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Election 2024

No Local Surprises
Dutchess comptroller race tight

By Chip Rowe

There were no local surprises in U.S. House, state and municipal races in the Highlands on Tuesday (Nov. 5), with incumbents retaining their seats. The results here are unofficial until certified, and both Dutchess and Putnam county officials will be counting mail-in and affidavit votes into next week. One race, for Dutchess County comptroller, remained too close to call, and Putnam County precinct results were not yet available.

U.S. House

In District 17, which includes Philipstown, incumbent Mike Lawler, a Republican, held off a challenge from Mondaire Jones to win his second, 2-year term. Lawler, a Rockland County native who is a former executive director of the New York State Republican Party, defeated incumbent Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney in 2022 by 3,200 votes among 278,000 cast. Jones was elected to Congress in 2020 and served one term representing the former District 17 before redistricting. Anthony Frascione appeared on the Working Families line after winning a primary over Jones.

Anthony Frascione (WF)	7,186 (1.9%)
Mondaire Jones (D)	166,331 (43.9%)
✓ Mike Lawler (R, C)	191,681 (50.6%)
Putnam County	
Frascone (WF)	1,339 (2.5%)
Jones (D)	20,366 (37.5%)
✓ Lawler (R, C)	30,948 (56.9%)

In District 18, which includes Beacon, Rep. Pat Ryan won a second term over challenger Alison Esposito. Ryan, who graduated from West Point in 2004, served two tours in Iraq and is the former Ulster

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MTA Seeks Proposals for Beacon Station

Would convert parking lot into housing complex

By Jeff Simms

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority has requested proposals to transform a commuter parking lot at the Beacon Metro-North station into a 300-unit housing complex. The request was announced by Gov. Kathy Hochul on Nov. 1 as part of the governor's effort to repurpose state-owned sites for housing. New York State also awarded rights this year to a Rochester company to build up to 1,300 housing units at the 80-acre former Downstate Correctional Facility just north of Beacon.



The north Metro-North lot Photo by J. Simms

Proposals for the 4-acre Metro-North site must conform to Beacon zoning laws and be submitted to the MTA by Dec. 18. Agency representatives briefly joined the City Council's meeting by Zoom on Monday (Nov. 4) but provided no new details. They will return later this month to answer

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Cold Spring Reservoirs Fall Lower

Drought spurs tighter limits on water use

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Village Board, at its Wednesday (Nov. 6) meeting, elevated the Stage 1 water emergency it declared on Oct. 4 to Stage 2 because of drought conditions. Mayor Kathleen Foley said the village reservoirs have dropped to 59.8 percent capacity, down from 67 percent a week earlier. Drinking water for Cold Spring and Nelsonville comes from two reservoirs located in the North Highlands off Lake Surprise Road that rely on rainfall

and surface runoff. "When we get down to 45 percent, we will have to begin drawing water from the Catskill Aqueduct" through an emergency connection created in 2022, she said. The Catskill Aqueduct begins at the Ashokan Reservoir 14 miles west of Kingston and supplies water to New York City. The underground, gravity-fed tunnel passes under the Hudson River at Breakneck Ridge, then flows south past Nelsonville, just east of the intersection of Route 301 and Fishkill Road. If Cold Spring needs to tap into the system, it will pay New York City \$2,450 per 1 million gallons of water, Foley said.

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Graduation Standards Poised to Change

Regents requirement could be dropped

By Jeff Simms

State education leaders on Monday (Nov. 4) presented a timeline and implementation plan for establishing multiple pathways to earning a high school diploma while reducing reliance on standardized tests. The plan, introduced by Education Department officials to the Board of Regents in Albany, would be phased in over five years and is based on the work of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Graduation Measures, a 64-person committee that began studying equity in schools in 2019. If the Regents approve the plan, it would implement four policy "transformations," including, by the fall of 2027, dropping the requirement that students pass Regents exams in math, English, science and social studies to graduate. The exams would still be offered because of federal requirements but would become one of several options for students to demonstrate proficiency. The other transformations include adopting a state "portrait of a graduate," redefining the credits students earn to focus on proficiency and shifting to one standard diploma but noting distinctions with seals. The portrait of a graduate identifies seven

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Haldane High School students eat lunch in a stairwell. Photo provided

Haldane Capital Project on the Ballot

District asks voters to approve spending

By Joey Asher

Just when voters thought the election was over, residents of the Haldane school district are being asked to return to the polls on Nov. 19 to vote on a \$28.4 million bond referendum to pay for upgrades to campus, including a student center for the high school. If approved, the referendum would raise property taxes by 6.95 percent, phased in over three years. That's about \$475 a year on a \$500,000 home, according to district calculations. The vote will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the elementary school library. "The district recognizes that this would be

a big project for the community that comes with a substantial tax increase," said Peggy Clements, the school board president. "All the components of the project address pressing needs and would provide educational spaces and opportunities that our students deserve. And we believe that strong, safe public schools benefit our community." Although Clements said some residents have expressed concern about the potential tax hike, only a handful of people attended two board sessions to discuss the proposal or have taken a tour, such as one scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday (Nov. 12). The district also has produced an online multimedia campaign with videos (see haldaneschool.org/district/capital-referendum).

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FIVE QUESTIONS: **HANNAH BLACK**

By Brian PJ Cronin

Hannah Black is the Democratic commissioner for the Dutchess County Board of Elections. She announced last month that she would not seek a second 4-year term. The Dutchess County Democratic Committee must nominate a successor by Dec. 1 for approval by the Legislature.

You have been a commissioner since 2021. What are you most proud of?

In 2020, the Board of Elections had five polling sites for early voting, and the lines were nightmares. There were four-hour waits. I proposed nine sites. My counterpart [Republican Commissioner Erik Haight] only wanted six, but he came up to eight because I kept coming back with nine. We received so many compliments this year. It was rewarding to see that people had wonderful voting experiences and felt they could express their right to vote easily. I'm also the first Demo-



cratic commissioner to have won every court case against my counterpart when he tried to break the law. There were six cases — one of them was about how, during early voting, you're allowed to vote over the counter at the Board of Elections. He tried to tell people they couldn't. It's just the law. Another case involved polling places at Vassar College and Bard College.

How about a polling site at Marist?

They need at least 300 students registered to vote there, and there are only about 40. I've talked to their Democratic committee, and they're actively registering students to vote. They just don't want to vote here; they want to vote where they grew up. I think what it would take is getting them more interested in local politics.

What interested you about being a commissioner?

Protecting voters has always been a passion. I went to school for political science, and I've been involved in government since 2006, starting as an intern. When I was a county legislator, in my third term representing Hyde Park, the board was not responding to our request to get absentee ballot lists so that we could contact constituents for our campaigns. At the same time, Republicans had gotten data they should not have had. I decided to step up because I thought I could provide better service and stand up to Republicans when there's voter suppression.

Fewer people voted in 2024 than in 2020. Why do you think that is?

I can't speak for the entire country, but I've seen what it takes for people to vote in Dutchess. There are many people who won't vote for someone unless the campaign comes to their door seven times. When I ran as a county legislator, we had to have it so well organized with other organizations and volunteers to help you reach these voters. It takes a lot to motivate voters to vote. In Dutchess, we have 75,000 Democrats, 50,000 Republicans and 59,000 independents with no party affiliation, but it's more purple than blue. We have a lot of Democrats who jump [party] lines on their ballot instead of voting Row A all the way.

Why didn't you want a second term?

I feel I've brought back integrity to the position, but I've made sacrifices. We worked 20 hours on Election Day, and before that, we worked at least 50 days straight. It's hard to walk away, but I have a young daughter who misses me. It takes a toll on your family. I wouldn't mind working for a voter protection agency — something that's about serving our constituents and making their lives better.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What's your ultimate sports fantasy?

Winning the Ultimate Fighting Championship; I competed a bit.



Lawrence Gault, Beacon

Driving a Ferrari to the F-1 championship.



Coco Castrec, Cold Spring

Subway Series, 7th game, 10th inning, snow flurries, don't care who wins.



Michael Vierra, Beacon



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The Philipstown Planning Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, November 21st, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY.**

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Water Drop *(from Page 1)*

The village uses about 300,000 gallons per day, so “that ends up being about \$1,000 per day for water,” she said. “Everybody needs to conserve water in every way you can possibly think of.”

The emergency declaration bans washing vehicles and buildings or hosing down sidewalks. Residents cannot fill pools or hot tubs or water lawns or landscape features. Fruit and vegetable gardens should be irrigated using handheld containers. Restaurants and bars should provide drinking

water only on request and hotels and short-term rentals should wash linens only on request.

In other business...

■ The board approved the installation of an on-demand, pedestrian-activated sign or light on Chestnut Street / Route 9D at the crosswalk located near the Butterfield redevelopment project.

■ The board accepted a \$98,545 bid from a Poughkeepsie firm for paving on Cedar Street, Benedict Avenue and The Boulevard.

NEWS BRIEFS

Downspouts Disappear

Garrison library victim of copper thief

Seven of the copper downspouts on the back of the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison disappeared overnight on Oct. 20, according to the library and the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, which said it is investigating.

The thief or thieves also climbed on the roof to steal a copper diverter, according to Director Dede Farabaugh, who said a detective ran prints on a pair of rubber-handled shears found on the ground and visited a nearby scrapyard without results.

“We don’t have cameras outside, but we will be getting them,” she said. “We replaced the downspouts with brown aluminum ones because of cost and to ensure they don’t get stolen again.”

Man Accused of Attempted Arson in Beacon

Police say he tried to ignite deli

Beacon police arrested a Peekskill man on Wednesday (Nov. 6) on charges that he attempted to ignite the Main Street Deli.

Shane Williams, 39, was charged with felony attempted arson. He was arrested at about 2:30 p.m. after police were called to 390 Main St. because Williams, a former deli employee, had allegedly poured lighter fluid on the building. When he could not light the fluid, Williams stole a chair from an adjacent business and broke a deli window, police said.

Williams, who also was charged with misdemeanor criminal mischief and petit larceny, was arraigned in City Court and sent to the Dutchess County jail.

Dunkin’ Proposed for Beacon’s Fishkill Avenue

Also, three-story addition planned for Telephone Building

A developer has asked the Beacon Planning Board to approve plans to merge three lots and convert a building at 420-430 Fishkill Ave. into a mixed-use development with a Dunkin’ with a drive-thru and three residential units.

In addition, the owner of 291 Main St., known as the Telephone Building, applied for approval to construct an adjacent three-story addition with ground-floor retail and four apartments on the second and third floors.

The board will begin its review of the proposals at its Nov. 13 meeting. Several City Council members said Monday (Nov. 4) that they would like to discuss a moratorium on Fishkill Avenue projects until a committee appointed by the mayor completes its study of the corridor.

Beacon Man Missing

Marine disappeared from California base in early October

A Beacon man has been missing since Oct. 5 from Camp Pendleton, a Marine Corps base in California, according to The RAD Movement, which assists families in finding people.

The Marine, Martin Salg, 27, may have been spotted in San Bernardino, about 90 minutes north of the base, according to the group. His glasses, wallet and personal belongings were left in the barracks, it said, and his phone was pinging behind a building on the base for a few days but could not be located.

