought of making beautiful wall hangings. But I could handle clay or I can grind stone and stuff like that because I have the tools.

You’ve lived all over the world. What’s one thing you like about Beacon?

I was brought up in west Ireland. I was born in Oscar Wilde’s former country home near a small village called Cong. Village life has always appealed to me. When I first came to Beacon there was something very cozy about it. You have the grand stuff, because you have Dia Beacon and Storm King and this stretch of the Hudson, so it seemed to combine everything for me. I love it here.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Besides A/C, how do you cope with this heat?

I strip; the less clothes, the cooler you are!



Nick Kilmer, Beacon

I’d like to jump off a cliff into a cool lake.



Ally Brundage, Beacon

This isn’t hot. I’m from West Texas; you have to keep a cool mindset.



Paul Franklin (instructing at West Point)

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## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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Whether a survey of residents would impact construction remains a question, but it would provide the board with data on what its position should be to represent residents, rather than board members stating their individual positions. Shouldn't the Village Board, most ethically and appropriately, honor its pledge to conduct a survey for its residents?

Walter Ulmer, *Cold Spring*

### Climate Smart

Congratulations to the Cold Spring Village Board, and especially Trustee Laura Bozzi, for achieving bronze status in the state's Climate Smart Community program and obtaining priority for grants to help cut the municipality's energy expenditure while reducing our impact on the environment.

Paul Thompson, *Cold Spring*

### Prison plans

Rather than housing, move Fishkill Correctional into the old Downstate campus ("Plan Announced for Downstate Prison," June 28). It makes no sense to keep Fishkill Correctional in ancient buildings in need of gut renovation when it could easily move into a newly upgraded and custom-designed facility up the road.

Meanwhile, the much nicer real estate that Fishkill Correctional sits on — like a death cloud hanging over Beacon High School and

Matteawan Road — could be more easily converted to any number of purposes, such as a satellite campus for Dutchess Community College, mixed-use residential-retail, a sports multiplex or an aquatic center with an Olympic-size pool.

The infrastructure for a new exit off Interstate 84 — which is where the \$8 million should be spent — at Heritage Financial Park already partially exists and would feed the updated hilltop development on the east side and the newly upgraded stadium on the west side.

With easier access to the stadium from the highway and Beacon, that stretch of 9D could be incentivized enough to achieve full development, which would increase the infusion of economic activity and ease some of the worst and most dangerous traffic congestion along that stretch while increasing the housing supply in a more modest and manageable way for the Beacon school district to absorb.

There's nowhere to add an exit on Red Schoolhouse and there's nowhere else to dump traffic from 1,300 units, all of which will be dependent on driving to get to work, school and most shopping.

The Hudson Valley isn't just a warehouse for people and the stuff they buy. Treating it that way creates transient populations and depreciates the value of the community. We're 90 minutes from the most dynamic city in the country, and one of the most prolific marketplaces of ideas in the world.

Why do we fritter that away? Why does everyone think so small? I don't get it.

Paul Westlake, *Beacon*

New York State isn't looking for creative reuse here, and it isn't interested in uses that don't advance its agenda. I suspect that the state's push for housing is quietly motivated by an anticipated influx of climate migrants over the next couple of decades and that it considers the negative local impacts as the cost of serving this higher purpose. I expect to see a similar, though smaller, housing project proposed for the Beacon Correctional Facility.

Derek Enos, *Beacon*

The infrastructure in the area needs to be upgraded before housing can be considered. Routes 9D and 52 already cannot handle the congestion from I-84 and Heritage Financial Park. On most days when school is in session, it could take hours to go a few miles to pick up kids. The buses

are late because they can't get through the antiquated state roads with all this traffic.

This project aims to raise our taxes and burden our lives with more unneeded stress to get around our small towns, which are overpopulated already. Do something to fix our roads and traffic congestion before adding more to the pile, Gov. Hochul.

Nick Verdichizzi, *Fishkill*

According to your story, Ozzy Albra, the Town of Fishkill supervisor, "questioned how Routes 52 and 9D, which are often congested near the Fishkill/Beacon line, could handle an influx of residents living in 1,300 new apartments and homes, even if introduced over several years." Supervisor Albra should apply that same thought process to the Fjord Trail he so enthusiastically endorses.

Michael Bowman, *Nelsonville*

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# Krivak Moves to Replace Putnam Lawyers

*Alleges conflicts of interest in lawsuit seeking payout*

By Leonard Sparks

James Randazzo and his law firm have represented Putnam County and its departments in dozens of federal cases. That go-to status is one of the reasons Andrew Krivak and his attorneys are asking a federal judge to disqualify Randazzo, along with two other firms, as he pursues a multimillion-dollar payout from the county. Krivak spent 23 years in prison before being acquitted in a retrial on charges he killed a 12-year-old Carmel girl in 1994.

Portale Randazzo LLP represented Putnam and its district attorney and sheriff's offices in the lawsuit that led to a \$12 million settlement in 2020 with Krivak's

co-defendant, Anthony DiPippo, who also had his conviction overturned.

Randazzo also initially represented the same defendants in Krivak's lawsuit, which was filed in August against the county; District Attorney Robert Tendy, three of his current and former prosecutors and a DA investigator; and six former Sheriff's Office investigators. In addition, the lawsuit names former District Attorney Kevin Wright and former Sheriff Robert Thoubboron.

Krivak's attorneys alleged potential conflicts in March and the county agreed. It responded in April by selecting Silverman & Associates as its attorney, with another firm, Morris Duffy Alonso & Faley, being assigned to represent the DA's office.

But a motion filed by Krivak last month claims the changes do not cure the potential conflicts because Randazzo still represents

multiple deputies who could provide incriminating statements against each other or the county, which has a "presumably lucrative attorney-client relationship" with the firm.

Krivak also argues that Silverman & Associates should be disqualified because it represented one of the officers, former sheriff's investigator Patrick Castaldo, in a lawsuit filed by Alexandru Hossu after a jury acquitted him of raping a 12-year-old girl. Putnam settled the case in 2019 for \$750,000.

Morris Duffy Alonso & Faley is accused of potentially representing "differing interests" while defending Tendy and the other prosecutors, according to court documents.

"While the change of counsel may have cured some of the representational conflicts of interest, it did not resolve the underlying adverse or differing interests among the defendants," Krivak's attorneys wrote in their motion.

Krivak accuses Putnam police and prosecutors of strong-arming witnesses, withholding evidence and other misconduct in prosecuting him and DiPippo for the rape and murder of Josette Wright, who disappeared in October 1994. A hunter discovered her remains in a wooded area of Patterson in November 1995.

Juries twice convicted DiPippo, but judges ordered new trials, with the final one ending with an acquittal. He received \$2.9 million from the state. His settlement with Putnam cost the county \$200,000, with the remainder covered by insurance.

A judge vacated Krivak's 1997 conviction in 2019, and Tendy opted to pursue a new trial. A jury acquitted Krivak on Feb. 27, 2023, and the following month he filed a \$150 million claim against Putnam County and one for \$50 million under the state's Unjust Conviction and Imprisonment Act.

In September, a judge approved a \$5.7 million settlement between Krivak and the state.

# Attorney General Accuses Holtec of Illegal Discharges

*Groundwater and stormwater releases under review*

By Brian PJ Cronin

State Attorney General Letitia James has accused Holtec, the company decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear power plant outside of Peekskill,

of illegally discharging radioactive water into the Hudson River.

Holtec says the discharges are of groundwater and stormwater, not wastewater from the plant's spent fuel pools, and are allowed.

The company is suing New York State to overturn the law, which was signed by Gov. Kathy Hochul last year and forbids Holtec from discharging radioactive mate-

rials into the Hudson. Holtec contends that only the federal government can regulate nuclear activity. But in a brief filed July 2, James argued that the law asserts that Holtec's planned discharges of over 1 million gallons of radioactive wastewater would bring economic harm to the communities along the Hudson.

The state contends that because the law addresses economic concerns instead of ecological ones, it has the legal standing to prevent the discharges.

In her response, James alleged that, since the law was enacted, "radiological substances were discharged into the Hudson River and, upon information and belief, continue to be discharged into the Hudson River."

The substances in question are stormwater and groundwater that flow through the drainage and sump-pump systems under the first of Indian Point's three reactors. The state's Decommissioning Oversight Board brought the discharges to the attorney general's attention last month after finding evidence of them in Holtec's 2023 Annual Radioactive Effluent Release Report, which was published in April.

In its report, Holtec notes that while the

discharges of stormwater and groundwater contain tritium, strontium-90, cesium-137 and gross beta, the levels were far below the maximum amount allowed by the federal government. Holtec's Patrick O'Brien said that an underground spring below Unit 1 is the source of the contaminated groundwater.

Because the groundwater and stormwater had to be discharged while the plant was in operation and would have to be discharged even with the plant in SAFSTOR mode — a form of "inactive" decommissioning in which a shuttered nuclear plant is left alone for decades to give radioactive material time to degrade — the discharges do not qualify as decommissioning events, he said.

"Indian Point continues to remain compliant regarding our water discharge permits," O'Brien said in a statement. "No discharges of water related to decommissioning activities have occurred, in accordance with enactment of the state law. Discharge of stormwater and groundwater not in connection with the decommissioning of Indian Point are allowable and regulated."

Holtec has similarly defended the planned wastewater discharges, saying they would not only be well within legally allowed limits, but that monitored radioactive wastewater discharges were a regular part of operations at Indian Point for nearly 60 years.

