

Progressive tax reform

With Fair Taxes Act, Ulster County officials push to redefine fair share for the wealthy



Senator Michelle Hinchey (center) addresses the media outside the Ulster County Office Building in Kingston on Friday, May 22, discussing the proposed Ulster County for Fair Taxes Act.

by Rokosz Most

NOTHING IN THIS WORLD can be certain, wrote founding father Benjamin Franklin, except death and taxes. Poll taxes, excise taxes, land taxes, property taxes, even canal tolls,

yes, when Franklin was alive, but in New York state, there were not yet taxes on income. The state didn't impose its first income tax until 1922, and when it did, it featured a 3% top rate levied against the millionaires of their day, residents whose incomes exceeded \$50,000 annually.

Since then, the personal income tax structure in New York state has grown toward ever greater complexity. Residents of all incomes now pay their share, fair or not, within a progressive tax system that features nine personal income tax brackets through which their earnings may be likened to cargo carried on a boat, rising through a sys-

tem of canal locks. Beyond each subsequent gate, the taxpayer is compelled to unload an ever greater percentage of that species of cargo which remains. In Ulster County, a head of household's first \$12,800 earned is taxed at 4%, while the next \$4,849 will be taxed

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Paws and effect

Scholarships, cleanups, youth leadership, and pets drive Woodstock Rotary's work

by Nick Henderson

WOODSTOCK MAY seem like an unusual place to have a branch of a 100-year-old service club, but this isn't your grandfather's Rotary. Started about three years ago, the Woodstock Rotary Club is a satellite of Kingston Rotary, one of the oldest in the world. It started when Rachel Jackson, a member of the Kingston club, wanted to create a club in the community where she lived. She had gotten an international service grant to



The Woodstock Rotary Club: Robin Kahn, Mark Kanter, Rachel Jackson and Cody Bivins.

help fishermen in a community in the Philippines, where she is from, after a hurricane destroyed their boats. Mark Kanter, who recently became

Woodstock Rotary president, said the club has enough members to be a separate club and not dependent on a bigger one, but the members would rather

it grow more before breaking off from Kingston. Woodstock now averages between 18 and 20 members, though that

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Trouble down the road

Woodstock resident says Zena Homes developers retaliated after she raised safety concerns

by Nick Henderson

AVOCAL OPPONENT OF the proposed 30-lot Zena Homes subdivision accused the developers of intimidating and harassing her, while developers said they had no choice but to protect themselves.

Tana O’Sullivan, a resident of Eastwoods Drive in Woodstock, said she has been targeted by the development’s principals, Eddie Greenberg and Evan Kleinberg.

Though the entire subdivision is on 106 acres in the town of Ulster, the only viable access is via Eastwoods Drive, a gravel private road in the town of Woodstock.

O’Sullivan sent letters to Woodstock

and town of Ulster officials with photographs demonstrating the road cannot be widened beyond its current 13.5 feet for the first tenth of a mile because of wetlands. She has also raised a number of engineering and safety questions.

“I believe the safety and engineering issues I’ve raised are valid, hence the swift retaliatory response. Hours after that letter went out, I received an email from Zena Development’s principals threatening to press charges against my neighbor, Zoe Keller, for accompanying me on a walk on Eastwoods Drive in April during the annual amphibian migration near the wetlands,” she told the Woodstock Town Board on May 19.

Woodstock police then visited O’Sullivan and Stop Zena Development co-chair Zoe Keller on May 14 in response to trespassing complaints filed by the developers.

O’Sullivan and the four other residents of Eastwoods Drive have an easement predating Zena Development’s purchase of the property allowing them shared use of the private road, much like a shared driveway.

O’Sullivan called responding officer Kevin Haines “friendly and a perfect gentleman.”

On May 15, O’Sullivan received an invoice for \$1,040 for road maintenance, including a threat of legal action if it was not paid. The letter and invoice state they are for her one-fifth share of the maintenance, though nobody else has been billed.

“I’m here because this town should be aware that residents participating lawfully in the planning process are now being subjected to legal threats, intimidation tactics, police complaints, and restrictive reinterpretations of longstanding easement rights. I trust it will take this seriously,” she said.

“As reflected in the recorded easement documents, your rights are limited to non-exclusive ingress and egress over the roadway for the purpose of accessing your property,” Kleinberg and Greenberg wrote in their letter to O’Sullivan.

“The roadway parcel and adjacent shoulder areas remain privately owned by us, and the easement does not grant rights for loitering, recreational walking, inspection of the surrounding property, or other non-access uses. Additionally, unauthorized drone activity over the property is not permitted.”