If you have information, call The RAD Movement at 619-904-0840.

Putnam Sheriff Promotes Sergeants

Officers assigned to road patrol, undersheriff

Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville on Monday (Nov. 4) promoted two sergeants to first sergeants.

Sgt. Peter Vigilio is a 16-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, having served as a corrections officer, road patrol deputy and narcotics investigator. He has been a sergeant on the road patrol for three years and supervises the motorcycle unit. He will assist the captain in overseeing the Patrol Division.

Sgt. Johnathon Cihanek is a 14-year veteran who has been a sergeant for eight years with assignments in road patrol and as a supervisor in the Youth Aid Bureau overseeing the school resource officer program. He is an assistant commander of the Sheriff's Response Team and will work for the undersheriff on administrative functions such as grant writing, equipment and accreditation.

In October, the Legislature approved a request from McConville to reclassify a lieutenant's position to first sergeant after an officer “voluntarily demoted himself” to deputy because he could not earn overtime as a lieutenant.

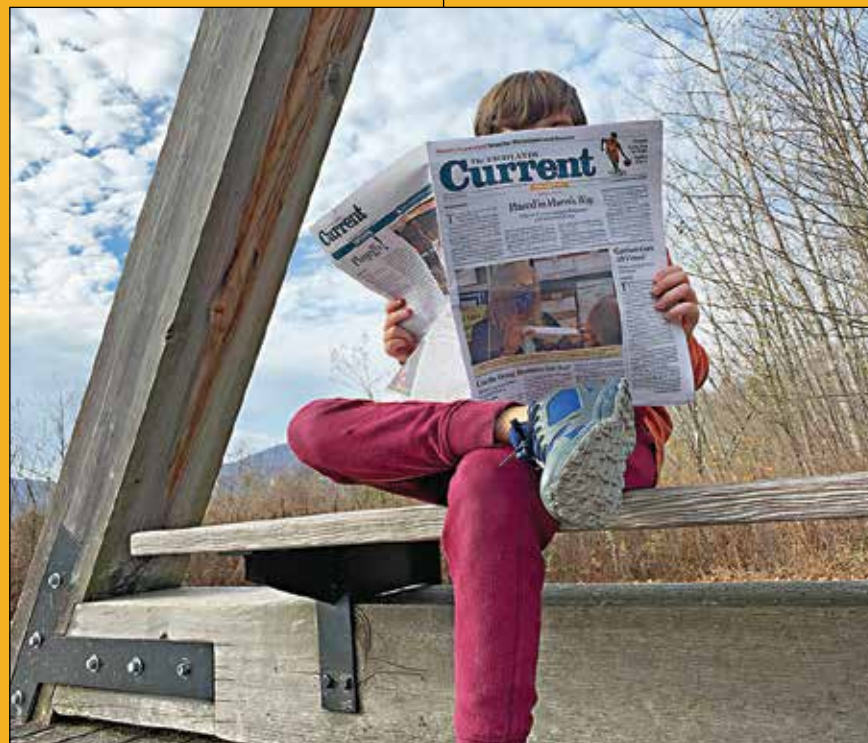
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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Chrystie House

The claim that Alexander Hamilton slept at the Chrystie House in Beacon during his honeymoon is incorrect ("Inside Chrystie House," Oct. 25). Hamilton and his wife, Elizabeth, stayed at the Abraham DePeyster house, built on 300 acres that DePeyster purchased from Madam Brett. This house — not Chrystie House — appears on Revolutionary War-era maps and is mentioned in letters to and from Hamilton. It was demolished in 1954.

It was located on DePeyster's Point, between Fishkill Creek and the Hudson River, which should not be confused with Denning's Point nearby.

The article also incorrectly made a connection between Abraham DePeyster, a former mayor of New York City, and Abraham DePeyster who built the house. The former had no connection to Fishkill Landing.

The Chrystie House is not the second oldest in Beacon behind Mount Gulian. The Bogardus-DeWindt house and VanVoorhis house (now the Southern Dutchess Country Club) and others were built earlier.

Christopher Cring, *Poughkeepsie*
Cring is the author of "The Most Important House in the American Revolution That Nobody Knew About," a history of the DePeyster House.



The DePeyster House, where Alexander Hamilton slept, was torn down in 1954.

Beacon Historical Society

My parents painstakingly renovated the Chrystie House in the early 1970s. It was my childhood home. We lived there until my college years. I have so many wonderful memories of that house, including huge holiday and family parties, and always plenty of yard work.

I was always proud to reveal that a signer of the U.S. Constitution lived in our home

and, as a parent, I photographed my kids with a statue of Col. William Few in Philadelphia. The ginkgo tree on the property provided me with something unusual to bring to science class.

Coincidentally, we discovered many years later that my grandfather was born in the house. I spent tons of time exploring the grounds with my sister and our friends and cousins. You could create a world of your own inside the boughs of the enormous fir trees there. A special place indeed.

Rebecca Supple Mensch, *Beacon*

Political support

Could you clarify the "Whom Does the Highlands Support?" chart that appeared in the Nov. 1 issue? It showed only two people in the Town of Philipstown but seven people in Garrison, which is part of Philipstown, giving to Rep. Pat Ryan's campaign. How can the number of contributors living in a subsection of the town be greater than the total number from the entire town?

Margaret Yonco-Haines, *Garrison*

We should have made that clearer. The tallies are by ZIP code, i.e., Cold Spring/Philipstown (10516), Garrison/Philipstown (10524) and Beacon (12508).

Fire station

The central fire station is a much-needed project that went unresolved for years ("A New Home for Beacon Firefighters," Nov. 1). It's a great location with modern facilities that these courageous and selfless firefighters need and deserve in order to protect and serve us all. I can't wait for a tour.

Chris Ericson, *via Facebook*

The editor notes: The city has scheduled a ribbon-cutting and public tours of the firehouse for 11 a.m. on Saturday (Nov. 16).

Paving Avery

Why is the unpaved section of Avery Road not on the short list for paving, given that Philipstown Supervisor John Van Tassel says the cost of maintaining it is \$10.78 per foot ("Philipstown to Pave Sections of Two Roads," Nov. 1)?

The south and north ends of Avery are paved. The middle mile is dirt. With the recent paving of sparsely traveled Diamond Hill Road, Cross Road and Old Highland Turnpike, why not consider Avery? It would require more excavation, drainage and sub-grade preparation before the required "lifts" (layers) of asphalt could be applied. But at \$10.78 per foot to maintain the dirt, isn't it prudent to explore paving?

Jim Giordonello, *Garrison*

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Serino Unveils Dutchess Budget

Lowers taxes, funds EMS, youth programs

By Leonard Sparks

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino introduced on Oct. 29 a \$627 million spending plan for 2025 that raises expenses by 18 percent and lowers the property tax rate by 4 percent.

Her first budget as county executive represents an \$18 million increase in spending and is balanced using \$101 million in property taxes, \$268 million in sales tax revenue (a 2 percent increase) and \$20 million in fund balance.

The Dutchess County Legislature will consider her proposals before approving a

budget for 2025 by year-end.

Under Serino's proposal, the property tax rate for homeowners and businesses falls to \$2.14 per \$1,000 of assessed value, a reduction from the 2024 rate of \$2.23.

Without new spending for grant-funded costs and "highly reimbursable state mandates," the budget would have increased by 1 percent, according to Serino, who began her term in January. Other added expenses include \$9 million more for health insurance and pensions and 4 percent salary increases for sheriff's deputies under a new three-year contract approved last month.

Serino said the budget is "focused on people — the lives we touch and the future we are building together" and responds to concerns about affordability. "We have

delivered a responsible budget that makes essential investments in Dutchess County and provides the services our residents rely on while limiting the impact to our taxpayers," she said.

In addition to continuing to exempt from sales taxes clothing and footwear under \$110 per item, the county forecasts that it will distribute \$46 million in sales taxes to Beacon, the City of Poughkeepsie and the county's towns under a revenue-sharing formula.

Serino is also launching a Real Time Crime Center using \$200,000 from a new Community Benefit Fund, which comprises funds made available from Dutchess' share of the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

Another \$200,000 from the Community Benefit Fund is being split by the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office for crime and public safety programs, and \$100,000 from the fund will underwrite

a refrigerated truck and a plan to reduce hunger through the county's Food Security Council.

Serino is allocating \$2 million to expand coverage for ambulance services, \$250,000 for drop-in centers under the county's Youth Opportunity Union program, \$200,000 for scholarships to summer camps and \$35,000 to expand transportation for seniors.

Dutchess will award another round of grants from a Housing Trust Fund created to help developers build affordable housing, said Serino. The county is also using \$400,000 from the state's settlement with Juul to launch an anti-vaping campaign, she said.

More on Serino's budget proposal is online at dub.sh/dutchess-budget-24. The county executive will hold a town hall to discuss her budget at 6 p.m. on Wednesday (Nov. 13) at the Beekman Library, 11 Town Center Boulevard in Hopewell Junction.

Putnam Approves 2025 Budget

Lower taxes for residents, raises for some officials

By Leonard Sparks

The Putnam County Legislature approved a \$205 million budget on Oct. 29 that lowers the property tax rate and boosts salaries for county officials while denying one for the county executive.

Putnam's budget keeps the overall revenue from property taxes at the same level, includes the lowest tax rate in 18 years and funds 2.75 percent cost-of-living raises for legislators, Sheriff Kevin McConville, coroners, managers and other staff.

Spending will rise by \$10 million over 2024 and revenues include \$79 million in sales taxes, \$14 million in reserve funds and \$46.2 million from property taxes, the same as this year's budget. Properties will be taxed \$2.70 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or 15 cents lower than this year.

A combination of "outliers, unfunded mandates and cost increases beyond our control" helped drive spending over \$200 million for the first time, County Executive Kevin Byrne said when he presented the plan to legislators on Oct. 3 at the Historic County Courthouse in Carmel.

"Regardless of party or political control, the fact of the matter is the cost of services, materials and labor goes up — not down," he said. "The real challenge in government is for leadership in the public sector to manage these increases responsibly and demonstrate it can do more to control the growth of spending, so it doesn't unnecessarily squeeze the taxpayer."

The county will spend \$1.8 million more on health insurance premiums in 2025 and \$1.5 million for pre-K and early intervention programs. It also faces \$1.4 million in increased costs for raises negotiated for employees represented by the Sheriff's Department Police Benevolent Association and the Putnam Management Association.

"We've made Putnam County healthier by providing money for the nurses in the Health Department," said Paul Jonke, chair of the Legislature. "And we've made Putnam

County safer by giving the sheriff additional personnel to help with investigations."

In addition to those raises, the Legislature amended the budget to move money Byrne had set aside in contingency accounts for 2.75 percent cost-of-living raises for McConville, legislators and other department heads.

Moving the money to wages means McConville's salary will increase by \$4,700 to \$175,061 and legislators will earn \$1,252 more, to \$46,770.