The company is investigating alternative methods for disposing of the wastewater. Riverkeeper and other environmental groups have advocated storing it onsite in tanks for at least 12 years, long enough for radioactive tritium to degrade to half its potency. In the meantime, Holtec has said that uncertainty around the wastewater has pushed back its timeline for completion of the decommissioning by eight years.

If a court rules that the discharges were illegal, the decision would prove costly. The penalty for the first day of discharges could be as high as \$37,500, then increases up to \$75,000 for the second day and \$150,000 for each day thereafter.

The Decommissioning Oversight Board declined comment due to the pending litigation.

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## River Pollution *(from Page 1)*

Lisa Garcia, the region's EPA administrator, said that while PCB levels in water and fish are decreasing, the agency needs more annual fish data before it can determine if the cleanup is meeting expectations. She said the agency needs at least eight to 10 years of evidence after dredging "to begin to draw science-based conclusions about the rate of recovery in fish." The EPA expects to reach a determination on the river before 2028 while expanding its monitoring and testing.

The decision to defer a decision was met with scorn by Friends of a Clean Hudson, a consortium of environmental groups that includes Clearwater, Riverkeeper and Scenic Hudson. The groups say the EPA has enough data to show that the recovery isn't meeting benchmarks set in 2002. "Every delay in action continues to put ecological and human health at risk," said David Toman, executive director of Clearwater.

Last year, Friends of a Clean Hudson commissioned its own report based on the data that the EPA relied on. It concluded that the dredging wasn't as successful as the EPA

predicted and that, in some sediment samples, pollution appeared to be getting worse.

PCB levels in fish dropped sharply right after the dredging was completed but has plateaued since then at levels far above the predicted benchmarks, said Pete Lopez of Scenic Hudson. The only way contamination levels could drop over the next few years and reach the benchmark would be for something "miraculous" to occur, he said.

"My hope is that this deferral is the agency saying, 'All right, we want to take one last hard look at the data,' but they can make this decision now."

~ Pete Lopez of Scenic Hudson

"My hope is that this deferral is the agency saying, 'All right, we want to take one last hard look at the data,' but they can make this decision now," he said.

Lopez is in a unique position to know. When the last five-year review was undertaken, he held Garcia's job as EPA regional administrator. He said that the EPA was ready to declare in 2019 that the cleanup had been successful until the state Department of Environmental Conservation approached him with its own data.

The numbers gave EPA scientists pause, he said. After folding the state data in with what had been collected by the EPA and General Electric, Lopez said a fuller picture emerged and the EPA concluded the cleanup wasn't working.

Lopez said he had hoped that data from state agencies, as well as pushback from elected officials and environmental groups, would force the EPA to declare that the cleanup had failed. "I'm frustrated and crestfallen that my former colleagues who paused in the last five-year review didn't step back and say, 'Hey, we're off target even more than we were, we need to err on the side of the public and those who are at risk,'" he said.

The report does not consider samples taken last summer by the EPA and GE in the river south of Troy, although the agency

## How to Respond

The Environmental Protection Agency is accepting public comments through Oct. 8 by email at [epahrfo@outlook.com](mailto:epahrfo@outlook.com). A virtual public meeting will be held on Aug. 21; see [bit.ly/pcbzoom](https://bit.ly/pcbzoom). The plan is posted at [bit.ly/3rd5yearreview](https://bit.ly/3rd5yearreview).

said it expects to release that data soon.

The only way GE can be compelled to continue dredging is if the EPA determines the cleanup was not successful. In 2021 New York State sued to have the cleanup continue, but the suit was dismissed.

While it is possible that further study and sampling will allow the EPA to build a stronger legal case, Drew Gamils, a senior attorney at Riverkeeper, said the agency already has more than enough data to make that case.

"It's hard to say what direction the EPA is trying to go in by looking for three additional years," she said. "If anything, things are just going to get worse."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Mondaire Jones Loses Working Families Primary

*Surge of new voters in Rockland boosts mystery opponent*

Democrats usually carry the Working Families Party line in elections, but that will not be the case for Mondaire Jones in November as he seeks to defeat U.S. Rep. Mike Lawler for the House seat covering District 17, which includes Philipstown.

With the counting of absentee and affidavit ballots from the June 25 primary complete, little-known candidate Anthony Frascione used a surge of Working Families registrations in Rockland County to win the party's line, 287-195, depriving Jones of an important second ballot line in what is expected to be a close contest against Lawler, a Republican.

While Working Families voters chose Jones by wide margins in Putnam (21-2) and Westchester (75-6), the results were reversed in Rockland. Frascione, a former Republican, won

73 percent of the vote (275-98) in Rockland.

Nearly 200 new voters in Rockland registered for the Working Families Party just before the primary, according to *Gothamist*. Almost all came from Monsey and Spring Valley, two areas with heavy Hasidic and Orthodox Jewish populations.

### State Warns of Uptick in Covid Cases

*Dutchess, Putnam also see infections rise*

The New York Department of Health is warning residents about a rise in COVID-19 cases as new variants of the virus that causes the illness continue to emerge.

On July 6, the seven-day average of 7.6 cases per 100,000 residents was far below the 36.3 cases on the same day in 2022 but higher than the 2.6 cases reported in 2023. The seven-day average in Dutchess County on July 6 was more than triple what it was last year, and for Putnam, more than double.

On Tuesday (July 9), 1,003 people with

COVID-19 were hospitalized statewide, an 86 percent increase from June 3. Hospitalizations also increased in the Mid-Hudson region, which includes Dutchess and Putnam, with 118 patients, compared to 64 on June 10, according to state data.

### Behavioral Health Hub Names Director

*Beacon resident tapped to lead Philipstown nonprofit*

Semra Ercin, a Beacon school board member and development director for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, will become the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub's next executive director, the organization announced Wednesday (July 10).

Ercin will succeed interim director Chris Owens on Aug. 5. He took the position when Laurie Sigalos departed last summer. Ercin also directed development for the Brooklyn Children's Museum and has worked with the Brooklyn Academy of Music and the

Brooklyn Music School.

The nonprofit hub, which opened on Stone Street in Cold Spring in 2019, provides access to behavioral health and addiction resources.

### Administrator to Leave Garrison School

*Innovation director hired by Elmsford district*

James Yap, the director of innovation and learning at the Garrison School, will leave the district at the end of the month to become an assistant superintendent in Westchester County.

Yap, who was hired by the Garrison district in 2022, will become assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, technology and certificated personnel for the Elmsford Union Free School District. Its board approved the hire on July 9. The Garrison board said it would begin a search for an interim administrator.

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# Notes from the Cold Spring Village Board

By Michael Turton

- The Cold Spring Village Board, at its Wednesday (July 10) meeting, accepted a \$100,000 state grant to purchase a hybrid or electric pickup and battery-powered landscaping equipment and to upgrade the lighting and HVAC at Village Hall.
- Cold Spring is applying for a \$2.5 million

- state grant to help pay for \$8 million in repairs needed to the upper dam at the village reservoirs. In partnership with Nelsonville and Philipstown, Cold Spring is also applying for a \$75,000 grant to study changes that could prevent flooding.
- The Planning Board recently approved an application for a deli at 72 Main St. and is considering applications for an

- unstaffed gym at 40 Main St. and a subdivision at 6 Belvedere St.
- The mayor reminded residents and business owners that bushes and shrubs cannot encroach on sidewalks.
- Officer-in-Charge Matt Jackson reported that the Police Department responded to 256 calls in June, including 75 traffic stops and 10 motor vehicle crashes. The number

- of calls included in the monthly report has greatly increased following the addition of a computer system that records all incidents.
- The fire company responded to 24 calls last month, including two reports of gas odor, two mountain incidents and two incidents on the river.
- Seastreak canceled its cruise to Cold Spring scheduled for Saturday (July 13). Dockings are now planned for Aug. 10 and Sept. 7.



Mackenzie Faitak stocks shelves at Foodtown. Photo by M. Turton

## Foodtown (from Page 1)

The chain employs close to 1,000 workers, including about 40 in Cold Spring, Katz said, adding that, unlike payroll-deduction plans, Foodtown employees pay nothing to participate in the ESOP. Full- and part-time workers and managers become eligible for the program after working at Foodtown for a year.

Each year, the company announces its share price and allocates stock to eligible employees. Employees' allocations are based on their earnings.

Employees are 20 percent vested after a year in the program, which means they collect 20 percent of the value of their shares if they leave Foodtown. Vesting increases to 40 percent after three years and 60 percent after five. After six years employees are fully vested.

"But our goal is not for people to leave,"

Katz said. "We want them to stay with us until they retire."

Mike Wilson, the general manager of the Cold Spring grocery, worked for its predecessor, Grand Union, for five years before it was destroyed by fire in early 2002. Foodtown opened at the same site in April 2003.

"I'm excited about the ESOP; it will really help with retirement," he said. "Getting the stock also makes us more entrepreneurial, more invested in our future and in making the company better."

"One thing I've always appreciated about working for Foodtown is they were family-oriented from the beginning," Wilson said. "ESOP is just another layer of that, trying to make us feel a part of their family."

Katz said the company also benefits from employee ownership. "It gives everyone a stake in the company," he said. "It gives people something to work toward and helps reduce turnover."

Initiating the program also made economic sense in the wake of the COVID-driven recession. Nationally, the number of employee ownership programs had declined prior to the pandemic, though it has increased since.

The National Center for Employee Ownership estimated that in 2023 more than 6,300 U.S. companies had ESOPs, with 14.7 million participants holding more than \$2.1 trillion in assets.

According to Douglas Kruse, a Rutgers University economist, ESOP companies tend to be more stable financially, lay off fewer employees and have higher survival rates, especially during recessions. While the program is beneficial for employees, it is not tax-free.