In response to several questions about the imposition of such restric-

tions and clarification on why only O’Sullivan was billed, both said they are enforcing the terms of the easement.

“This letter was written in response to ongoing trespassing and harassment by a neighbor who has publicly demanded that the easement be enforced strictly according to its terms — most recently, despite our repeated attempts to speak with her, she prefers to speak with the press,” Greenberg said.

“This is fundamentally a neighbor-to-neighbor issue, not the public controversy it is being made out to be.”

Kleinberg characterized O’Sullivan’s actions as overstepping her bounds.

“Her easement allows for ingress and egress to her property, not for collecting data to be used in an opposition campaign against us and our project,” Kleinberg said.

“The terms of the easement are clear, and we are enforcing those terms.”

O’Sullivan has denied any knowledge of the use of drones over the property, and when questioned, Kleinberg responded it was a matter of privacy.

When reminded property rights do not extend to airspace, Kleinberg asserted the right not to allow aerial photography.

“Using a drone to take photographs of our property is not permitted under her easement or otherwise.”

The Ulster Planning Board will likely vote June 9 to declare the project poses no significant environmental impact, opening it up for site plan review. The next major hurdle is the Woodstock Planning Board, which must decide if the use of Eastwoods Drive as the only access is legal.

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Onteora students earn Seal of Biliteracy



CYNTHIA BRACKEN/ULSTER BOCES COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Onteora seniors who earned the New York State Seal of Biliteracy pose for a group photo. They are flanked by Ontario High School Principal Lance Edelman (last row, from left to right); ENL teacher Robin Osswald; French teacher Christi Nelsen-Epstein, Spanish teacher and World Languages Liaison Valerie Stewart, Spanish teacher Annie Gallin and High School Assistant Principal Sarah Turck.

THE ONTEORA HIGH SCHOOL WORLD languages department has announced that nine seniors have earned the New York State Seal of Biliteracy. The seal is a recognition granted to students who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in English and another world language. To earn this honor, students

must present a research project to a panel of evaluators and be interviewed — entirely in their target language. It typically takes years of language study for students to get to this point. Our seniors have spent the last year diligently researching a chosen topic, meeting regularly with their mentor and preparing for a test that requires an intermediate high level score to pass.

Spanish teacher Annie Gallin, French teacher Christi Nelsen-Epstein, English as a New Language (ENL) teacher Robin Osswald and Spanish teacher and Seal of Biliteracy coordinator Valerie Stewart are extremely proud of their students.

“Seeing these students grow in their biliteracy skills has been truly meaningful,” said Stewart. “They have gained a deeper appreciation for the role lan-

guage and culture play in our world and can take pride in this achievement as they move forward in their educational journeys beyond High School.”

The six Spanish students who successfully presented in Spanish: Erik Chazik, Aoife Bronsten, Harsimran Kauer, Marvin Umana-Alarcón, Ana Lemus and Fiona Green; the three students who successfully presented in French: Shelby Buryk, Lucia McDonagh and Juliet Barry.

Woodstock pushes for safer, greener Tinker Street redesign

SAVE THE TREES! THE TOWN IS CALLED Woodstock, after all.

Woodstock town officials have formally asked the New York State Department of Transportation to modify its planned \$30 million reconstruction of Tinker Street, seeking changes that would improve pedestrian safety, accessibility, and tree preservation along the corridor. The project, which runs from the Village Green to Schoonmaker Lane along Route 212, is scheduled to begin construction in spring 2027.

Working with Complete Streets traffic engineer Lindsay Zefting, the town has requested a range of design changes. These include widening proposed sidewalks from five to six feet on the north side of Tinker Street between Tannery Brook Road and Rock City Road, narrowing travel lanes to 10.5 feet to slow vehicle speeds, and adding crosswalks, curb extensions, and pedestrian-scale lighting in the town center. The town also wants parking relocated to the north side of the street, closer to businesses, a move it says would create a traffic-calming chicane effect along the corridor. Town supervisor Anula Courtis called the project “a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity” and said the final design must reflect Woodstock’s values. “This project should not simply move cars through Woodstock,” she said.

The town is also asking NYSDOT to protect existing trees and expand the tree canopy along the full Route

212 corridor. Officials have identified more than 40 potential locations for new street trees between the Post Office and the Village Green. The town is requesting a survey of all trees with a trunk diameter of eight inches or greater within the project limits, and is calling for at least one replacement tree for every tree removed, consistent with the town’s local tree law. The town wants priority protection for oaks, birch, and beech, while allowing removal of invasive species such as ailanthus and Norway maple, which would be replaced with native plantings.