Legislators also moved from contingency to salary raises for the three coroners (\$706 annual increase to \$26,394), the clerk (\$4,080, to \$152,391), the auditor (\$3,600, to \$133,888) and deputy department heads.

While legislators voted in committee to move from contingency to wages a 2.75 percent cost-of-living raise that would have boosted Byrne's salary by \$4,800 to \$180,863, they voted against the move during the budget vote on Oct. 29.

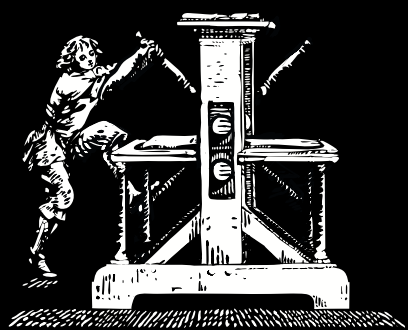
In a statement after the vote, Byrne said he would not have accepted a raise "until the rest of our collective bargaining units

have settled contracts."

"To date, we have two contracts with the four collective bargaining units," he wrote. "We have a memo of understanding with half of the remaining units and patiently await the Legislature's vote on the new Putnam County Sheriffs Employee Association contract. We are hopeful we can make more progress with the Civil Service Employees Association, the last remaining bargaining unit, in the months ahead."

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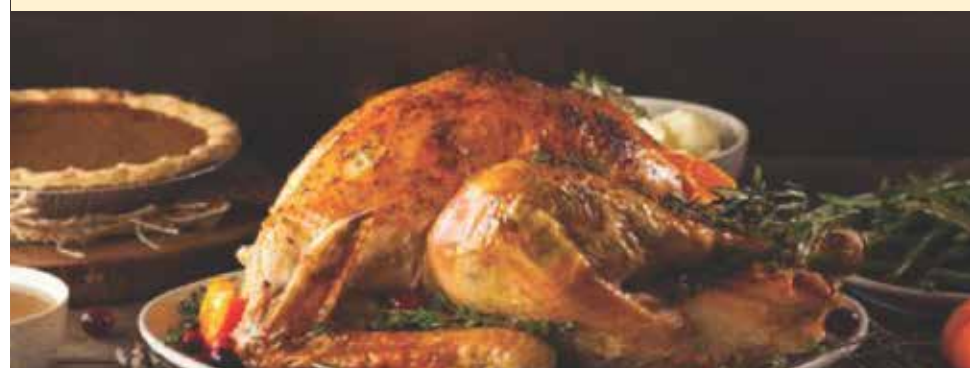
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Votes Received:	191,681		
Mondaire Jones			
Campaign Spend:	\$8,496,675.37	\$51.08	
Votes Received:	166,331		
U.S. House District 18			
Pat Ryan			
Campaign Spend:	\$6,655,113.31	\$34.00	
Votes Received:	195,728		
Alison Esposito			
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Dana Levenberg			
Campaign Spend:	\$180,000	\$4.85	
Votes Received:	37,148		
Michael Capalbo			
Campaign Spend:	\$8,064	\$0.38	
Votes Received:	21,194		
Dutchess Comptroller			
Dan Aymar-Blair			
Campaign Spend:	\$106,267	\$1.54	
Votes Received:	69,106		
Gregg Pulver			
Campaign Spend:	\$60,252	\$0.87	
Votes Received:	69,581		

Expenditures through Oct. 16

Turnout

79%	75%	73%	71%	64%
PHILIPSTOWN	PUTNAM	BEACON	DUTCHESS	STATEWIDE

Election (from Page 1)

County executive. Esposito, from Orange County, was a member of the New York City Police Department for 25 years before joining the ticket of gubernatorial candidate Lee Zeldin in 2022.

Alison Esposito (R, C)	149,493 (41.7%)
✓ Pat Ryan (D, WF)	195,728 (54.6%)
Dutchess County	
Esposito (R, C)	51,967 (41.6%)
✓ Ryan (D, WF)	68,797 (55.1%)
Beacon	
Esposito (R, C)	1,513 (21.9%)
✓ Ryan (D, WF)	5,387 (77.9%)

In U.S. House District 19, which includes counties north and west of Dutchess, former Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro trailed challenger Josh Riley by 4,172 votes in his bid for a second term. On Wednesday, Molinaro said he would not concede until all mail-in and affidavit ballots had been counted.

Marc Molinaro (R, C)	177,158 (48%)
✓ Josh Riley (D, WF)	181,330 (49%)

State Senate (District 39)

Rob Rolison won a second, 2-year term over challenger Yvette Valdés Smith, a member of the Dutchess County Legislature whose district includes Ward 4 in Beacon. The 39th district includes Philipstown and Beacon.

✓ Rob Rolison (R, C)	72,815 (48.6%)
Yvette Valdés Smith (D, WF)	68,940 (46%)

Putnam County	
Rolison (R, C)	5,820 (45.8%)
✓ Valdés Smith (D, WF)	6,344 (49.9%)

Dutchess County	
✓ Rolison (R, C)	52,028 (49.7%)
Valdés Smith (D, WF)	47,655 (45.6%)

Beacon	
Rolison (R, C)	1,713 (24.8%)
✓ Valdés Smith (D, WF)	5,170 (75.1%)

Sen. Pete Harckham, whose district includes Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Southeast and Brewster in Putnam County, as well as the City of Peekskill, won a fourth term over challenger Gina Arena.

Gina Arena (R, C)	74,592 (44.3%)
✓ Pete Harckham (D, WF)	85,554 (50.8%)

State Assembly (District 95)

Dana Levenberg, the first-term incumbent for the district that includes Philipstown, is a former Ossining supervisor and was chief of staff to her predecessor, Sandy Galef, who held the seat for 30 years. She was challenged by Michael Capalbo, a business analyst who lives in Yorktown.

Michael Capalbo (R, C)	21,194 (34.1%)
✓ Dana Levenberg (D, WF)	37,148 (59.8%)

Putnam County	
Capalbo (R, C)	2,046 (33.3%)
✓ Levenberg (D, WF)	3,816 (61.1%)

State Assembly (District 104)

Jonathan Jacobson ran unopposed for his fourth 2-year term representing the district, which includes Beacon.

✓ Jonathan Jacobson (D, WF)	54,246 (99.7%)
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Dutchess Comptroller

The incumbent is Gregg Pulver, a Republican from Pine Plains, who was named comptroller by then-County Executive William F.X. O’Neil to succeed Robin Lois, who resigned to take a state-level job. Pulver served 10 years in the county Legislature, the last six as its chair, before losing his re-election bid two weeks before the appointment.

He was challenged by Dan Aymar-Blair, a Democrat who is serving his third term representing Ward 4 on the Beacon City Council. Aymar-Blair began his career with Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley before moving into the public sector. He has worked for the New York City Department of Education for 15 years and oversees business operations for its special education program.

Although Pulver led by 475 votes on Election Night, of 138,799 cast (including 112 write-in votes), the Dutchess County Democratic Committee said on Wednesday that about 1,000 mail-in ballots and 3,200 affidavit ballots remained to be processed by the Board of Elections. Also, mail-in ballots postmarked by Nov. 5 can arrive through Tuesday (Nov. 12) to be counted.

Dan Aymar-Blair (D, WF)	69,106 (49.8%)
✓ Gregg Pulver (R, C)	69,581 (50.1%)

Beacon	
✓ Aymar-Blair (D, WF)	5,148 (76%)
Pulver (R, C)	1,623 (24%)

Proposition 1

This proposal amends the state constitution, which now protects against unequal treatment based on race, color, creed and religion, to also protect against unequal treatment based on ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes, as well as reproductive health-care and autonomy. The amendment allows laws to prevent or undo past discrimination.

✓ Yes: 4,491,946 (56.6%)
No: 2,771,374 (34.9%)

Putnam County	
Yes: 25,106 (46.2%)	
✓ No: 25,714 (47.3%)	

Dutchess County	
✓ Yes: 80,265 (54.3%)	
No: 60,526 (40.1%)	

Beacon	
✓ Yes: 5,301 (78.5%)	
No: 1,453 (21.5%)	

Putnam County

Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley on the Legislature and is its sole Democrat, had no opponent for her third 3-year term. She defeated former legislator Barbara Scuccimarra in 2018 and 2021.

✓ Nancy Montgomery (D, United Putnam)	3,053 (73.1%)
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Two other county legislative races were on ballots. In District 7 (Mahopac), Daniel Birmingham ran unopposed to succeed Joseph Castellano, who could not run because of term limits. Birmingham served in the Legislature from 2004 to 2012.

✓ Daniel Birmingham (R, C)	3,570 (70.4%)
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In District 4 (Patterson), there is a three-way race between Randall Mulkins, Laura Russo and Jennifer Bumgarner to succeed Ginny Nacerino, who also could not run because of term limits.

- Jennifer Bumgarner (Patterson First) 107 (5%)
- Randall Mulkins (D, WF) 908 (42.6%)
- ✓ Laura Russo (R, C) 1,118 (49.5%)

Wendy Erickson, one of three Putnam County coroners, ran unopposed for a second 4-year term.

✓ Wendy Erickson (R, C) 27,875 (69%)

Beacon

Amber Grant, appointed in January as an at-large member to fill a vacancy created when Pam Wetherbee was shifted to the Ward 3 seat, was elected to a one-year term. Grant served from 2018 to 2019 as the Ward 4 representative and in 2020 and 2021 as an at-large member. In Ward 3, Wetherbee was elected to a one-year term. She served as the Ward 3 representative from 2014 to 2017.

- ✓ Amber Grant (at-large) 5,312 (98.9%)
- ✓ Pam Wetherbee (Ward 3) 1,221 (99.4%)

The other members of the City Council are Mayor Lee Kyriacou, Molly Rhodes (Ward 1), Jeff Domanski (Ward 2), Aymar-Blair (Ward 4) and Paloma Wake (at-large). Six of the seven seats will appear on the November 2025 ballot for two-year terms. The mayor, who serves a four-year term, will be on the ballot in 2027.

Cold Spring

Laura Bozzi and Tweeps Phillips Woods had no challengers to return to the Village Board. Bozzi was appointed and then elected to the board in 2022 and won her second 2-year term. Woods won a one-year term in 2021 and was seeking her second full term. The other board members are Mayor Kathleen Foley, Aaron Freimark and Eliza Starbuck, whose seats will be on the ballot in 2025.

✓ Laura Bozzi (Good Neighbors) 393 (46.4%)

✓ Tweeps Phillips Woods (Service Party) 441 (52.1%)

Philipstown

Camille Linson ran unopposed for her third 4-year term as Philipstown justice. She

defeated Faye Thorpe in 2016 with 55 percent of the vote and was not challenged in 2020.

- ✓ Camille Linson (D, C) 2,908 (76.4%)

U.S. Senate

The incumbent, Kirsten Gillibrand, won her third 6-year term.