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# A Lifeline on Wheels

Putnam County rolls out mobile food pantry

By Leonard Sparks

Shelves filled with containers of ripe strawberries, heads of cabbage and bunches of kale. Blue bins stuffed with freshly harvested apples, carrots, corn and peaches.

For two hours on Wednesday morning (July 10), St. Mary's Church in Cold Spring hosted Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County's latest strategy for feeding "food-insecure" residents: a mobile food pantry that stops at locations in Philipstown and other areas of the county.

Without paperwork or questions, residents can stock up on vegetables, fruits, eggs, meats and other products from local farms, including Glynwood in Philipstown and Longhaul in Garrison.

A \$2 million grant from the state's New York Food for New York Families program allows Cornell Cooperative to purchase food from the farms and pay Meals on Main Street, a Westchester County organization that for years has operated a mobile food pantry, for distribution, said Ruby Koch-Fienberg, the organization's ag and food



Meals on Main Street operates Putnam County's mobile pantry.



Produce is sourced from local farms.

Photos by L. Sparks

systems coordinator.

On paper, Putnam County is affluent, but data confirms that many of its residents need assistance with food, she said. Having a mobile pantry is another way to feed those residents while supporting local farms.

Wednesday's stop at St. Mary's was the truck's second of the day after first visiting the Brookside Park mobile home community on Route 9 and before stopping at the Philipstown Senior Center in the village.

Other stops include the senior centers in Carmel and Putnam Valley, the Patterson Library and the Putnam Lake Fire Department. More than 60 people visited the truck when it stopped Monday at the Putnam Valley Library, said Koch-Fienberg.

"There's no needs testing," she said. "If you come to the truck, you can take what

you need."

More people in Dutchess and Putnam should be doing just that, according to data released in May by Feeding America, a network of food banks.

Ten percent of Dutchess County residents and 8 percent in Putnam did not always have access to enough food in 2022, the organization said. Its network includes the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, which distributes to the Philipstown Food Pantry and other local programs.

The federal government defines food insecurity as "the lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life." Dutchess had 29,700 food-insecure residents, including 6,620 children, in 2022, while Putnam County had 8,270, including 1,270 children. Both counties experienced increases from 2021.

Some of those families may have incomes low enough that they struggle to afford rent

## The mobile food pantry makes three local stops on Wednesdays:

- 8:45 – 9:30 a.m.  
Brookside Park, Treeline Circle, Philipstown
- 10 a.m. – noon  
St. Mary's Church, 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
- 12:45 – 1:15 p.m.  
Philipstown Senior Center, 6 Butterfield Road, Cold Spring

and other basic needs, but high enough to disqualify them from receiving assistance from food pantries or similar programs, said Koch-Fienberg.

"It's a pretty wide spectrum of folks that are accessing food from the truck," she said. "There's a lot of misconceptions of what people who need food might look like."

## Ryan (from Page 1)

Republicans have targeted to flip, recalled taking the oath of office 18 months ago. "As I stood there, on the very same ground at West Point where I took a similar oath 20 years earlier," wrote Ryan, a West Point graduate and U.S. Army veteran, "I felt the full weight and responsibility of this position.

"That oath wasn't to any party, special interest or politician," he said. "As an American — as a patriot — I swore to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

Ryan called Trump "a threat to American democracy" who has been convicted of a felony, tried to overturn the 2020 election and, if re-elected, "wants to criminalize abortion, give more tax breaks to billionaires and big corporations and gut Social Security."

Ryan said that Biden is "a patriot and a person of great integrity" while acknowledging past disagreements with the president over border policies and his withdrawal in 2021 of troops from Afghanistan. However, in "countless conversations, especially over the last few weeks," Ryan said that constituents have told him they're losing faith in the country.

They feel both Democrats and Republicans have failed them and that Biden and Trump, who are the two oldest presidential candidates ever presented by the parties, are "awful" choices, he said.

"Let me be clear: I am asserting no moral equivalency between Biden and Trump,"

## Should Trump Be the Nominee?

Rep. Mike Lawler, a Republican whose 17th Congressional district includes Philipstown, has endorsed former President Donald Trump but hasn't exactly been shouting from the rooftops about his decision.

In a December town hall, he said he would prefer that neither Trump nor Biden were on the ballot. "I don't think either of them are able to do the job, frankly, at this point," he said.

In April, he declined to tell a reporter from *The Journal News* whom he had voted for in the New York presidential primary, or if he had voted, although two days later he told CNN he had cast his ballot for the former president.

wrote Ryan, who said he will vote for Biden if he remains in the race. But for the good of the country and "the future of our kids and grandkids," the president should step aside, he said.

He added: "I'll work with any patriot who wants to join me in putting country before party to get it done."



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## The Calendar

# An Infusion of Summer

Photographer is artist-in-residence at Cold Spring cafe

By Marc Ferris

Two years ago, photographer Urban Karlsson ordered heavy paper from Amazon. Instead, in a snafu, he received sheets of canvas typically used by painters.

Rather than return the order, the Philipstown resident experimented with it, discovering that printing photos on the thick cotton surface added an ethereal edge to his preferred subjects: flowers, landscapes, street scenes and root vegetables.

Named for Pope Urban V, who died in 1370, Karlsson is a native of Sweden who wears an ABBA pendant around his neck. He is the artist-in-residence at Cozy Corner Cafe in Cold Spring (formerly Hudson Hill's), where an exhibit of his work, *Summer Happiness*, is on display. He also has a pop-up store at 137 Main St. through July 31.

Inspired by Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, Karlsson plans to rotate his exhibit at Cozy Corner every three months. To celebrate summer, the flower motif is flowing.

"Being a creative person means that I've never been bored in my life," he says. "I'm always making something or exploring an inspiring thought."

The artist, who is 60 and lives across Main Street from the restaurant, got the gig by strolling into the newly opened cafe and presenting his portfolio to co-owner Jessika Martinez, who has an interior design degree. Martinez selected photos that she said enhanced the space's feng shui.

Before hanging the photos, she painted the beige walls in powder blue and white. "I was looking for happy colors and a calm vibe," she says.

At the cafe, real flowers are positioned on each table and in boxes on the porch. Rose petals infuse the lemonade. To gussy up the waiting area outside a bathroom, Martinez placed a flowery wreath between two eye-high posters depicting wildflowers.

Karlsson's photos of yellow roses, blue hydrangea and poppies on a wall inside the restaurant entrance look like they're made of porcelain. On the left is an array of purple flowers with green backgrounds.

He shoots with his iPhone 13. "I want to be able to take advantage of the moment, and I don't like dialing in any settings," he says.

The cafe photos were conveyed to canvas with an inkjet printer and appear to have been manipulated with drawing or brush strokes to create a hazy texture.

Also untouched are the pictures of Storm King and a plum tomato carved with imperfections, which hang in the smaller, darker dining room. Karlsson's take on a pile of carrots resembles imperfect candles



"Miracle on Main Street"



Urban Karlsson

Photos provided

for people to determine the subject, he says.

The one shot on long-term display depicts the cozy cafe and its corner at night surrounded by streaks of light. He calls it the "Miracle on Main Street."

Karlsson also crafted canvas shades for the tabletop lamps, to which he added strips of decorative burlap lace.

A veteran of the fashion industry, he worked for a Swedish clothing company and moved to Garrison part-time in 2001 before relocating to Cold Spring last year. His studio is called Urban Karlsson Living, or U.K.L., and he works with photos, oil paint, mixed media — and food. His website [cookingwithurban.com](http://cookingwithurban.com) has recipes.

His business card, a compact and foldable canvas square cut from a defective or poorly printed work, would make a colorful placemat in a child's tea set.

After Amazon's mistake with the paper order, Karlsson leaned into the happy accident. "Things come to me that I may not have been looking for," he says. "But I stay open to them because it's probably meant to be."

with wicks or sticks of dynamite with fuses.

He did, however, dab paint over a blurry composite of images depicting fruits and vegetables jammed close together in bright green pint containers. His addition of white light sometimes makes it difficult



# THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

For a complete listing of events, see [highlandscurrent.org/calendar](http://highlandscurrent.org/calendar).

## COMMUNITY

### SAT 13 Rabies Vaccination Clinic

**PHILIPSTOWN**  
10 a.m. – Noon. Hubbard Lodge  
2880 Route 9  
845-808-1390 ext. 43160  
[putnamcountyny.com/health](http://putnamcountyny.com/health)

Putnam residents can bring a cat, dog or ferret for a free vaccine sponsored by the Health Department. Carriers or leashes and proof of residency and prior vaccination are required.

### SAT 13 Beacon Elks Parade

**BEACON**  
11 a.m. Main Street | 216-548-6831  
[facebook.com/groups/beaconelks1493](https://facebook.com/groups/beaconelks1493)

Lodge 1493 launches a series of 100th-anniversary events with a parade. See Page 20.

### SAT 13 Native American Celebration

**BEAR MOUNTAIN**  
11 am. – 8 p.m.  
Anthony Wayne Recreation Area  
Palisades Interstate Parkway  
[redhawkcouncil.org](http://redhawkcouncil.org)

The Redhawk Native American Arts Council's annual celebration will feature dances, performances, art, music and food, with a tipi raising and representatives from many tribes. Also SUN 14. *Cost: \$15 (\$10 seniors and students, ages 5 and younger free)*

### SAT 13 Modern Makers Market

**COLD SPRING**  
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. St. Mary's  
1 Chestnut St. | [hopsonthehudson.com](http://hopsonthehudson.com)

More than 50 makers and artists will be selling their creations, including woodworkers, potters, candlemakers, jewelers and glassmakers. Rain or shine.