Woodstock fires highway department employee over safety issues

THE WOODSTOCK TOWN BOARD FIRED a highway department employee for creating safety hazards that caused accidents and destroyed town equipment.

After numerous incidents, the town determined the heavy motor equipment operator, hired May 13, 2025, and identified only as Employee Number 709, failed to successfully complete the required one-year probationary period.

On Dec. 3, 2025, the employee was involved in two separate incidents during snowplowing operations, including forcing a vehicle off the road and colliding with a Paraco propane truck.

In the latest incident, apparently the final straw, the employee rolled a backhoe off an embankment, resulting in a total loss of the equipment and personal injury on Feb. 5, 2026.

Things had started to take a turn on Sept. 25, 2025, when the employee received a written disciplinary warning for driving 31 mph in a 20 mph school zone.

“These incidents raise significant and ongoing concerns for the safety of Employee Number 709, his crew members, members of the public, and the town’s vehicles and equipment,” the town board stated in its resolution to terminate the employee effective May 19.

— Nick Henderson



Environment | Woodstock

Soil searching

Woodstock orders independent testing at Shady dump after years of contaminated-fill disputes

by Nick Henderson

THE WOODSTOCK TOWN Board unanimously passed a resolution requiring testing and recommendations for remediating the contaminated fill at 10 Church Road, closing a chapter on a tale of missteps, delays, lawsuits, property damage and acrimony lasting more than seven years.

The resolution resumes regular testing of the fill and the water quality of 10 Church Road and the most severely affected neighbors, Frank and Pam Eighmey at 56 Reynolds Lane. A Town Board resolution authorized testing on Oct. 20, 2020, to be conducted quarterly for one year and annually for another three years, but it was never completed. The new resolution’s passage, meant to reverse years of inaction, was greeted with a roomful of applause.

It further offers a scathing rebuke of former town supervisor Bill McKenna and calls him out for approving a remediation plan without town board approval.

“The town board further finds that the former town supervisor’s unilateral agreement to Plan E, undertaken in

direct contravention of the monitoring resolution’s mandate and without town board authorization, did not satisfy and cannot be deemed to have satisfied any obligation of the town under that resolution.”

So-called “Plan E” involved the moving of dirt, sifting and sorting of fill and removal of some large pieces of debris.

The resolution acknowledges the contaminated fill not only affects neighbors’ private wells, but also may affect municipal drinking water.

“The site is situated upgradient from and in close proximity to the aquifer from which water is drawn by the Town of Woodstock public water supply and other private wells; two streams are located close to the site, with one stream in proximity to the berm where fill was relocated,” states the resolution in part.

“The documented presence of probable human carcinogens and remaining C&D debris at the site poses a credible and ongoing risk of contamination to that aquifer, to those streams, and to private wells in the immediate vicinity.”

The May 19 action requires a firm that was never associated with or employed by the town or the site to conduct the testing and an independent engineer to prepare a detailed report of the findings, including the extent of contamination and possible steps for cleanup. That report must be written in plain language, and the engineer must appear regularly before the Town Board to provide status updates and answer questions from board members and the public.

“There were so many people involved in helping to keep this topic alive, to keep it in the public eye,” supervisor Anula Courtis said.

“I realized that this was really urgent. People have spent years waiting, so I did take these first few months really seriously,” she said before reading the entire resolution aloud.

The resolution is not a simple authorization of testing, but instead the five-and-a-half-page legislation takes the public through a chronological journey explaining how this started and what can be done.

The town’s legal team, led by David Gordon, meticulously researched the history and came up with a path forward for the town backed by data.

Town Board candidate Marcel Nagele, who became involved in the saga about four years ago, commended the supervisor and Town Board for finally taking action.

“The Woodstock Environmental Commission and this entire town board deserve a lot of credit for that. They’re brave people,” he said.

“Anula, you’re leading a new board. You’re the change hopefully we’ve all been looking for, and I commend you for that,” Nagele added.

“I might faint,” Anula said in response to the praise. Nagele and Courtis have often sparred over how to handle the Shady situation.

“It’s long overdue. I commend you all, and thank you,” Nagele said.

A brief history of the Shady dump

Between December 2019 and July 2020, contractor Joseph Karolys delivered 2,800 to 3,000 cubic yards of fill later determined to be construction and demolition debris.

By that time, Karolys, now in prison for manslaughter in another matter, was already under DEC enforcement action for illegal dumping at properties in Saugerties.