- ✓ Kirsten Gillibrand (D, WF) 4,435,463 (55.8%)
- Diane Sare (LaRouche) 35,974 (0.5%)
- Michael Sapaicone (R, C) 3,121,706 (39.3%)

Putnam County

Gillibrand (D, WF)	23,848 (43.9%)
Sare (LaRouche)	181 (0.33%)
✓ Sapaicone (R, C)	28,504 (52.4%)

Dutchess County

✓ Gillibrand (D, WF)	78,744 (53.2%)
Sare (LaRouche)	581 (0.4%)
Sapaicone (R, C)	63,715 (43.1%)

U.S. President

The Democratic candidate, Kamala Harris, won the state and Dutchess County but the Republican candidate, Donald Trump, won Putnam.

- ✓ Kamala Harris/Tim Walz (D, WF) 4,341,532 (54.7%)
- Donald Trump/J.D. Vance (R, C) 3,436,213 (43.3%)

Dutchess County

✓ Harris/Walz (D, WF)	75,795 (51.2%)
Trump/Vance (R, C)	69,307 (46.8%)

Putnam County

Harris/Walz (D, WF)	22,859 (42.0%)
✓ Trump/Vance (R, C)	30,654 (56.4%)

9th Judicial District Judges

There were 10 candidates for five seats on the state Supreme Court for the 9th Judicial District, which includes Putnam, Dutchess, Orange, Rockland and Westchester counties. Justices serve 14-year terms.

The Supreme Court justices in Putnam County are Gina Capone (elected in 2019) and Victor Grossman (2013). The Supreme Court justices in Dutchess County are Christi Acker (2017), Thomas Davis (2021) and Maria Rosa (2012).

Despite its name, the Supreme Court is not the highest court in New York. That is the Court of Appeals. Instead, it is a trial court that operates at the county level.

	District	Dutchess	Putnam
✓ Brett Broge (D, C) Private practice, Orange County	474,175	69,783	21,897
✓ Colleen Duffy (D, C) Incumbent	517,339	76,864	24,308
Thomas Humbach (R) Rockland County Attorney	337,953	57,434	25,679
Leslie Kahn (R) Clarkstown town justice (Rockland)	326,927	55,201	24,461
✓ Kyle McGovern (D, C) Tarrytown judge (Westchester)	488,129	71,144	22,725
Edward Mevec (R) State administrative law judge	330,414	55,828	24,907
Karen Ostberg (R) Minisink town justice (Orange)	329,426	56,085	24,788
✓ Mary Anne Scattaretico-Naber (D, C) Westchester Family Court	479,946	70,268	22,329
Mark Starkman (R) Private practice, Orange County	326,631	55,655	24,614
✓ Rachel Tanguay (D, C) Rockland Family Court	469,259	68,902	21,716

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Philipstown Planning Board

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Too Close for Comfort?

Fishkill proposal draws concern from Beacon

By Jeff Simms

Beacon residents and officials are concerned about a proposal under review by the Fishkill Planning Board to build a two-story, 51,500-square-foot self-storage facility on the outskirts of the city.

The proposed site is 1292 Route 9D, a partially wooded, 4.7-acre tract on the east side of 9D, between Van Ness Road, which is in Beacon, and Interstate 84. It is bordered by the eastbound I-84 ramp to the north, residential neighborhoods to the south and, on the other side of Route 9D, the Southern Dutchess Country Club.

The project was proposed in June 2022 by Nidal Hassen, a broker at JonCar Realty in Beacon at the time.

The 30-foot-high structure would be constructed 200 feet, or twice the required distance, from Route 9D and would contain 333 self-storage units ranging from 4-by-6 feet to 10-by-24 feet. About 4 acres have already been or are proposed to be cleared, with about 1 acre as a wooded buffer.

If approved, it would require a special-use permit from Fishkill because the site is in a restricted business zone, which does not permit self-storage facilities.

Customers would access the facility from

9D through a right-turn-only entry, with a tree-lined driveway leading to the building. A traffic study submitted by the applicant argues that the project is “not expected to result in any changes to traffic operating conditions” at seven nearby intersections and would not cause “significant impacts to the surrounding neighborhoods.”

But Beacon City Council Member Molly Rhodes, who represents the adjacent Ward 1, said more than 20 constituents have contacted her to register concern about traffic.

“It’s both a safety concern, particularly about how moving trucks will negotiate unfamiliar side streets, and concern that having these vehicles on residential streets will be inconsistent with community character,” she said.

She said several residents expressed reservations because their children play or ride bikes on neighborhood streets where they don’t have sidewalks.

Mayor Lee Kyriacou sent the Fishkill Planning Board a letter in October asking the town to investigate alternative entries. “The access route for visitors traveling southbound on Route 9D is circuitous and, in reality, will likely result in customers making illegal left turns or dangerous U-turns,” he wrote.

He also suggested that using residential streets such as Dutchess Terrace and Rock Hill Road for through-traffic going to the storage facility is “inconsistent with best



A rendering of the proposed storage facility; the entrance from Route 9D is at bottom right.

practice and would have a negative impact” on those neighborhoods.

The Planning Board determined in August 2023 that the project could result in significant adverse environmental impacts, which required the applicant to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS). After receiving a draft EIS in July, the board held a public hearing in September. The board is waiting for a final EIS from the developer.

Liz Axelson, a consultant hired by the Planning Board, noted during its Oct. 10 meeting that there are two nearby faci-

ties — 9D E-Z Storage and Prime Storage — in Fishkill’s general business zone, “where they belong.” 9D E-Z Storage is a half-mile from the proposed site.

Axelson said a restaurant or small hotel or bed-and-breakfast would be more appropriate. “The assertion that the proposed self-storage would complement any of the nearby uses is not well supported, in my opinion,” she said.

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A rendering of the interior of the proposed high school student center

Haldane *(from Page 1)*

The largest portion of the project is a 17,300-square-foot addition to the high school that includes a student center; four classrooms; a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) innovation lab and art room; and student support offices for guidance and wellness.

The student center would give high school students a place to eat lunch. Currently, they can walk down to the cafeteria in the building that houses the elementary and middle schools. But most eat in empty classrooms, hallways, stairwells or, if the weather allows, outside. Many juniors and seniors walk or drive to local lunch spots.

The addition would also provide a place for all 335 high school students to gather as a student body without going to the main building and displacing students or teachers using the gym/auditorium, said Julia Sniffen, the high school principal. "There isn't a space for the high school to gather without completely disrupting either the elementary school or the middle school."

The four classrooms would allow the district to move classes out of the Mabel Merritt administration building, with its cramped spaces that fail to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, district leaders said.

The project would also replace or upgrade

communication and safety systems. The public-address system is so antiquated, the district can no longer find replacement parts, said Carl Albano, the interim superintendent. "These systems are essential to school operations. I can't run a school without fire alarm and carbon monoxide detectors and a PA system. Those are basic features, right?"

Haldane also plans to upgrade vestibules to prevent visitors from entering before showing identification and providing a reason for the visit, Albano said. When the high school was built in 2005, few schools had secure entry vestibules, he noted, but today, few don't.

Another safety measure is a plan to improve traffic flow in consultation with the Village of Cold Spring and the surrounding neighborhoods, said Clements.

The project would include renovated student support spaces in the high school and main building for the district's social workers, psychologists, behaviorists, occupational therapists, physical therapists and guidance counselors.

Albano said the project would provide a variety of other upgrades, including electrical and masonry repairs. "There are restrooms that need renovation," he said. "A person with a physical disability would struggle in our district. We're not ADA-compliant in many areas."

Lincoln Wayland contributed reporting.

Blue Ribbon *(from Page 1)*

skills, including being a global citizen and displaying social-emotional competence, that educators believe are necessary to becoming a "college-, career- and civic-ready graduate." Seventeen states use similar models.

Students' options for demonstrating proficiency in a subject would be expanded from traditional assessments to include more project-based options such as internships and "real-world" work experience. Graduation requirements would also grow to incorporate performance-based assessments and no longer depend on test scores.

Finally, the state would shift from offering three types of diplomas (local, Regents and Regents with advanced designations) to one. Seals noting special designations, such as biliteracy or civic readiness, could still be applied.

The proposals will continue to be honed over the next year.

"We want there to still be rigor, but at the same time, we know our students have multiple talents," said Sagrario Rudecindo-O'Neill, the assistant superintendent of curriculum and student support for the Beacon district, who chaired a Blue Ribbon Commission subcommittee. "We asked, 'What can we do in addition so we're not penalizing students who are not test-takers but know how to apply the knowledge that

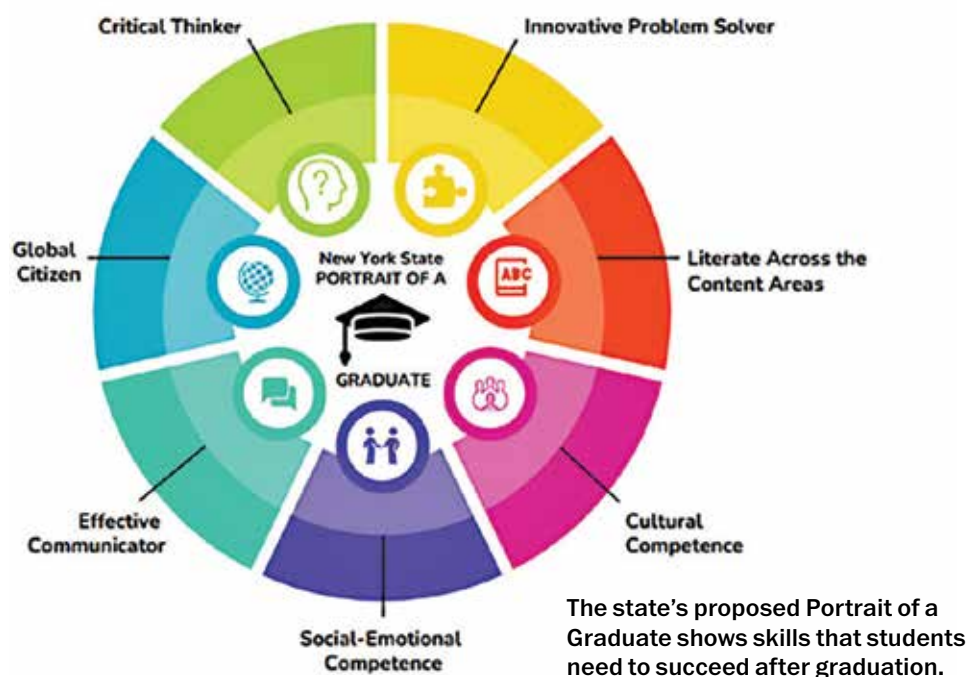
they've been given?' The point is looking at success differently."

The Regents board has not approved the plan but appears to be in favor of it. In a statement on Monday, Lester Young Jr., its chancellor, called the changes essential for ensuring that students, "no matter their background or circumstances, receive high-quality instruction that equips them for success in a complex and rapidly evolving world."

The plan is to continue holding forums and advisory panels before releasing specific, reformatted learning standards to educators next fall. By the fall of 2027, the state would move to one diploma for all students and begin expanding the system through which students earn credits.

The four transformations would be executed by the fall of 2029. As envisioned, the first class that could graduate under the new standards would be the Class of 2033, or today's fourth graders.