### SUN 14 Car Show

**POUGHKEEPSIE**  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Locust Grove Estate  
2683 South Road | [lgny.org](http://lgny.org)

See hundreds of cars from across the decades. *Cost: \$10 (ages 12 and younger free)*

### SAT 20 Rabies Clinic

**POUGHKEEPSIE**  
8 a.m. – Noon. Town Hall  
1 Overocker Road | 845-452-7722  
[dcsPCA.org](http://dcsPCA.org)

Dutchess County residents can register for a free vaccination for a dog, cat or ferret older than 3 months. Pets must be leashed or in a carrier. Shots are \$10 for non-residents.



Scott Lerman, July 20

## NATURE & OUTDOORS

### TUES 16 Community Hike

**GARRISON**  
3:30 p.m. Arden Point & Glenclyffe Loop  
8 Glenclyffe | 845-265-3040  
[butterfieldlibrary.org](http://butterfieldlibrary.org)

Bring water and dress for the weather to enjoy a 90-minute hike led by a librarian.

### FRI 19 Community Hike

**PHILIPSTOWN**  
8 a.m. Bull Hill Short Loop  
845-265-3040  
[butterfieldlibrary.org](http://butterfieldlibrary.org)

Park in the Washburn Trail parking lot on Route 9D. People of all ages are welcome to join the 4.6-mile hike. This is considered a difficult hike with steep and rocky sections.

## TALKS

### THURS 18 A Jewish Olympian's Survival and Triumph

**GARRISON**  
6:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
[desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org)

Michael Gyory, chair of the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center, will present an exhibit and talk about Agi Keleti, the oldest living Olympian and a Holocaust survivor who won gold medals in 1952 and 1956 for women's gymnastics.

### SAT 20 A Thousand Times Before

**BEACON**  
8 p.m. Stanza Books | 508 Main St.  
845-440-3906 | [stanzabooks.com](http://stanzabooks.com)

Asha Thanki will launch her new

novel with a reading and discussion with Daniel Varghese.

### SUN 21 H.R. Webster

**PUTNAM VALLEY**  
3 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road  
[tompkinscorners.org](http://tompkinscorners.org)

The author of *What Follows* is featured for the monthly Poets' Corners series. An open mic follows. *Cost: \$10*

## SECOND SATURDAY

### SAT 13 Fleeting Light

**BEACON**  
4 – 6 p.m. Lofts at Beacon  
18 Front St. | 845-202-7211  
[loftsatbeacon.com](http://loftsatbeacon.com)

Rachel Whitlow's landscape paintings have both abstract and figurative qualities. Through Aug. 16.



### SAT 13 Bruckaroni and The Bots | Mujuworld | Mizna Wada

**BEACON**  
5 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery  
139 Main St. | 212-255-2505  
[clutter.co](http://clutter.co)

Original characters, Wandering Wizard sculptures and dolls will be on display through Aug. 2.

### SAT 13 Hold On

**BEACON**  
6 – 9 p.m. Super Secret Projects  
484 Main St. | [supersecretprojects.com](http://supersecretprojects.com)  
The group show will explore the meanings of the phrase. Through Aug. 3.

### SAT 13 Juncture and Rift | Ceramics Group Show

**BEACON**  
6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St.  
845-440-7584 | [baugallery.org](http://baugallery.org)  
In Gallery 1, see a group show representing the range of talents and subjects of member artists. In Gallery 2, view works created in a collaborative wood-firing at the Juniata College ceramics program with artists from The Art School at Old Church. Through Aug. 4.

## VISUAL ARTS

### SAT 13 Blind Dates Recursive 07

**BEACON**  
2 p.m. Dia Beacon | 3 Beekman St.  
845-231-0811 | [diaart.org](http://diaart.org)  
Rindon Johnson will facilitate a public conversation with the question: "Why share?" Included with museum admission.

### THURS 18 Upstate Art Weekend

Various locations  
[upstateartweekend.org](http://upstateartweekend.org)  
The annual artfest will feature 145 exhibitions and events throughout the Hudson Valley, with local participants including Studio Tashtego, Magazzino, Manitoa, Garrison Art Center, Dia Beacon, Howland Cultural Center, Ethan Cohen Gallery at Kube, Beacon Open Studios, Analog Diary, Distortion Society, Howland Cultural Center and the Dutchess Experiential Art Hotel. Through SUN 22.

### FRI 19 Opening Reception

**BEACON**  
6 p.m. The Yard  
4 Hanna Lane | [beaconarts.org](http://beaconarts.org)

Beacon Open Studios will host a gathering with musical performances by Leah Valentine and Lila Blue, followed by a sunset performance by Skyla Schreter Dance. The reception is free. Tickets for the dance are \$15.

### FRI 19 Cuban Murals

**BEACON**  
7 p.m. ChangoLife Arts  
211 Fishkill Ave. | [changolifearts.com](http://changolifearts.com)  
Franc Palaia, whose exhibit is on view, will discuss his experience documenting street art in Havana. See Page 15.

### SAT 20 Beacon Open Studios Exhibit

**BEACON**  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
[beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org)  
See work by four local artists exhibited in the community room.

### SAT 20 Indivi Sutton + Edith Baumann

**BEACON**  
4 – 6 p.m. Analog Diary  
1154 North Ave. | [analogdiary.art](http://analogdiary.art)  
The cross-generational show of paintings creates a dialogue between the artists' minimalist works.

### SAT 20 Susan Keiser | Scott Lerman

**BEACON**  
4 – 6 p.m. Garage Gallery  
17 Church St. | [garagegallery.com](http://garagegallery.com)  
In *Frozen Beauty*, Keiser's photographs show flowers caught between ice and flowing water. In *Main Street*, Lerman's photographs of buildings along Beacon's central thoroughfare connect the past and the future.

## KIDS & FAMILY

### SAT 13 Magic Show

**BEACON**  
11 a.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
[beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org)  
Steve Johnson will perform illusions and magic tricks in this interactive show.

### SAT 13 Dinosaur Adventure

**GARRISON**  
3 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
[desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org)  
Paleontologists Mike and Roberta Straka will lead attendees on an interactive dig to uncover a dinosaur bone. Registration required.

### WED 17 Songwriting for Kids

**BEACON**  
11 a.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
[beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org)  
Alice Leon will teach students in grades 1 to 5 how to write their own songs.

### THURS 18 Spa Night for Teens

**BEACON**  
6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
[beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org)  
Unwind with DIY facials, aromatherapy and makeup tutorials. Open to students in grades 5 to 12.

### FRI 19 Wizard of Oz Story and Craft Program

**GARRISON**  
3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
[desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org)  
Follow the Yellow Brick Road and play trivia, make a scarecrow and see a tornado in a bottle while enjoying the story.



MUSIC

SAT 13  
Lyra Music  
Young Artist Concert

BEACON  
2 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
[howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org)

The chamber music program by students of the center will include Beethoven, Borodin, Faure, Goltermann, Handel, Piazzolla and Price. *Cost: \$20*

SAT 13  
Daisy Jopling Band

PHILIPSTOWN  
5 p.m. Hudson Highlands State Park  
3260 Route 9D  
[daisyjoplingfoundation.org/northgate](http://daisyjoplingfoundation.org/northgate)

The violinist and her band will perform the Northgate Story, a narrated and musical celebration telling the history of the Stern/Cornish estate, a section of the park. Also SUN 14. *Cost: \$41 (\$52 with shuttle service from the Cold Spring train station)*

SAT 13  
Soul Under the Stars:  
Prince vs. Michael Jackson

NEWBURGH  
6 – 10 p.m. Safe Harbors Green  
111 Broadway | [safe-harbors.org](http://safe-harbors.org)  
Two DJs will face off in a music battle that will get you dancing.

SAT 13  
Matthew Shipp Trio

BEACON  
8 p.m. St. Andrew & St. Luke Church  
15 South Ave. | [mstrio.eventbrite.com](http://mstrio.eventbrite.com)  
Shipp on piano will be joined by Michael Bisio (bass) and Newman Taylor Baker (drums) for an innovative jazz program. *Cost: \$20 (\$30 door)*

SAT 13  
Lotus

BEACON  
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com)  
The seven-piece band formerly known as Black Magic will play the music of Santana. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SUN 14  
Deadgrass

PUTNAM VALLEY  
3 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road  
[tompkinscorners.org](http://tompkinscorners.org)  
Enjoy the music of Jerry Garcia in a family-friendly show performed by the string band. *Cost: \$25*

SUN 14  
United Songs of America

BEACON  
3 p.m. St Joachim’s Church  
51 Leonard St. | [putnamchorale.org](http://putnamchorale.org)  
The Putnam Chorale’s concert will include genres of choral works from the patriotic to the popular. *Cost: \$18 (\$15 students and seniors, free ages 12 and younger)*

SUN 14  
An INXS Experience

BEACON  
7:30 p.m. Quinn’s  
330 Main St. | [quinnsinbeacon.com](http://quinnsinbeacon.com)  
The tribute band, Devil Inside, will play the hits. *Free*

FRI 19  
The Nighthawks with  
The Blues Express

BEACON  
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com)  
The bands will play a tribute to the legacy of Luther “Guitar Jr.” Johnson, the bluesman who died last winter. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 20  
Cary Brown Quartet

COLD SPRING  
2 p.m. St. Mary’s Church  
1 Chestnut St. | [stmaryscoldspring.com](http://stmaryscoldspring.com)  
The group will feature guitarist Andy Stack and play jazz, bebop and Caribbean hits. Donations welcome. *Free*