In May 2020, the Woodstock building inspector ordered all operations to halt, issued violations for dumping unstabilized fill and illegal dumping of hazardous waste and required proof of clean fill.

An analysis of a fill sample confirmed it contained about 11% concrete, as-

phalt, coal/slag/ash, brick and wood.

By August 2020, heavy rains caused a washout and sent debris cascading down into the Eighmeys’ yard.

In February 2022, Gina Conigliaro, then-wife of property owner Vincent, pleaded guilty, along with Karolys, to one count each of illegal dumping. Charges against Vincent were dropped due to his cooperation. Those convictions were to be used as the town’s basis for authority to direct a cleanup and place a lien on the property to recoup its expenses, but that never happened.

An April 2022 bacteriological report noted high amounts of coliform bacteria in the Eighmeys’ well and stated the water was “not of satisfactory sanitary quality.”

By December 2022, former supervisor Bill McKenna, the town engineer and highway department had agreed to “Plan E.”

In a lawsuit filed by the Eighmeys against the town, the Conigliaros and Karolys, the court invalidated the building permit for “Plan E” because it violated the town’s own laws.

An independent soil sampling in January 2023 found elevated levels of lead and benzo(k)fluoranthene, which is classified by the Environmental Protection Agency as a probable human carcinogen.

By November 2024, John Conrad, senior geologist of the firm PVE, conducted an inspection on behalf of the Eighmeys and documented significant quantities of construction and demolition debris.

The Woodstock Environmental Commission separately concluded “Plan E” did not adequately remediate the site.

Happy Birthday, Anula Courtis

Courtis, who had spent significant time on the resolution, expressed genuine surprise at Nagele’s reaction. Perhaps it was a birthday present from the Shady cleanup advocates who have been calling for a response after what they saw as years of inaction from the previous administration.

The evening ended on a musical note, with resident Urana Kinlen succeeding at what may have been a first in Woodstock history. She was able to get nearly the entire room, even the critics, to sing “Happy Birthday” to a town supervisor.

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Dialogue before development

Woodstock officials want to meet face-to-face with Town of Ulster counterparts over Zena Homes

by Nick Henderson

WOODSTOCK TOWN Supervisor Anula Courtis urged the Town of Ulster to have an in-person dialogue about the proposed Zena Woods housing subdivision before any decision is made.

The town has some public safety concerns “that are real and have not been discussed town-to-town,” Courtis said during the public comment period of the May 21 Ulster Town Board meeting.

“So I’ll give you a little bit of an example. In places, Eastwoods Drive is about 13 1/2 feet, and that’s not really a minor detail. It matters when we start talking about fire trucks, EMS, running into a school bus on that little road. We’ve got

folks walking their dogs,” she said.

Courtis noted the development may need to form a special fire protection district because it is only accessible through the town of Woodstock.

“And that really affects who’s going to respond and how long it’s going to take for somebody to get to someone who may be having a heart attack. Who’s going to pay for that? How much are they going to pay for it?” she asked.

“So these are issues that I want to bring before you, and this is not really something that we can handle by email or on paper,” she said.

“This is something that I am respectfully asking this board to direct the appropriate people to open formal dialogue with Woodstock. It’s gone on for too long where we’re not talking, and that should happen immediately with my office and our planning board.”

Woodstock Land Conservancy president Patty Goodwin said the information on the project has been one-sided. WLC has interest because its largest preserve, the Israel Whitman Sanctuary, borders it.

“We are shocked and disturbed that your planning board has not considered information from anyone but the

developers, no public hearing, no consultation with Woodstock, even though most of their land is in Woodstock in a designated critical environmental area,” Goodwin said.

Stop Zena Development co-chair Zoe Keller asked the town of Ulster to hold a public hearing before its planning board makes an expected determination of no significant environmental impact.

“I believe that Ulster and Woodstock subdivision regulations exist for a reason, to keep our neighbors and our first responders safe, and that these rules, as well as the rules of the SEQRA process, should apply equally to everyone, even to people who can afford an ever-expanding team of lawyers,” she said.

“As a Woodstock native and KHS grad struggling to afford my first home, I am not categorically opposed to development, but in order to solve our housing crisis, I believe we must prioritize the construction of affordable and accessibly priced housing units that are strategically placed to provide residents with access to community resources, while preserving our rural community character,” she said.

“We do not need more \$1 million to \$5 million vacation houses.”