The changes provide "multiple pathways for students to demonstrate they've acquired the skills and abilities that we've asked them to," said Jodi DeLucia, the deputy superintendent of the Dutchess Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), who helped facilitate an information session last month at Beacon High School. "Instead of everything being about seat time," or the amount of time students spend in class, "it becomes about proficiency."



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Tickets to attend the reception are \$65. There will be a cash bar and light refreshments. Proceeds from the reception and sale will go towards a scholarship in George's name for a Haldane student attending art school.



Metro-North (from Page 1)

questions from council members.

The idea is to convert the northern commuter lot into a “transit-oriented development” with a combination of residential, retail and/or office uses within a short walk of the train station. The 483-space lot sits across the tracks from Seeger Riverfront Park and is adjacent to a Metro-North employee lot. Parking lost to development will be replaced on the property, the MTA said.

In addition to addressing the statewide housing shortage, the agency said the project will foster connectivity between the waterfront and Main Street. Hochul said in a statement that it would be supported by a \$500 million fund launched this year to build 15,000 homes on state-owned property. Once completed, the project would not just add housing but “uplift the local economy by attracting businesses” and creating a healthier community, she said.

Last summer, the MTA opened its first transit-oriented project, Avalon Harrison, at the Harrison Metro-North station in Westchester County.

In October 2007, the MTA asked developers to submit expressions of interest for projects on 18 acres adjacent to the Beacon train station. Proposals for as many as 600 apartments in buildings ranging from two to six stories, along with a double-deck parking garage, were put forward, leading to the formation of a citizen group, Beacon Deserves Better, that opposed the plans.

The city and the Beacon school district stood to gain significant tax revenue but the proposals were deeply unpopular, recalled Steve Gold, who was mayor from 2008 to 2011.

Residents feared that Main Street, which was still recovering from years of neglect when the Great Recession hit in December 2007, could not withstand competition from commercial development along the waterfront. Concerns about increased traffic, even with the potential widening of a stretch of Route 9D near Beekman Street, and the loss of Hudson River views also contributed to the backlash.

During a series of public forums, “99.9 percent of the comments were opposed to it,” Gold said. “I think there was one person who wasn’t.” By mid-2010, Gold said he told the MTA that the city would no longer consider proposals.

By 2017, when the City Council adopted an update to its 2007 comprehensive plan, the train station had been rezoned for “waterfront development,” which permits residential, marina, restaurant and retail uses. According to the plan, structures built as part of a transit-oriented development should keep the first story available for commercial uses, which should be pedestrian-oriented and “assist in building a walkable street and overall connection along Beekman Street to downtown Beacon.”

Retail uses should be “related to their unique location near the waterfront” and not unduly compete with shops on Main Street. Office uses are also encouraged.



Baby and Dog

This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Connor and Molly Walsh of Cold Spring shared this shot of their daughter, Maeve, with Harper. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.org.

Development in the area would accommodate existing MTA commuter parking in an enclosed parking structure, the plan says.

Mayor Lee Kyriacou said this week that Beacon is primed for waterfront development. “We’ve done our work setting the zoning that we think is appropriate,” he said. “Fifteen years ago they were proposing stuff that had nothing to do with our zoning. We’re in a much better position now.”

While the state says it is seeking proposals considerably smaller than those floated

in 2008, there is also much more development in the area now. The 246-unit Edgewater complex is under construction on a cliff overlooking the proposed site, while 62 apartments have been approved by the Planning Board at 16 West Main St. A 64-unit development at Beekman Street and Route 9D is under review.

In addition, The View, a condominium complex on Beekman, had not been built when the first transit-oriented development was pitched.



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The Calendar



Dylan Cronk and John Procario position a work in progress.

Photos by M. Ferris

BENDING WOOD

*Beacon artist sculpts
twists and turns*

By Marc Ferris

John Procario, 34, is the modest designer of “sculptural luminaries” — pretzel-like wood creations that double as lighting fixtures.

Private clients come calling from all over the world; one work now under construction is headed to Indonesia. Procario is represented by Todd Merrill Studio in Manhattan and through Monday (Nov. 11), his work will be displayed at the Salon Art + Design show at the Park Avenue Armory.

His woodworking is “intended to look seamless,” he says. “The flex creates a closed loop that guides the eyes and lets them get lost looking around. It’s easy to find new ways to view it.”

At his 5,000-square-foot Beacon studio,

Procario’s sculptures stand on the floor or hang from ceilings and walls. A child can hold his smaller works; others take four people to move around.

Procario and three assistants laminate and manipulate strips of ash, poplar, white oak and other species while rap, rock, funk, jazz, Latin jazz and whatever else they fancy blasts through a speaker outfitted with lights that change color every few bars.

To roughly replicate his design, Procario relies on templates created by snaking pieces over, around and through wooden posts that are bolted onto waist-high benches in pre-arranged configurations.

Procario also uses dumbbells to weigh down strategic portions that keep the shape quasi-uniform. No two items are the same because so much hand-sculpting goes into each finished product. Replicating the bending step precisely is nearly impossible, even with a machine.

The raw material is thin strips of wood

in various sizes and widths laminated with epoxy applied by tiny paint rollers. The slats are enclosed in a fitted plastic container with a nozzle for the VacuPress machine to suck out all the oxygen, which applies pressure to sandwich the plies that dry for 24 hours.

The crew bends the bagged slats around the posts and adds layers of laminate to the works, some of which resemble a huge knot in suspended animation that will never be pulled tight.

Assistants Dylan Cronk and John Menzie help with bending, glue work and maneuvering the studio’s 1,000 or so clamps. Sal Yanittelli, who previously worked at his uncle’s wine store in Cold Spring, manages the sander and handles some of the other shaping duties.

Once the clamps are removed, the team rounds the rough edges with an angle grinder. Then, the sanding begins, which brings out the wood’s grain. After staining, a strip of LED lights is affixed to the underside and covered with custom-fit cotton linens.

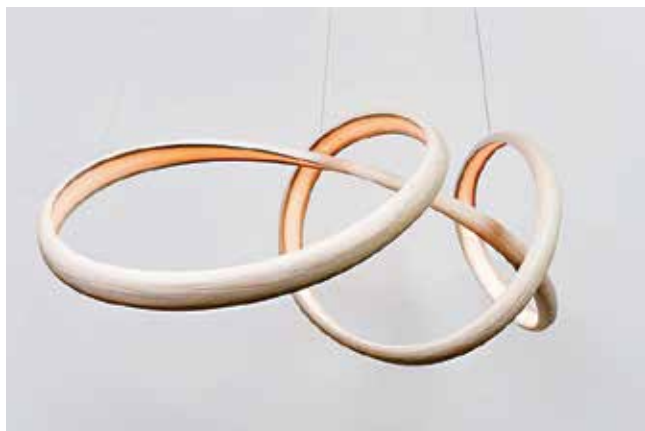
In the workshop, just about everything is in its place. “That’s for creativity’s sake,” Procario explains. “When inspiration hits, you don’t want to have to look for something.”

The sculptor, who grew up in Cold Spring and moved to Beacon eight years ago, began bending wood in 2012, “but I had no representation and selling myself took up too much time.” He joined Todd Merrill Studio in 2016.

Beyond the artsy lamps that are his calling card, Procario designed a stool, bench and lounge chair. When the gallery asked him to make sculptural sofas, he figured another functional work would be fun. The studio constructs the honeycomb frame and sends it to a custom upholsterer. One white creation looks like a snail, another an abstract sports car.

“I like that people interact with my work,” Procario says. “It’s intimate when someone flips the light switch and maybe looks up to linger on the design. But it’s even more so when someone sits on your art.”

For more, see johnprocario.com. The Salon Art + Design show will be open from 3 to 8 p.m. today (Nov. 8), 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday at the Park Avenue Armory, 643 Park Ave. between 66th and 67th streets in New York City. See thesalonny.com for tickets, which are \$35 or \$10 for students.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 9
Witchlings 3
GARRISON
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Claribel Ortega will read from the third book in the popular middle-grade series, *House of Elephants*, and receive the library’s Excellence in Children’s Literature award. Books can be purchased at the event.

TUES 12
Holiday Centerpieces
GARRISON
3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
At this creator’s workshop, learn how to make a festive decoration for any table. Registration required.

WED 13
Lenape Storytime
COLD SPRING
3:30 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St. | 845-265-4010
butterfieldlibrary.org
Children ages 4 to 7 are invited to learn about the first inhabitants of our area through books, games and crafts. Registration required. The event is co-hosted by the Butterfield Library.

THURS 14
Cross-Stitch Key Chains
BEACON
6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org
Students in grades 5 to 12 can learn the basics of cross-stitch. Registration required.

FRI 15
Design a Book Nook
GARRISON
3 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Teens are invited to make a diorama for a bookshelf. Registration required.

COMMUNITY

SAT 9
Modern Makers Market
COLD SPRING
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. St. Mary’s
1 Chestnut St. | hopsonthehudson.com
More than 50 artisans and artists will showcase their work. Also SUN 10.

SAT 9
Arty Martini Party
GARRISON
5 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org
This fall fundraiser celebrates the center’s 60th anniversary. *Cost: \$50*



SUN 10
Train & Hobby Show
POUGHKEEPSIE
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. MJN Center
14 Civic Center Plaza
midhudsonciviccenter.org
The show and sale will include a ride-on train for kids, model train layouts, raffles and promotions. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 families, \$5 kids)*

MON 11
Veterans Day Ceremony
BEACON
11 a.m. VFW Hall | 413 Main St.

MON 11
Veterans Day Ceremony
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. Veterans Memorial
Main and Chestnut

TUES 12
Citizen Disaster Prep Workshop
GARRISON
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Learn about the tools and resources you need to manage and recover from manmade and natural disasters. Registration required.

WED 13
Chair Yoga and Mindfulness
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
Joelle Van Sickle will lead a gentle workout.

SAT 16
Girl Scout Pie Run/Walk
COLD SPRING
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Haldane Track
15 Craigsides Drive | dub.sh/GS-pie-run
Run or walk laps to raise money for the Philipstown Food Pantry. Register online.

SAT 16
Firehouse Dedication
BEACON
11 a.m. 1140 Wolcott Ave.
Take a tour of the newly completed central firehouse and

enjoy refreshments. RSVP to cityofbeacon@beaconny.gov.

SAT 16
Children’s Room Reception
COLD SPRING
5 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
The library will dedicate its Jean Marzollo Children’s Reading Room with entertainment and a silent auction. *Cost: \$75 (ages 10 and younger free)*

SUN 17
Filling Empty Bowls
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. St. Mary’s Church
1 Chestnut St. | fareground.org
This fundraiser for Fareground to address food insecurity will serve soup in handmade bowls created by families, businesses and artists. *Cost: \$35 (\$75 family)*

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 9
Bird Woman
COLD SPRING
2 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
Lynn Rogoff will screen her animated film about Sacajawea, the Shoshone guide who helped the Lewis and Clark expedition, and discuss AI storytelling.