SAT 20  
Beacon Open Studios  
Concert

BEACON  
7 p.m. The Yard  
4 Hanna Lane | [beaconarts.org](http://beaconarts.org)  
Dani Murcia, the Joe Fiedler Quartet and the Ghost Funk Orchestra will play sets followed by a dance party with DJ Causelost. *Cost: \$35 (\$25 concert only, \$15 dance party only)*

SAT 20  
The Black Feathers

COLD SPRING  
7:30 p.m. Chapel Restoration  
45 Market St. | [chapelrestoration.org](http://chapelrestoration.org)  
Ray Hughes and Sian Chandler play Americana, folk and acoustic indie rock originals. *Cost: \$25*

SAT 20  
Benny Havens Band

WEST POINT  
7:30 p.m. Trophy Point  
[westpointband.com](http://westpointband.com)  
The band will play classic rock and pop hits to get everyone dancing. *Free*

SAT 20  
The Boy Band Project vs.  
The Girl Band Project

PEEKSKILL  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
[paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://paramounthudsonvalley.com)  
The tribute bands will face



The Black Feathers, July 20

off with hits from NSYNC, the Backstreet Boys and 98 Degrees, the Spice Girls, Destiny’s Child and the Pussycat Dolls. *Cost: \$45 to \$60*

SAT 20  
Broken Arrow

BEACON  
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com)  
The tribute band will play the music of Neil Young. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

SUN 21  
Jasperoo

BEACON  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Bannerman Island  
845-831-6346 | [bannermancastle.org](http://bannermancastle.org)  
Take a self-guided tour of the island and enjoy the musical duo. Boats leave the Beacon dock at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. *Cost: \$45 (\$35 children)*

SUN 21  
Euntaek Kim

COLD SPRING  
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration  
45 Market St. | [chapelrestoration.org](http://chapelrestoration.org)  
The pianist’s program will include Prokofiev and his own composition, *Sonata for Piano*, inspired by the beauty and history of Cold Spring. Donations welcome. *Free*

SUN 21  
Guillermo Klein Quinteto

BEACON  
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
[howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org)  
The pianist will be joined by Rodrigo Recabarren (drums), Vinicius Gomes (guitar), Rogerio Bocatto (percussion) and Sebastian de Urquiza (bass). *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*



Spaceballs, July 17

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 13  
By the Queen

GARRISON  
2 & 7:30 p.m.  
Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival  
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575  
[hvshakespeare.org](http://hvshakespeare.org)  
Shakespeare’s story of the War of the Roses is retold through the perspective of Queen Margaret. Also FRI 19. Through Aug. 31. *Cost: \$10 to \$100*

SAT 13  
Ms. Holmes &  
Ms. Watson – Apt. 2B

WAPPINGERS FALLS  
8 p.m. County Players Theater  
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491  
[countyplayers.org](http://countyplayers.org)  
Enjoy a modern retelling of a Sherlock Holmes mystery by Kate Hamill with female leads. Also SUN 14, FRI 19, SAT 20. *Cost: \$26 (\$24 seniors, students, military, children)*

SAT 13  
All the President’s Men

COLD SPRING  
8:30 p.m. Dockside Park  
[coldspringfilm.org](http://coldspringfilm.org)  
The Cold Spring Film Society will screen the 1976 film starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman as the journalists who broke the Watergate story. Bring chairs and blankets.

SUN 14  
Medea: Re-Versed

GARRISON  
5 p.m.  
Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival  
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575  
[hvshakespeare.org](http://hvshakespeare.org)  
This is a hip-hop version of Euripides’s play with Saren Monae West in the lead. Also MON 15, SUN 21. Through Sept. 2. *Cost: \$10 to \$100*

WED 17  
The Murder of  
Roger Ackroyd

GARRISON  
7:30 p.m.  
Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival  
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575  
[hvshakespeare.org](http://hvshakespeare.org)  
This adaptation of an Agatha Christie novel features Kurt Rhoads and Nance Williamson in lead roles. Also THURS 18, SAT 20. Through Sept. 1. *Cost: \$10 to \$100*

WED 17  
Spaceballs

COLD SPRING  
6 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
[butterfieldlibrary.org](http://butterfieldlibrary.org)  
The summer adventure film series continues with the 1987 Mel Brooks comedy (starring Joan Rivers, John Candy and Rick Moranis) about a star pilot and his sidekick trying to rescue a princess.

THURS 18  
Alive

BEACON  
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
[howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org)  
Steve Burns, a former host of *Blue’s Clues*, will perform his one-man show about handling celebrity. Also FRI 19, SAT 20. *Cost: \$35 (\$40 door)*

FRI 19  
The Peekskill Riots

PUTNAM VALLEY  
7 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road  
[tompkinscorners.org](http://tompkinscorners.org)  
Watch the second episode of Jon Scott Bennet’s five-part documentary about the history of racism and antisemitism that led to violence at a Paul Robeson concert. *Cost: \$10*

SUN 21  
Film Screenings

BEACON  
7 p.m. The Yard | 4 Hanna Lane  
[beaconopenstudios.com](http://beaconopenstudios.com)  
As part of Beacon Open Studios, watch screenings of *Transition* and *45 Degrees* followed by a question-and-answer session.

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MON 15  
Dutchess Legislature

POUGHKEEPSIE  
7 p.m. Legislative Chambers  
22 Market St. | 845-486-2100  
[dutchessny.gov](http://dutchessny.gov)

MON 15  
City Council

BEACON  
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza  
845-838-5011 | [beaconny.gov](http://beaconny.gov)

MON 15  
Village Board

NELSONVILLE  
7 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.  
845-265-2500 | [nelsonvillenyny.gov](http://nelsonvillenyny.gov)

WED 17  
Sustaining Our Seniors:  
Aging in Place

CORTLANDT MANOR  
9:30 a.m. Town Hall  
1 Heady St.  
This annual forum is hosted by Assembly Member Dana Levenberg. RSVP to [district95@nyassembly.gov](mailto:district95@nyassembly.gov).

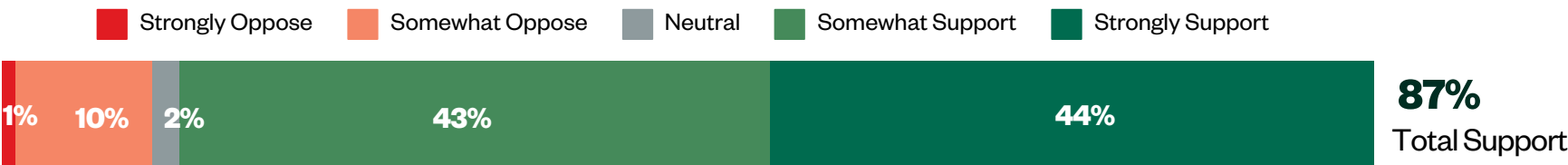
WED 17  
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# The Harris Poll finds broad support for the Fjord Trail

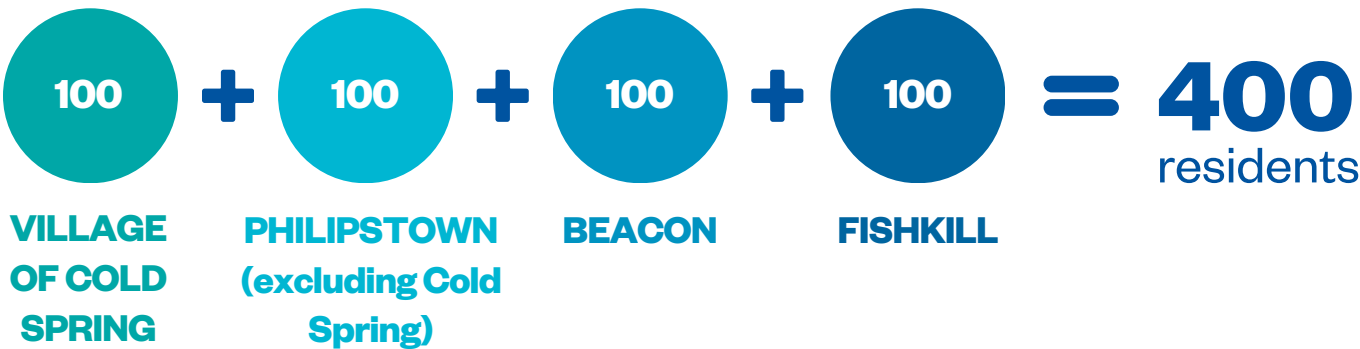
87% of residents in the project area (Cold Spring, Philipstown, Beacon, Fishkill) who have heard of the project support it.



## TOP reasons these residents support the Fjord Trail:

- ✓ It is designed in an **environmentally conscious and resilient** way
- ✓ It will allow residents of **all abilities** to enjoy the outdoors
- ✓ It will make their community **safer for hikers**
- ✓ It will be good for the **regional economy**
- ✓ It will improve **quality of life for residents**
- ✓ It will provide greater **access to the river**
- ✓ It brings much-needed resources to **improve park infrastructure**

400 residents in the project area were surveyed.



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# Portraits of Cuba

## Beacon exhibit showcases country's muralists

By Marc Ferris

In Cuba, pedestrians avoid the sidewalks and stroll in the streets because a hunk of building could rain down on their heads.

The country's infrastructure is literally falling down, says Frank Mesa, owner of the Changolife Arts Gallery in Beacon, which specializes in Cuban art.

"But the main asset is the people. They're creative and love the arts," he says.

Bringing beauty to the blight, Cuban muralists blanket the crumbling walls with imaginative works grand and small, creating a riot of styles that stray far beyond the graffiti-esque pieces and throw-ups many Americans equate with impromptu street art.

Rhinebeck artist Franc Palaia toured the country in 2013 and 2018, taking photos that form the meat of the gallery's current show, *Urban Cuba – Cuba Urbano*.

A chronicler of street imagery since the Basquiat days, Palaia works with multiple media and travels the world taking photos.

"Streets, billboards, signs, all kinds of things, but you get the sense of a country by what's on its walls, the drop cloths of a society," he says. "In liberal democracies, you see a lot of wild, crazy stuff. If the walls are spotless, it's usually a dictatorship."

Cuban street artists smash that maxim. Colors burst. Pink is popular. Many works convey a cartoonish viewpoint, including "Rusty Mural" and "Double Story," though Palaia has manipulated the surfaces.

Unlike China and North Korea, the internet is uncensored in Cuba, "so [street artists] scour social media and see what's happening in other countries because they feel left out," he says. "The styles and techniques are all over the place."

Discernable patterns are rare. The main monolith in "Green Scraffito" is a scratched-up wall, similar to the way vandals (or artists) etch patterns into glass and plastic panels on the subway.

Using special archival glue, Palaia affixes the photo prints onto backgrounds designed to resemble the deteriorated surfaces covered by the original murals, including sheetrock, plywood, polystyrene and cement board.

In one attempt to replicate the dilapidation, he transformed a featherweight piece of Styrofoam into something that looks like a disfigured chunk of concrete and, somehow, a small house with a face (taken from a mural) covering one side.

Cuban's street artists conjure "surprisingly strange imagery, but nothing is hard-edge political," he says. It's rare to find Che Guevara's mug out and about, but one piece includes his famous visage topped with a beret. It already sold.

Some images on display convey subtle forms of resistance, says Mesa. One work

states "These Eyes Realize Real Lies" in elaborate English script.

A familiar figure found on the walls of Havana wears a green ski mask pulled over radiant yellow eyes, sometimes dons red headphones and is always accompanied by the equation  $2 + 2 = 5$ .

Mesa, a Metro-North employee with a bachelor's degree in Africana Studies, established the gallery last year. His father, Francisco, a confidant of Fidel Castro in the 1950s, renounced the revolution after the future dictator embraced Communism in the later stages of his successful coup against autocratic U.S. puppet Fulgencio Batista.

Francisco's brother, a prominent judge, hid him until the great escape in 1961, then went from the bench to a prison cell for 12 years. In 1966, Mesa's father reunited with his wife, Martha, in Elmhurst, Queens.

They're the only members of the family to leave the country, so a special visa lets Mesa visit kin, which he does often. During trips, he scouts for artistic talent.

The vibe inside Changolife, a former classroom at the old Beacon High School (now the Kube Art Center), is chill. Two black couches and a black curtain around the kitchen and storage area punctuate the gray and white space with huge windows.

Chango, the gallery's namesake, is a raun-



Frank Mesa's Changolife Arts Gallery focuses on Cuban art.

chy, syncretic Cuban deity who loves music and dancing. Next to one of the couches stands a table topped with a black and white photo of Mesa's parents in their homeland. Underneath sits a curated collection of rum and cigars.

Mesa, 54, a newcomer to the fine art world, is a guy with a sharp eye and the gift of gab who wants to "bring something different to the valley." For obvious reasons, Cuban

culture is underrepresented in this country and he seeks to increase its exposure.

His first exhibit featured three artists. Then he presented works by Sheyla, 20, whom he calls "a star on the rise." He's doing something right: She just landed larger exhibits in Madrid and West Palm Beach.

"I'm from the hip-hop generation," says Mesa. "We make it all up as we go along."

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for performing the work herein described will be received by the Village Board of the Village of Cold Spring, New York, at the Office of the Village Clerk, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516 on **August 8, 2024 at 2:00 P.M.** and immediately thereafter the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in said office.

The work consists of removing and replacing clarifier and filter media in the water treatment tanks located at the Village of Cold Spring Water Treatment Plant located on Fishkill Rd. Additional work includes preparing and coating the tanks' surfaces and all appurtenant work specified. The project has received ARPA funding and shall comply with the requirements of the program. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Water Treatment Plant on July 24, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

Contract Documents may be obtained at the above office of the Village Clerk or from the Village website at [www.coldspringny.gov](http://www.coldspringny.gov) on or after July 11, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. If the Village website is used to obtain documents, the Village Clerk must be notified at (845) 265-3611, or [vcclerk@coldspringny.gov](mailto:vcclerk@coldspringny.gov), and provided with contact information.

Bids shall be made on the Proposal Forms, furnished with the Specifications and must be accompanied by a Bid Bond acceptable to the Village, a certified cashier's check, drawn on a solvent bank in the amount of not less than 5% of the total amount of the Bid. Checks shall be made payable to the Village of Cold Spring, New York, and are to be held by the Village as a guarantee for the proper execution and delivery of the Contract and bonds to secure the faithful performance thereof. In default of such execution and delivery of Contract and Bonds, the amount of the deposit represented by the check shall be forfeited to and retained by the Village of Cold Spring as liquidated damages.

Bid Proposals shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the Bidder, addressed to the Village of Cold Spring, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516 and endorsed "Replacement of Water Treatment Media, Cold Spring, New York."

The Village of Cold Spring reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive any informality in any Bid, and to award the Contract to other than the lowest Bidder if deemed in the best interest of the Village to do so.

Dated: July 5, 2024

Greg Henson, Village Clerk



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# LOOKING BACK IN PHILIPSTOWN

By Chip Rowe

## 150 Years Ago (July 1874)

Returning from Newburgh to Garrison, John Schouter found himself stranded at Dutchess Junction with two hours until the next train. He decided to walk to Cold Spring; as he neared the tunnel, three strangers stole his hat, knife, tobacco box, new pair of boots and pocketbook.

During a trip upriver, the steamer Mary Powell carried its largest group of passengers for the season, including a Russian woman who sat in the pilothouse smoking cigarettes and speaking in French while taking in the scenery.

The fastest train on the Central Hudson River Railroad, the St. Louis Express, could travel from New York City to Buffalo in 13 hours and 55 minutes.

Legrand Wilson, the superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School, constructed a model of the Temple of Jehovah based

on descriptions in Exodus and Leviticus, including a tiny Ark of the Covenant.

Charles Brown, 14, drowned on Long Island while visiting his grandparents for the summer. His parents in Cold Spring were alerted the next day by telegram. *The Cold Spring Recorder* reported that Charles had developed “quite a passion for studying the habits of birds” and kept a journal with his observations.

Sylvenus Mekeel reported he had killed seven crows, 22 squirrels and a fox at his farm since the corn planting.

Dr. Griffin was injured when a horse, startled by the sound of a hand organ, stepped on his foot.

A man with a wooden leg was arrested by Officer Delaney for public intoxication. When he couldn't pay the fine, he was sent to the county jail for 10 days.

Samuel Warren showed off a flint arrowhead he found on High Street.

*The Recorder* noted that the last loads of iron ore had likely passed through Cold Spring because the Sunk Mine had been sold to a company that planned to move its product by rail rather than river. On the plus side, it would mean less wear on village roads from the heavily laden wagons.

Officer McAndrew obtained an arrest warrant for a painter named Benneway who was accused of stealing a watch from Jacob Ireland's wrist as he napped on the grass near his North Highlands home. Ireland was awakened by someone examining his pockets but thought his wife was playing a joke and didn't open his eyes until

he felt the thief cut the chain on his watch.

A thief apparently entered James Delaney's house through a window and slipped a pocketbook with \$600 [about \$16,500 today] from under his pillow — which Delaney was sleeping on.

The Rev. Charles Carroll Parsons resigned as rector of St. Mary's after receiving a call from the Church of the Innocents in Hoboken, New Jersey.

*The Fishkill Journal* described the machinery at a factory owned by Thomas Avery, formerly of Cold Spring. (He and a partner had planned to open the factory in the village but found the rents too high.) “The machines are the most ingenious pieces of mechanism that we ever saw. The paper is taken into the machine from a large roll, and it comes out a perfect bag, pasted on the sides. One of these machines can be run so fast as to require the entire time of one person to take the bags.”

A mossbunker, a saltwater fish also known as a menhaden, jumped through a dining cabin porthole of the Mary Powell on a return trip to New York City.

John Deyo, 50, a Cold Spring tailor who was walking to Breakneck to see a customer, was killed by an express train near Stony Point. The engineer said he blew the whistle and applied the emergency brakes when he spotted Deyo on the tracks but that he kept walking. Deyo was survived by his wife and five children.

Tim Sullivan, 24, of Kemble Avenue, suffered fatal injuries when he fell from a cherry tree in Mrs. Dalton's yard on Market Street. He was picking fruit during a break from washing wagons at William Nelson's livery. After falling, Sullivan crawled to a bench and told Mrs. Dalton he had hurt himself badly.

John Meisenbacher and Henry Hafkenschiel opened a shaving and haircutting saloon near the railroad station.

Lightning struck St. Mary's during a wedding. The shock extinguished the rose gas burner in the ceiling, but no one was injured.

Charles Palmer, whose father in Rhode Island was celebrating his 92nd birthday, reported that no one had died in the family in at least 50 years.

M.L. McCormick opened an undertaking business on Main Street at “the second door above Garden Street,” noting he had recently purchased a hearse and had a fine assortment of rosewood, mahogany, black

walnut and white wood coffins.

Ralph Blakelock, the noted palette knife artist, sketched Indian Falls and other points of interest while staying with a friend in Cold Spring.

According to Dr. Murdock, Edwin Tonking, who worked at the Sunk Mine, was relieved of a 50-foot tapeworm.