SAT 9
Man of La Mancha
BEACON
7 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road
beaconplayers.com
The Beacon Players will stage the Don Quixote-based musical about a play within a play and an epic journey. Also SUN 10. *Cost: \$15 (\$8 students, seniors)*

SAT 9
Perfect Arrangement
WAPPINGERS FALLS
8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countplayers.org
The Topher Payne comedy about

the early gay rights movement, set in the 1950s, involves two federal employees assigned to find “sexual deviants.” Also FRI 15, SAT 16, SUN 17. *Cost: \$26 (\$24 seniors, students, ages 12 and younger)*

FRI 15
The Peekskill Riots
PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
Watch “Up on the Hillside, Down in the Hollow,” the third episode of a documentary series about racist violence that broke out at a Paul Robeson concert in 1949. *Cost: \$10*

FRI 15
Nerd Nite Hudson Valley
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
hudsonvalley.nerdnite.com
Caroline Eisner, Brendan Koerner, Nadia Azizi and Marjorie Lewit will discuss grammar, hijacking airplanes and migrating amphibians. See Page 16. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)*

FRI 15
Anthony Rodia
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The Westchester County native will perform for his Totally Relatable Tour. Also SAT 16. *Cost: \$50 to \$65*

SAT 16
Community Bake-Off
PHILIPSTOWN
7 p.m. Hudson Valley Shakespeare
190 Snake Hill Road | hvshakespeare.org
Watch one-act plays at Rehearsal Studio A on the theme “Adaptation: A Shake of the Kaleidoscope” by winners of a playwriting workshop. Also SUN 17. *Free*

SUN 17
Bread and Roses
PUTNAM VALLEY
3 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
GoJo Clan Productions will present short plays by local women playwrights. *Cost: \$20*

SUN 17
Rumplestiltskin
PEEKSKILL
3 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The Panto Company will stage the classic tale of a girl who spins hay into gold with the aid of a mysterious, magical helper. *Cost: \$37 (\$25 children)*

SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 9
Atomic Fury
BEACON
5 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery | 139 Main St.
212-255-2505 | clutter.co
This group show celebrates the 70th anniversary of the legendary Godzilla. Paso will also have a solo show. Through Dec. 6.

SAT 9
Leonie Lacouette
BEACON
5 – 7 p.m. Hudson Beach Glass
162 Main St. | hudsonbeachglass.com
The Gardiner-based artist will share her creative, handmade clocks. Through Dec. 31.



SAT 9
Ian Clyde
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Super Secret Projects
484 Main St. | supersecretprojects.com
Clyde’s show, *Touch Grass*, features paintings and sculptures that explore nature and technology. Through Dec. 7.

SAT 9
Linda Lauro-Lazin and Kejoo Park
BEACON
6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St.
845-440-7584 | baugallery.org
Lauro-Lazin and Park’s works on paper and paintings are featured in *Joining Sky and Earth*. In Gallery 2, Pamela Vlahakis’s photos show hidden beauty in *Apparitions*. Jebah Baum’s drawings in the Beacon Room, *Fishing with Matisse*, are inspired by his residency in France. Through Dec. 8.

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 9
Lenape People in the Hudson Valley
BEACON
1 p.m. Mount Gulian
145 Sterling St. | mountgulian.org
Harv Hilowitz will discuss the first inhabitants of the area and their diaspora. *Cost: \$12 (\$10 seniors; \$5 ages 5 to 15)*

SAT 9
Donna Minkowitz
BEACON
3:30 p.m. KuBe Art Center
211 Fishkill Ave. | donnaminkowitz.com
The Beacon author will read from her novel, *Donnaville*.

SAT 9
Kristen Holt-Browning
BEACON
8 p.m. Stanza Books | 508 Main St.
845-440-3906 | stanzabooks.com
The Beacon author will read from her novel, *Ordinary Devotions*.

SUN 10
Jim Garber
PUTNAM VALLEY
3 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
The founding member of the Poet's Corner series will read his work, followed by an open mic. *Cost: \$10*

THURS 14
Murder She Wrote
BEACON
6:30 p.m. The Factory Hotel
147 Main St. | beaconlitfest.org
Cynthia Weiner will lead a true-crime writing workshop as a fundraiser for Beacon Litfest. *Cost: \$50*

NATURE & OUTDOORS

FRI 15
Sunset Family Hike
PHILIPSTOWN
4 p.m. Little Stony Point
3007 Route 9D | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather on this all-ages guided hike. Registration required.

SAT 16
Bird Walk
WAPPINGERS FALLS
7 a.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org
Guides from the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society will lead the search for late-migrating birds and other unusual species. *Cost: \$10*

SAT 16
Holiday Gnome Ornaments
BEACON
Noon. Mount Gulian
145 Sterling St. | mountgulian.org
Shirley Botsford, a fiber artist, will lead participants in making a fun no-sew ornament. *Cost: \$25*

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 9
George Stevenson
COLD SPRING
2 – 5 p.m. Firehouse | 154 Main St.
dub.sh/george-stevenson
The Cold Spring Fire Co. will host this exhibit and sale of the folk artist's work.

SAT 9
Fred Schlitzer
COLD SPRING
2 – 5 p.m. McCaffrey Realty
140 Main St.
New paintings and drawings by the artist will be on display through Nov. 30.

FRI 15
Maria Lai
PHILIPSTOWN
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Magazzino
2700 Route 9 | magazzino.art
More than 100 works by the Italian artist will be on display in her first retrospective, *A Journey to America*. *Cost: \$20 (\$10 seniors, students, disabled visitors, \$5 ages 5 to 11, free for Philipstown residents)*

SAT 16
Cat Art Show
BEACON
5 – 7 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org
Curated by Jean Noack, the show will include works by more than two dozen artists. A portion of sales benefits Mid Hudson Animal Aid and the Animal Rescue Foundation.



MUSIC

SAT 9
Back At It
PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
Sam Krugman (vocals, piano), Wolfgang Lagomarsini (bass) and Timothy Pitt (guitar) will debut as a band with original music. *Cost: \$25*

SAT 9
Annie and the Hedonists
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
The band plays music by female blues artists of the 1920s to '40s. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 9
Chris O'Leary Band
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The blues artist who fronted The Barnburners plays with his band. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 9
Classic Stones Live
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The tribute band plays the music of the Rolling Stones. *Cost: \$44 to \$59*

SUN 10
Dionne Warwick
PEEKSKILL
7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The six-time Grammy winner will perform her hits. *Cost: \$75 to \$100*

SUN 10
The British Rock Show
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
This tribute band covers hits from the golden age of rock. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

WED 13
Daniel Kelly and David Hollander
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
The pianist and composer will talk and play music with Hollander. *Cost: \$15 donation*



Amy Yang, Nov. 17

FRI 15
Martha Spencer & The Wonderland Country Band
COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org
The Appalachian band will perform music from its latest release, *Out in La La Land*. *Cost: \$25*

FRI 15
Leo Kottke
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The acoustic guitarist is known for his fingerpicking style and decades of songwriting and performing. *Cost: \$60 (\$65 door)*

SAT 16
West Point Glee Club
COLD SPRING
2 p.m. St. Mary's Church
1 Chestnut St. | musicatstmarys.com
Cadets from the U.S. Military Academy will perform. Donations welcome. *Free*

SAT 16
DizzyFish and the Uptown Horns
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The bands will play the hits of 1970s rock legends. *Cost: \$45 (\$50 door)*

SUN 17
Amy Yang
COLD SPRING
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org
The pianist's concert will include works by Brahms and Schumann. Donations welcome. *Free*

SUN 17
The Ulysses Quartet
BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandmusic.org
This Howland Chamber Music Circle concert will include compositions by Komitas, Seth Grosshandler, Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel, Felix Mendelssohn and first violinist Christina Bouey. *Cost: \$35 (\$10 students)*

CIVIC

TUES 12
Capital Project Tour
COLD SPRING
6 p.m. Haldane | 15 Craigside Dr.
haldaneschool.org
Take a tour before the Nov. 19 bond vote for proposed campus upgrades. Register online.

TUES 12
Dutchess Legislature
POUGHKEEPSIE
7 p.m. Legislative Chambers
22 Market St. | 845-486-2100
dutchessny.gov

TUES 12
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

WED 13
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WED 13
School Board
GARRISON
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D
845-424-3689 | gufs.org



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Lyonshare Comes to Beacon

Bistro opens in former Max's on Main space

By Marc Ferris

In the back of Lyonshare Public House, which whitewashed the former Max's on Main space, a cabinet grand piano occupies the spot where four high-top tables once stood.

Bud Schmeling says he is happy to forgo revenue and fulfill his aesthetic goals. "Live music will be more mellow than, say, Dogwood, like trios, a jazz brunch and singer-songwriters," he says.

In consultation with DJ friends, he's curating 10 playlists. "There's jazz for brunch, a dinner groove and hip-hop and R&B for late nights," he says. "It's not like one night the bartender plays death metal and another night it's weird pop."

During the official opening on Oct. 31, "Sixteen Tons," which Tennessee Ernie Ford took to No. 1 on the country charts in 1955, piped through the speakers.

After Max's on Main closed in April after 18 years in business, rumors swirled about the place becoming a steakhouse or a jazz club, partly because Schmeling worked for years at Brooklyn stalwart Peter Luger's. Lyonshare includes elements of both.

Schmeling studied literature with Allen Ginsburg at Brooklyn College, earning a master's degree. A bottle of Bushmill's appears in his X profile photo and he writes and serves as a "spiritual advisor" for the sports quarterly *Victory Journal*.

Beyond a handwritten copy of Walt Whitman's "O Captain! My Captain!" eye-high on a wall, there's a nook for books and typewriters above the bar. He plans to write a tome about his time at Peter Luger's, "like *Kitchen Confidential*, but for front of house," he says.

Over the last five months, as he transformed the restaurant and opened up the kitchen by taking down a wall, Schmeling ingratiated himself with other bar owners, their employees and their patrons as he made the rounds about town discussing the venture and the piano, which fueled the scuttlebutt.

At a preview on Oct. 22, one attendee called him "Mr. GQ." Indeed, the man looks like he stepped out of a silent film. And his clothes fit.

Schmeling's reverence for history, including his own past, is apparent in the decor: In addition to the spittoons, brass door-knobs and black-and-white photos, there's a picture of his alma mater, Virginia Military Institute, where he studied English. Holdovers from Max's include the base of the shiny quartz bar and the brass footrail.

The name Lyonshare honors Capt. John Lyon, who plied a ferry from Nyack to Tarrytown for 70 years until 1923 and, according to lore, never missed a trip. The ferryman also ran the Smithsonian Hotel in Nyack.

Schmeling plans to revert the upstairs rooms of the 4,000-square-foot, 154-year-old Beacon building, formerly apartments with shared bathrooms, to their original use as hotel rooms.

The bistro's stripped-down, work-in-progress menu offers five small plates (\$12 to \$15), five sides (\$12) and four desserts (\$12).



Bud Schmeling at the Oct. 31 opening of Lyonshare in Beacon

Photo by M. Ferris

Mains consist of a burger (\$24), tilefish (\$31), fried chicken (\$29) and, for \$26, "mixed grain 'risotto'" with butternut squash.