After noticing the horses in front of the district attorney's office were restless, Charley Warren found a wasps' nest inside the iron tying post.

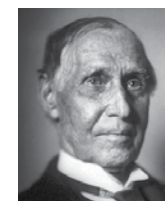
George Hewitt had his arm broken and suffered a serious head injury from a kick by a steer he was roping at the slaughterhouse on the Fishkill road.

Two hot-air balloons, thought to have been part of P.T. Barnum's Hippodrome shows, passed over the village, heading north. One was low enough that residents could converse with the occupants, the other at a great height traveling at steamboat speed.

## 125 Years Ago (July 1899)

An immense granite eagle arrived by boat to be installed on the grounds of Crag-side, the residence of Gen. and Mrs. Daniel Butterfield [now the Haldane campus].

Russell Sage, the well-known financier, was a guest of the Butterfields for five days. [Sage today would be worth about \$2.5 billion.]



Russell Sage

*The Recorder* commended the Cold Spring board for ordering 150 yards of crushed stone to replace the gravel and sand on village streets.

Everett Green shot himself in the hand on July 4 but Dr. Murdock could not find the bullet and had to take the boy to West Point for X-rays.

James Allen, 27, formerly of Nelsonville, where his parents still lived, died in Manila of varioloid [smallpox]. He served with Company G, Third Artillery.

The kissing bug reached Cold Spring. One landed on the arm of Mrs. Daniel McElroy Jr. but did not bite her. It was preserved in a bottle of alcohol.

Stephen Mekeel, chair of the Nelsonville school board, denied a claim by the principal, O.N. DuEsler, that he promised to increase his salary to \$50 if he kicked back \$25. Calling the accusation “wickedly

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and maliciously false," he said DuEsler had made the offer, not vice versa.

Van Rensselaer Gifford, of Northfield, Minnesota, visited his niece, Mrs. L.W. Jaycox, in Nelsonville. Gifford, born in 1837, claimed to be "the youngest living son of a Revolutionary soldier." [In 1904, Crosby Perry, born in 1838 to a 77-year-old veteran, disputed this in a letter to *The New York Times*.]

John O'Mara was sentenced to six months in jail for assaulting his mother.

The Highway Commission placed 50 directional signs at town intersections.

Nelsonville turned on its first electric streetlights.

A chicken thief broke into the roost of Leander Huston and stole his entire brood.

### 100 Years Ago (July 1924)

With the pending arrival of the Butterfield Memorial Library, the Lending Library suspended operations and donated its 2,500 titles.

Mrs. Herman Smith and Miss Alice Casey attended the Democratic convention in New York City. On the 103rd ballot, the party nominated diplomat John Davis of West Virginia for president and Gov. Charles Bryan of Kansas for vice president.

The Putnam County inspector of jails presented a report on the three cells in the rear of the first floor of Town Hall. He recommended removing the bar from the inside of the entrance door to permit officers to bring prisoners to the lock-up without walking through the caretaker's apartment.

The Cold Spring Fire Co. prepared a resolution to thank the Rev. E. Clowes Chorley for his gift of a pool table.

A 10-year-old Chevrolet roadster owned by Charles Selleck had been driven more than 75,000 miles.

Officer Reilley arrested two hikers for illegally bathing in the river.

### 75 Years Ago (July 1949)

Two girls from Glenham, daughters of firefighters who marched in the July 4

parade in Cold Spring, were slightly injured when one was struck by the bumper of a car and knocked over her friend.

John Jay, a noted skier, author and photographer, shared movies at the Highlands Country Club in Garrison that he shot at the Winter Olympics at St. Moritz in 1948. He had been skiing with his color movie camera since 1936.



John Jay

The Modern Home Center of Peekskill opened a store in Cold Spring at 81 Main St. with the finest in refrigeration, washing machines, ironers, ranges, sinks and kitchen cabinets, home freezers, dishwashers, air conditioning, fans, lawn mowers and power mowers, typewriters, outboard motors and radio and television receivers.

The election of board members of the Central School District No. 1 of Putnam Valley, Philipstown and Fishkill, held at the Haldane school, saw a record turnout because of rumors of a write-in challenge to incumbent Bertha Tait. It didn't materialize and Tait received every vote except for two spoiled ballots.

Marie Rohrberg, the Cold Spring correspondent for the *Putnam County News & Recorder*, wrote that she wished the village officials "who inflicted this parallel parking on us would go one step further and mark out the spaces as is usually done in such a set-up.... It seems that properly marked and supervised diagonal parking

would be the solution to our traffic problem, considering the limited space and increased summer visitors."

The remains of Pvt. Anthony Nastasi arrived for interment at Cold Spring Cemetery. The Haldane grad was killed in action in France in September 1944.

A large barn owned by Susan Curtis on Route 9D in Manitou was destroyed by fire after being hit by lightning. The Garrison Fire Department, which was in Cold Spring in a parade for the Nelsonville Fire Department carnival, responded, along with Cold Spring firefighters. It was the second time the barn had burned down.

A Nelsonville mother sued a Nelsonville driver for \$75,000 [\$1 million] after her 9-year-old son was hit by a wheelbarrow that had been hit by the car, breaking his right leg.

Robert Patterson of Philipstown, the former secretary of war, was among the names floated to succeed the late Associate Justice Frank Murphy on the U.S. Supreme Court. [President Harry Truman nominated Attorney General Tom Clark.]



Robert Patterson

The 15th Garrison Horse Show was held at Saunders' farm on Old Albany Post Road to benefit the Butterfield Memorial Hospital. It was the first Garrison Horse Show since 1941, when it was held at Brownsdale Farm.

Hamilton Fish, a Garrison resident who was the former chair of the U.S. House Committee to Investigate Communist Propaganda and Activities (1930-31), wrote a letter to the editor of the *PCNR* calling on President Truman to "cooperate with the Un-American Activities Committee in helping drive every last Communist and fellow traveler out of the State Department and other positions within the federal government."

The Haar Agency announced it was offering a two-year polio policy that covered the entire family for \$10 [\$132].

### 50 Years Ago (July 1974)

Thirty-two students graduated from the Garrison School. The class motto was "Nobody ever had a rainbow until he had the rain" and the class color was "rainbow."

Pearl Smith of Albany Post Road donated funds to the Butterfield Hospital to purchase a LifePak 911 for its emergency room. The unit included a defibrillator, cardioscope, ECG recorder, heart-rate monitor and automatic synchronizer.

The Garrison-on-Hudson Volunteer Ambulance and First Aid Squad placed an emergency portable oxygen unit at the Garrison's Landing store of Jim Guinan, a squad member.

Colin Faulds, a history professor at Rockland Community College, purchased the Old Homestead Club at 144 Main St. and moved into the top floor.

### 25 Years Ago (July 1999)

Because it was becoming a challenge to find parts for its mechanical voting machines, Putnam County replaced them with touch-activated, computerized units.

Mike's Video Madness at Grand Union Plaza offered five-day rentals for \$2.99.

An apparent lightning strike caused a 30-acre wildfire in Garrison that kept volunteer firefighters busy for a week.

The Tiny Tots Park reopened after being relocated to the center of McConville Park from its southeast corner.

A 19-year-old Beacon resident and his 30-year-old Philipstown girlfriend were arrested after he purchased a used motorcycle with six money orders she had stolen from Dairy Mart in Cold Spring.

The Cold Spring Fire Co. christened a new boat, Cold Spring Marine 1, by rescuing a family whose pleasure craft was stranded on a rock. A member of the boat club noted that three or four boats were caught on the rock each year but that the Coast Guard had ignored requests to mark it. The boat floated off the rock at high tide.

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### Roots and Shoots

## My Bucket List

By Pamela Doan

With the approach of another mid-life birthday in the peak of bloom season, of course I’m considering bucket-list plants. What do I want to grow and why put it off for another season?

There are so many lovely plants in my landscape, and the maturity after more than a decade is thrilling. Yet I also want something new. It isn’t as interesting to take photos of the same plants in the same place year after year. I’m at the point of tinkering and editing in the main flowerbeds, and there are other things to attend to before adding plants. But still, I want more. Here is my version of the dream garden.

### Willows

Willows are keystone species: Not only do they have interesting foliage and gorgeous bark, they attract insects, which feed birds. There are species available for most sites, from shrubs to trees. Many prefer consistently moist soil but can handle average conditions. My dream list includes the pussy willow (*Salix discolor*) for its fuzzy catkins in spring, and the silky willow (*Salix sericea*) for its silvery leaves.



These dahlias I grew from seed a few years ago will always have a place on my bucket list because of their perfect soft orange/pink shade.

Photo by P. Doan

### A micro-forest

This is a technique rather than a plant. I need a few weekends to plan and plant a 10-foot-by-10-foot plot using the Miyawaki method, named for Akira Miyawaki, a Japanese botanist who created dense, biodiverse plantings with climax species that become mini-forests. He describes this in his book, *The Healing Power of Forests — The Philosophy Behind Restoring Earth’s Balance with Native Trees*, written with Elgene Box.

As the planet heats up, forests have cooling effects and support insects, birds and wildlife. By closely interplanting as many as 40 species of trees, shrubs and perennials, Miyawaki’s method has been shown

to achieve faster growth from the force of competition, with few inputs required after the first few years.

### Swales

A contoured landscape is a resilient landscape. This underutilized design can direct, absorb and retain water, that most important resource. If you’re managing your yard for too much water, add swales. If you’re managing your yard for too little water, add swales. I imagine my contours with lovely sedges that flow over the soft hills and valleys.

### Those cool trees on social media

As a consumer of all things plant-related on the internet, I’m drawn in by accounts with images and details about all of the amazing and unusual features of trees and plants. The baobab tree, native to the African savannah, is an example. Known as the “tree of life,” some are 3,000 years old. It’s epic in the ways it interacts with people, animals and within ecosystems.

### An orchard

My orchard would be full of paw paw trees, crabapple, berries for my daughter (so we don’t have to keep pretending to recycle the plastic grocery store containers), several types of pears, cherries and plums. That would be a good start. I would use hybrids and cultivars and enjoy a season-long harvest of delicious fruit and share a good portion with the birds.

How to conclude? One of everything, please. If I expanded beyond plants that grow in the Hudson Valley, I would take inspiration from Vita Sackville-West and the Sissinghurst Castle Garden in Kent, England, which I hope to visit. I would aspire to a boreal forest like the one that Diana Beresford-Kroeger tends in Canada. Her mission is to map the global forest and preserve every species in a seed bank.

I’ll end with a simple vision of a stand of trilliums growing in spring beneath oaks, white pine, maple and birch, surrounded by dried leaves and other spring ephemeral flowers. I’ve never seen a trillium during a walk in the woods and it would be such a lovely sight.

Send your list of bucket-list plants to root-sandshoots@highlandscurrent.org. I’ll organize the responses for a future column.

### Antoinette Fodera (1941-2024)

Antoinette Fodera, a resident of Cold Spring, New York, since 1975, passed away peacefully on July 5, 2024, surrounded by her family.

She was born on March 17, 1941, in the Bronx, New York, the daughter of the late Salvatore and Dorothy (Ungaro) Migliore.

On Dec. 1, 1973, she married Joseph P. Fodera at Our Lady of Loreto in Cold Spring.

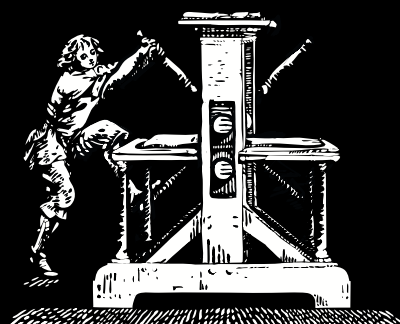
Antoinette is survived by Joseph, her husband of 50 years, her daughters Antoinette (Thomas) Randall and Joanne (John) Toombs, and her grandchildren Jazmyn, Gabriella, T.J., Jared and Scott.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Loreto, 24 Fair St., in Cold Spring. Interment followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Antoinette’s memory to the Alzheimer’s Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 (alz.org).

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Puzzles

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- ACROSS
1. Balm target

4. Baseball's Ty

8. Get wind of

12. Have bills

13. *Beetle Bailey* dog

14. Sax range

15. Pasadena arena

17. Texter's "As I see it"

18. Complete

19. Newt

21. Ozone, for one

22. Elevated

26. Weary sounds

29. Watch chain

30. Sardonic

31. Slightly

32. In medias —

33. Harvard rival

34. Baseball's Hodges

35. Singer Scaggs

36. Avid

37. Proverbs

39. eBay offer

40. Haw preceder

41. Draw forth

45. Corporate symbol

48. Brisk tempos

50. Sacred bird of Egypt

51. Yarn

52. — loss

53. Shade

54. Genesis garden

55. Rail
- DOWN
1. Traditional tales

2. Victor's cry

3. Nuisance

4. Hooded snakes

5. Some Oklahoma natives

6. Texter's "Incidentally"

7. Waist-length jackets

8. Part of Hispaniola

9. Stately tree

10. Sports fig.

11. Aussie hopper

16. Octet count

20. "Terrif!"

23. Booty

24. Perry's creator

25. Color worker

26. Long story

27. Footnote abbr.

28. Arizona river

29. Shriner's chapeau

32. Optimistic

33. "Get what I'm sayin'?"

35. Garden buzzer

36. Actress Brennan

38. Specter

39. Ball VIP

42. Grouch

43. Speck

44. Russian ruler

45. Ignited

46. Kimono sash

47. Martini liquor

49. Young bloke

SUDOCURRENT

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WORDLADDER

Can you go from MONEY to TYPED in 6 words?  
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

MONEY

TYPED

WORDSEARCH

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B	E	A	C	O	N	V	V	N	C	U
E	C	R	E	N	A	W	K	H	X	L
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LOUCAMEAFTER  
ETCKYRAAREA  
DAKSNITTERM

Answers for July 5 Puzzles  
TABIDENFDI  
RZEIJUOMAH  
UUOWHRLNIW  
MBOIDHEONH  
POUBMBETAI  
BNISAKBNGA  
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SAUCE, SAUTE, HAUTE,  
HASTE, HASTY, TASTY

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In 1949, the Elks made major renovations to their lodge, adding a grill room, banquet room and meeting room.



During World War II, the Beacon Elks hosted dinners for 1,500 departing service members.



Sam Affron, the first Exalted Ruler of the Beacon Elks

Beacon Historical Society (5)



The Rothery home, built in 1868, was remodeled to become the original Elks Lodge in Beacon.



The Rothery home after being remodeled by the Elks in 1949.



The Beacon Elks Lodge today

## Beacon Elks Celebrate 100

*Legacy defined by service, socializing*

By Marc Ferris

**T**hey say that history repeats itself and it's true.

On July 17, 1924, to mark the founding of Lodge 1493 in Beacon, members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks paraded down Main Street and held a raucous banquet. Tomorrow (July 13), they will do the exact same thing at 11 a.m. to celebrate their centennial.

Foremost, the Elks are dedicated to civic service — the “golden strands of benevolence,” according to one of their tenets. Then there's the socializing, centered around the large bar inside the sizable headquarters. Other priorities include patriotic endeavors and supporting veterans.

“Digging through the history really blew my mind,” says Carl Oken, who chairs the 100th-anniversary committee. “We have accomplished so many great things, but we never tooted our horn.”

Local Elks first held meetings at Fishkill National Bank, then got to work providing an “outing for [disabled] children in 1925, shoes and clothing to the needy in 1927, money for Midwest drought sufferers in 1931, summer camp for the underprivileged children in 1934, and so on through the years,” wrote Ludwig George Ruf, the lodge's 75th-anniversary historian.

Seed money from members also helped

establish Beacon's volunteer ambulance corps, says Oken. Other legacies include spearheading a drive to buy the site of Hammond Field for \$9,000 (donated to the school district in 1928) and raising \$12,000 for what is now Memorial Park in the 1940s and giving it to the city.

In addition to volunteering at a children's rehabilitation center, hosting senior citizen dinners and awarding college scholarships, lodge members supported the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross and numerous other organizations. A complete list of charitable endeavors would be stultifying.

The Castle Point Veterans Administration hospital and Beacon's Veterans Memorial Building also opened 100 years ago, so it's probably no coincidence that the Elks emerged at the same time, says Oken.

Over the years, volunteers hosted “a large variety of activities at the hospital,” including bingo games, ice cream socials and Flag Day ceremonies, along with “coffee and rolls to remind the vets that they have not been forgotten,” as Ruf recounted. Elks continue to bring groups to off-site cook-outs and baseball games.

After giving back to the community, the Elks know how to celebrate. According to the group's archives, “an active social life

has always been an integral part of the fabric of Beacon Lodge” and members enjoy “wonderful hours of fellowship, entertainment and socialization.”

In 1925, the lodge bought a private home at the city's southern gateway with a broad lawn and grand view of Mount Beacon that became the organization's official residence two years later. A life-size Elk statue now shares the front lawn with a 9/11 monument.

Through the years, according to the lodge's history, members enjoyed “country night, Mardi Gras, hobo nite and the many nationality parties,” along with “cabaret dances, dances on Mount Beacon and Saturday night dancing on the screened-in porch during summertime.”

Ruf ticked off numerous barbecues, clam-bakes, Army-Navy football tailgate parties, Family Day gatherings and the ever-popular Elks Day of Golf.

Playing around is part of Elks' DNA. Founded in 1868 by a group of minstrel show performers in Manhattan (Lodge 1) and known as the Jolly Corks, members pledged to extend the hand of benevolence and protect each other, providing a convivial contrast to the more somber, ritualistic Freemasons. It worked so well that chapters eventually spread nationwide.

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For a spell, the Elks adapted stylized rites

and secrecy from the Masons, but dropped them to focus on good works and good times.

As the local lodge's number indicates, Beaconites arrived somewhat late to the party, but they helped fuel a period of robust activity for fraternal organizations — like Rotary clubs, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows — that began in the Roaring Twenties and lasted into the 1960s.

In 1999, eight years before the iPhone's introduction, Ruf, the lodge historian, wrote that “membership has decreased significantly in the past 25 years. This is not unique to Beacon Lodge ... it's due in part to a national trend of individuals less interested in participating in group dynamics.”

Now, the unusually active clubhouse counts 580 members, including 120 that joined after Wappinger Lodge 2609 disbanded two years ago, says Oken.

Many evenings, cars and trucks cram the large parking lot. Rumor is that some people join to take advantage of the modestly priced beverages. Many concerts, dance parties and other gatherings are open to the public.

On July 17, its official birthday, the lodge will swear in 40 members, who must be referred by an existing Elk, fill out an application and submit to an interview, orientation and initiation. Annual dues are \$124 and there is no service requirement.

Consistency is key for local Elks. “If every member becomes a positive contributor to the operation of the Lodge, and to its social and benevolent activities,” wrote Ruf in 1999, “we will not only survive, but make it easy for the lodge historian in the year 2024 to write a new chapter in our long and proud narrative.”