And there's beef: New York strip steak (\$44) and a dry-aged 32-ounce porterhouse for two (\$120). East Coast oysters (\$3 each) rotate daily; the goal is to shuck three types each night.

For now, the whiskey selection is limited and the bar skews toward liqueur, cordials, aperitifs and digestives like Suze, Aperol, Campari and Italicus.

Old jazz provides the main musical mood. Art Labriola, who lives in Philipstown, played standards from the 1930s and 1940s at the Oct. 22 preview.

For a decade beginning in 1999, Schmeling

co-owned Black Betty, a bar and music venue in Williamsburg. Its opening is recounted in a *Village Voice* article hanging on a wall. "Bars and clubs are creatures of the night," it reads. "Their job is to seduce people. To do so, they have to be cool."

Sipping a drink along with Francesco Bagala at Lyonshare on Halloween, Carlos Carrillo dug the vibe: "It's classy and beautiful, with a city-like feel. You can't get hipper than this."

Lyonshare, at 246 Main St., in Beacon, is open daily except Tuesday. The kitchen operates from 5 to 10 p.m. and the bar until midnight. See lyonsharebeacon.com for reservations.

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Veterans Building at 100

Beacon memorial opened in 1924 after close vote

By Marc Ferris

During World War II, 1,704 Beacon residents, about 14 percent of the population, served in the Armed Forces. At least 67 men died, and many survivors suffered physical and mental disabilities.

Now, Vietnam vets are the old-timers at the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts inside the Veterans Memorial Building at the intersection of Main and Teller.



The Veterans Memorial Building in Beacon

Guardian Revival

This year marks the structure's centennial. Beacon built the edifice for the VFW and the Legion after a referendum authorized the city to spend \$60,000 (about \$1.1 million today) by a 317-310 margin, according to the Beacon

Historical Society. *American City* magazine claimed it to be the nation's most expensive war memorial at the time.

Residents packed the plaza for the opening on Memorial Day in 1924. That same year, the Elks christened its lodge and the U.S. government opened the Castle Point VA Medical Center to treat tuberculosis patients.

Beacon donated the Memorial Building to the Legion and VFW; for the veterans, the only overhead is maintenance and repairs. The organizations derive a good chunk of revenue by renting out the hall.

"You won't see many arrangements like this — we're a rare bird," says Harold Delamater, commander of the Private William B. Wilson Post 666 of the VFW, named for the first city resident to die in World War I.

Delamater, the man with the keys, is a retired police officer who served in Vietnam. "Beacon has always taken care of its veterans; it's just been like that," he says.

He says that Beacon battled the vets in the late 1990s to move its detective bureau into the building. For a while, officers occupied the second floor. The metal rings to which they handcuffed detainees still dangle from the wall.

Some rooms are museum-like, with artifacts scattered about, such as a book of meeting minutes from the 1880s for the Grand Army of the Republic, the nation's first large-scale veterans' organization,



Harold Delamater (left), commander of the VFW post, and Paul Blose, commander of the American Legion post, look over the 1880s minutes of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Photo by M. Ferris

created by Union soldiers and sailors after the Civil War. The local post met at what is now the Howland Cultural Center.

Thanks to a grant from Dutchess County, the Memorial Building is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The plaza, which includes three monuments to fallen combatants, looks spiffy and the abundant vegetation is cared for.

In addition to the Legion (85 members) and the VFW (53), the Marine Corps League (62) and the Nam Knights Motorcycle Club (15) also gather there.

Two years ago, Guardian Revival, a mental health organization geared toward Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan war vets, moved into

the building, fixing up the attic and turning a moribund room into an office.

In addition to hosting Tuesday night jam sessions, Guardian Revival lends dogs to veterans, offers peer support and takes first responders on outdoor adventures.

Of course, there's a bar, behind an unmarked door. Though the serving area could have been teleported from the 1960s, the modern kitchen shines. Beer fills the refrigerator and fuels stories.

"Between us and Guardian Revival, it's a completely different way of coping," says Delamater. "They don't come down and have a couple of beers with the old guys. Each generation handles it their own way."

How Brainiacs Party

Howland Cultural Center to host first Nerd Nite

By Marc Ferris

Nerds of Beacon, unite.

Marjorie Lewit, a film and theater director who works behind the scenes on a reality television show, will present the inaugural iteration of Nerd Nite at the Howland Cultural Center on Friday (Nov. 15).

Lewit, 42, will hang special lighting and neon signs that illuminate glasses (for reading, of course), a light bulb (inspiration) and the outline of a brain with red letters inside that read "Open."

Launched in 2003, Nerd Nite, which resembles a casual TED Talk or *Moth Radio Hour*, is a loosely organized international movement. Local hosts figure out the details and theme of each gathering.

"Usually we hold events at bars and breweries, so we're lucky to have a more sophisticated setting at the Howland, although I wish I could have way more cocktail tables," says Lewit.

On the Nerd Nite website, chapters are delineated by a mug of beer inside a green circle. The motto is "Be There and Be Square."

Between musical interludes at the Beacon premiere, Lewit and three other presenters will share their knowledge.

Caroline Eisner, a Beacon resident and editor of academic books, will explain why



Marjorie Lewit will host the first Nerd Nite at the Howland Cultural Center. Photo provided

"no grammar is incorrect." Her write-up includes the phrases "tables are for eating customers only" and "pinned to the wall, Rudy read the note."

Brendan Koerner, a magazine writer and author, will explore the airplane hijackings that occurred almost weekly during the late 1960s and early 1970s. In addition to plumbing the skyjackers' motivations and techniques (including threats with jars of acid), he will explain why the epidemic came to an end.

According to Lewit, anyone can become a nerd. All it takes is a passion for knowledge (no matter how obscure) and intellectual engagement.

"It's about going against the grain," she says. "It seems sort of antithetical to have an evening dedicated to it. Where some people can read just the headline, we read the entire article, research more about it, ask questions

and become more curious, taking an incredible journey down a rabbit hole."

She credits her scientist father for fostering the geek gene and instilling a love of storytelling. Her next project is a David Lynch-themed holiday show to be held in Beacon next month.

After attending Nerd Nites and similar talks in Los Angeles and New York City, Lewit decided to give it a go. At the Howland Center, she and Nadia Azizi, the outreach coordinator for the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, will discuss frog movement in the Hudson Valley and reference the video game Frogger.

Lewit started tracking amphibians on a visit to Germany and volunteers with the land trust and the state Department of Environmental Conservation to document "indicator" species that face risks during migration.

"It's dorky, but sometimes I feel removed from social circles," she says. "Sometimes people are shy [about their obsessions], but there are writing nerds, theater nerds, music nerds, sports nerds and people interested in the vastness of outer space and hijacking airplanes."

The Howland Cultural Center is located at 477 Main St. in Beacon. Nerd Nite begins at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 15. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. See hudsonvalley.nerdnite.com.

*The next Nerd Nite, on Dec. 7, will feature a conversation between an astrophysicist and a Christian minister about faith and science, followed by a screening of *Contact* (1997) presented by Story Screen.*



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Nobody's Deli is located at 72 Main St. in Cold Spring.

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Cold Spring Has a Deli

And Little Stony Point is now a sandwich

By Michael Turton

It's called Nobody's Deli, but after its first weekend in business, the sign might easily have been changed to Everybody's Deli.

Cold Spring's newest eatery, at 72 Main St., opened three weeks ago, at the height of the fall tourist season, just in time to experience what may have been the two busiest weekends of the year.

"That first Saturday and Sunday we did 680 sandwiches," said owner John Flagler. "I don't know if that's good or bad, but it seemed like a lot!"

Flagler said his fledgling deli survived the inaugural chaos thanks to help from family and friends. "They all pitched in," he said. "People came in just to say hi; the next thing you know, they put on an apron and were making sandwiches."

The name comes from Flagler having spent his early years in California, Utah and Idaho, times that were not easy on him and his family. "We had nothing; I was a nobody person," he recalled. "It was food stamps and the church helping us for food."

In that environment, he said, there's often nobody to help you improve yourself. "So, you stay in it," he said. "But I wanted to be somebody."

Spending eight years in the Army helped. "The Army changed me," he said. "When you get out and see the world a bit, it changes your view; I could be whatever I wanted to be."

Flagler met his wife, Tara, at South Dock at West Point while training cadets. Together, they now operate Main Course and Sweet Harvest in Cold Spring, The Salt Room in Nelsonville, Beacon D'lites in Beacon and a seasonal concession at SplashDown Beach in Fishkill.

Nobody's Deli has a distinctive Cold Spring feel. The Blue Devil, The Dockside, Cold Spring Fire and Little Stony Point are among its 22 sandwiches. The top sellers include the caprese, turkey, pulled pork, fried chicken "and, of course, the Italian combo," Flagler said.

Beyond sandwiches, Nobody's menu includes eight salads, wraps, soup-of-the-day, sides such as wings, chicken and tuna salad, home fries, french fries and a children's menu.

Breakfast sandwiches are served all day,



John Flagler

along with "good coffee," although the deli won't delve into the specialty coffees offered in other village shops.

Flagler wants his deli to connect with students and student-athletes from Haldane to give them a place where they feel comfortable. "I started thinking about the town, what I'd have liked to have when I was young," Flagler said. "I've always been into sports and so I want to help Haldane."

Shelves already feature Haldane sports memorabilia, such as photos of recent basketball stars Peter Hoffmann and Matteo Cervone.

Flagler envisions coaches bringing players there for team meetings, at no cost. "They can stream their games on the deli's TVs" Flagler said. "And I have PlayStation and Xbox, so they can play Madden NFL, NBA, soccer or whatever."

"I want to give them something," he said, adding if players want snacks or food they can order ahead of time. Outdoor seating is available in the spring, summer and fall. The shop will also sell inexpensive, student-friendly lunch specials.

Opening the deli has not produced any huge surprises, Flagler said, although renovating the building, the former home of Kismet, meant dealing with a lot of small things that came up, all at a cost.

"We did it slowly, tried to do it the right way, and I feel like we did," Flagler said.

Now, just a few weeks in, he said it's about fine-tuning the operation, including everyone learning the art of "building a sandwich correctly."

Nobody's Deli, at 72 Main St., is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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Roots and Shoots

Sedges Have Edges

By Pamela Doan

Scuffing through the leaves in our woods, silent except for the crunching now that the stream is dry, I'm looking for the blades of sedge. According to my phone app, there's a plaitain-leaved sedge (*Carex plantaginea*) and a white bear sedge (*Carex albursina*). White bear sedge is found on wooded slopes and plaitain-leaved sedge likes the wetter conditions around the stream and pond.

I spot a cluster of Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*) around the roots of a northern red oak. It resembles fine-textured turf grass; its delicate seed heads have already been released. The plants are perennials of the forest floor and a solid addition to a woodland-style garden.

Sedges have been in the spotlight among gardeners and natural landscapers since the winter of 2023, when Mt. Cuba Center, the Delaware botanic garden focused on native



Pennsylvania sedge grows under a northern red oak

Photo by P. Doan

species, released a four-year study. I love a good plant spreadsheet, and I've returned to the Mt. Cuba *Carex* database repeatedly while making selections for spaces.

Mt. Cuba has been sharing the results of its horticultural trials since 2003. It chooses popular and widely available species like phlox, asters and *Echinacea*, as well as under-utilized and less understood species like sedges. This winter it plans to share findings from trials on 20 bluestars (amsonia).

The trials track species over years and record observations about growth, qualities, adaptability, disease and pest resistance, among other factors, and ranks them on a scale of 1 to 5. With a huge diversity among sedges — there are hundreds of species in the Northeast alone — it can be challenging to know where to start as a gardener. There are volumes written on sedge identification and I've always been intimidated by the minute details needed to pin down a classification. Try *Grasses, Sedges, Rushes: An Identification Guide*, by Lauren Brown and Ted Elliman, if you want to join me in the quest.

Sedges are different from grasses in a

few ways. The phrase goes something like: "Sedges have edges, rushes are round, grasses have nodes from the top to the ground." Sedges have a triangle shape to the stem (hence "edges"), while grass stems are round. You can quickly know you're looking at a sedge and not a grass by its lack of nodes, the joints you can feel along the stem where the leaf is attached.

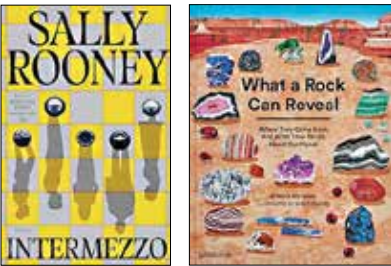
Sedges can be the focus of a garden landscape, a ground cover, a lawn alternative or a lower layer in a planting. There are sedges that grow in full sun, part sun or shade, and in all types of soil and moisture conditions. Some are diminutive and others showier.

I've used Pennsylvania sedge on shady slopes to control erosion. It doesn't need to be mowed. As a cool-season grass, it reaches full size in the spring. It spreads out through rhizomes but does so slowly. I plant plugs closely together to fill in space. A drawback about sedges is that they are not as easy to sow as seeds, nor are they readily available through commercial growers.

In the Mt. Cuba trial, the overall rating for sedge was 4.3 in shade and 4.2 in full sun, a top performer. The study also tested the cultivar Straw Hat, which got a slightly better rating for its straw-colored flowers in spring. The straight species has easy-to-miss seed heads instead of flowers.

The top performer in the trial was Wood's sedge (*Carex Woodii*). There's a lot of love for it, but last spring I found it hard to find from wholesalers. The fine textured foliage has a blueish tint and flowers in spring. Mt. Cuba noted that it was better at suppressing weeds than Pennsylvania sedge because the roots form a denser mat. Wood's sedge, also sold commercially as Pretty Sedge, grew well in both sun and shade.

I've found multiple species of *Carex* at nurseries that focus on native plants but not often at other landscape centers. Pennsylvania sedge is the most frequently stocked. As is always the case, consumer demand can shift availability, so be sure to request a plant if you can't find it.



Local Bestsellers

Based on combined hardcover and paperback sales reported for September and October at Split Rock Books, 97 Main St., in Cold Spring.

ADULT

- 1

Intermezzo: A Novel by Sally Rooney
- 2

Murder Your Employer: The McMasters Guide to Homicide by Rupert Holmes
- 3

Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow: A Novel by Gabrielle Zevin
- 4

The Creative Act: A Way of Being by Rick Rubin
- 5

All Fours: A Novel by Miranda July

CHILDREN

- 1

What a Rock Can Reveal by Maya Wei-Haas
- 2

House of Elephants (Witchlings 3) by Claribel Ortega
- 3

Hot Mess (Diary of a Wimpy Kid 19) by Jeff Kinney
- 4

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
- 5

The Wild Robot Escapes by Peter Brown

NOTICE

Philipstown Planning Board

Site Visit - Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024

The Philipstown Planning Board will meet on **Sunday, Nov. 17th, 2024 at 10:30am** to inspect the following site:

Garrison Golf Club PDD/Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival – Phase 2 (Artists Housing), 2015 Route 9 Garrison, NY 10524, TM#60.-1-59.2 & 59.3

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Puzzles

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- ACROSS
1. Story lines

5. Entanglement

8. Victor’s cry

12. Barking mammal

13. Artist Yoko

14. Scrapped mission

15. Hawaiian city

16. Tic-tac-toe win

17. Corrida bull

18. Surround

20. Edge

22. Standard

23. Fiddle stick

24. Umps

27. Revolt

32. — Baba

33. To and —

34. Modern, in Bonn

35. They can hold their heads high

38. Aussie greeting

39. Takeoff stat

40. Comic Philips

42. On the job

45. Destroys

49. Hoodlum

50. Privy

52. Small combo

53. Oklahoma tribe

54. GI entertainers

55. Full house, e.g.

56. Pantheon members

57. Club —

58. Early birds?
- DOWN
1. Tennis legend Arthur

2. Check

3. Young whale

4. Sailing vessels

5. PBS anchor Judy

6. Rock’s Brian

7. Nitwit

8. Preambles

9. Oboe, for one

10. Folklore monster

11. Queen dowager of Jordan

19. — Boheme

21. Kimono closer

24. Tatter

25. Yalie

26. Kindling

28. Opposite of “post-”

29. Guitar-making material

30. PBS supporter

31. Chap

36. Makes amends

37. New Deal pres.

38. Faust dramatist

41. — Deeds

42. Awestruck

43. Dorothy’s dog

44. Heidi of Project Runway

46. Rocky outcrop

47. Monarch

48. Freshens lawns

51. Sugar suffix

SUDOCURRENT

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WORDLADDER

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

BLOWN

DROPS

WORDSEARCH

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Answers for Nov. 1 Puzzles

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BRING, BRINE, BRIDE

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Sports

VARSITY ROUNDUP

HALDANE

By Jacob Aframian

FOOTBALL — Haldane lost its final regular-season game on Nov. 1 to Dobbs Ferry, 27-0. The offense sputtered, recording only five first downs. Defensively, the Blue Devils allowed just 38 passing yards but gave up 252 yards on the ground. Haldane (4-4) will face perennial rival Tuckahoe (5-3) for the Section I, Class D championship at 3 p.m. on Nov. 15 at Mahopac High School. Last year the Blue Devils won the title game in a thriller, 27-21, and earlier this season, Tuckahoe edged Haldane, 12-6, in a slugfest in which both teams struggled to move the ball.

CROSS-COUNTRY — Haldane hosted Hendrick Hudson on Oct. 30 at the Highlands Country Club in Garrison and honored its seniors: Jack Illian, Oliver Petkus, Brendan Shanahan and Ashley Sousa. The boys' team won 26-31 behind Owen Powers (second in 17:18) and Illian (third in 17:20). Petkus (18:12), Henry Amadei (18:19) and Gavin Drury (18:36) rounded out the scoring. The girls were led by Sousa (22:29). On Monday (Nov. 4), Haldane runners participated in the Ray Roswell Freshman Championship at Clarkstown South. Drury had the best finish for the boys in the 2,400 meters in 10:00.4; for the girls, Olive Allebrand was 27th in 12:57.6. The Blue Devils will compete in the Section I championships on Saturday (Nov. 9) at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls.

BEACON

By Nick Robbins

FOOTBALL — Seeded No. 5 in the Section IX, Class B playoffs, Beacon continued its impressive turnaround season with a 25-14 upset win on Nov. 1 at No. 4 Spackenkill. Jazziah Whitted completed 6 of 8 passes for 60 yards with a touchdown, while Jaden Jones had 52 yards rushing and 52 yards receiving. He and Giovanni Browley each caught TDs. On defense, Kevin Beal and Elijah Epps each had six tackles. Beacon (7-2) will travel to No. 1 Port Jervis today (Nov. 8) for a 6 p.m. kickoff. The game will be streamed at fan.hudl.com. Port Jervis (7-1), ranked the fifth-best Class B team in the state by the New York State Sportswriters Association, defeated the Bulldogs, 49-12, on Sept. 27.

VOLLEYBALL — Seeded No. 2 in the Section IX, Class A tournament, the Bulldogs advanced to the finals on Wednesday (Nov.

6) with a 3-1 (25-22, 25-17, 23-25, 25-13) home victory over No. 3 Saugerties. Lila Burke had 23 kills and four aces, while Daveya Rodriguez scored 15 kills and Katherine Ruffy had 39 assists. Beacon (13-5) faces No. 1 Cornwall (14-1) at 5:30 p.m. today (Nov. 8) at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh. Cornwall's only loss was to Beacon, 3-2, on Sept. 23.

BOYS' SOCCER — After advancing to the title game in the Section IX, Class A tournament with wins over Liberty and Wallkill, the No. 2 Bulldogs came up short at top-seeded Lourdes on Nov. 2, losing 2-0. Beacon finished 15-3. The Bulldogs had won three straight sectional titles.

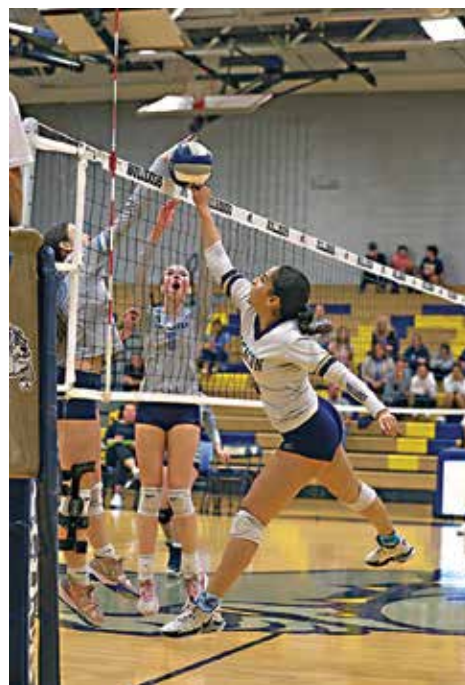
CROSS-COUNTRY — Beacon competed on Nov. 2 at the Section IX championships at Bear Mountain State Park. For the boys, Caellum Tripaldi was 21st in 18:32 and Travis Dickston was 23rd in 18:39. For the girls, Cecilia Alle placed 34th (25:43), Elise Moran was 36th (26:12) and Maeve Haley was 39th (26:27).

BASKETBALL — The Cleveland Cavaliers have signed former Beacon High School and Syracuse University player Elijah Hughes to their G League affiliate, the Cleveland Charge. The 26-year-old guard played last season for the Wisconsin Herd, the G League affiliate of the Milwaukee Bucks, after spending two seasons in the NBA with the Utah Jazz and Portland Trailblazers.

Haldane's cross-country seniors:
Brendan Shanahan, Jack Illian, Oliver
Petkus and Ashley Sousa *Photo provided*



Elijah Epps slips past a Spackenkill defender during the Bulldogs' upset win on Nov. 1.



Shilo Reynolds and the Bulldogs reached the finals with a 3-1 home victory.



Lila Burke (18) had 23 kills in the win over Saugerties.



Avery Davis (16) and Brody Timm (8) control the ball against Lourdes on Nov. 2. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org. *Photos by Cadence Heeter*