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Parental pushback

Concerns rise over Chromebook use in New Paltz schools

by Crispin Kott

PARENTS ARE ASKING OFFICIALS in the New Paltz Central School District (NPCSD) to reconsider their policy of providing Chromebooks for all students in grades 3-12, focusing particularly on studies that continued use does more harm than good. Though parents have spoken at meetings of the board of education about their misgivings with the use of Chromebooks, the message is perhaps most extensively covered in a recent letter to the board written by Eric Brattain, parent of a 7th-grader at New Paltz Middle School. The undated letter follows another one written on April 21, which argues that the district's 1:1 Chromebook policy is "doing measurable harm" to students. "That argument is on the record and I'm not going to re-run it here," wrote Brattain. "What I want to do this time is take the next step, which is to describe what an alternative could actually look like and to ask the board to charter the

work of getting us there. The goal is to make the choice concrete enough that the community can weigh it honestly." Technology isn't just prevalent in New Paltz; communities across the state, the country and around the world are continuously grappling with striking a balance between keeping up with technology and keeping kids safe. Though an increased focus on technology was already in the works for years, school districts like New Paltz began accelerating the use of Chromebooks in response to the global Covid pandemic, which saw students end the 2019-20 and start the 2020-21 school instructional materials in an electronic format." Brattain further cites legal precedent established in *Appeal of McLoughlin* (2005): "This is well-settled law, summarized in plain language by the New York State Association of School Attorneys: school boards have broad discretion over curriculum and book selection." Ending the 1:1 Chromebook program isn't universally supported. A technology forum was held prior to the April 21 meeting of the board of education. Summarizing that discussion in his May 10 community update, superin-

“Communities across the state, the country and around the world are continuously grappling with striking a balance between keeping up with technology and keeping kids safe,” said Eric Brattain.

years learning remotely. Even after students returned to the classroom, many districts continued using the Chromebooks. The NPCSD cites the New York State Education Department's (NYSED) December 2020 Computer Science and Digital Fluency Learning Standards K-12, which opens with the following: "For New York State students to lead productive and successful lives upon graduation, they must understand and know how to use digital technologies. Technology knowledge and skills are vital for full participation in 21st-century life, work and citizenship." The Digital Ecosystem in NPCSD (www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us/our-departments/educational-programs/the-digital-ecosystem-in-npcsd) includes another passage from the state's standards: "Sufficient access to a computing device is essential for educational equity." But while many school districts say they're following the directive of NYSED, Brattain argued in his letter that doing so runs counter to the law, citing state Education Law §701, which says that "boards of education, trustees or such body or officer as perform the functions of such boards, shall designate text-books to be used in the schools under their charge." Since 1999, the definition of a textbook in the statute has included, "any courseware or other content-based in-

and we must consider these concerns and how we can do our jobs even better." At the May 20 school board meeting, Gratto said that the subsequent discussion with faculty and administrators regarding the 1:1 Chromebook program in the sixth grade showed a "unified" disinterest in ending it completely. "They do think that there could be some ways to improve the rollout," Gratto said. "They felt that it should be a broader question than just sixth grade. They felt the same conversation should be had district-wide, and especially in the seventh and eighth grade, which certainly makes sense." Gratto said educators agreed that the district could provide parents with more information ahead of time on the use of Chromebooks; one expressed surprise that sixth-graders might need to use their Chromebooks for extended periods of time at home because they don't ordinarily get more than a half hour of homework. Sixth-graders will no longer receive their Chromebooks at orientation as in the past, but will instead receive them over the first week or two "where their teachers can give them proper instruction on when to use them and how to use them," Gratto said. Brattain's letter posited another potential change in how the NPCSD uses Chromebooks. "The devices don't get thrown out," he said. "What changes is where they live and how they get used. They move from individual student backpacks into shared classroom or hallway carts. When a teacher's lesson genuinely calls for a device, the cart comes out and the laptops come into the lesson ... The cart is a tool that's reached for when it's the right one for a specific situation, under the teacher's full control, and then out of sight and out of mind when not called for." In this proposal, "(t)he primary medium of instruction becomes print. Math gets worked on paper, with a real textbook to flip through for examples, revision, or looking ahead," Brattain said. "Essays get drafted in writing journals before they get typed up. Science notebooks with handwritten observations and diagrams. Note-taking is by hand. The teacher can connect with the students without fighting the screens for attention. The cognitive load that comes with managing Chromebooks, both for students and for the teacher, makes way for genuine classroom engagement." At the May 20 meeting of the board of education, trustees offered a range of opinions on the use of Chromebooks by students, but they pledged collectively to continue reviewing the district's program against expert information.

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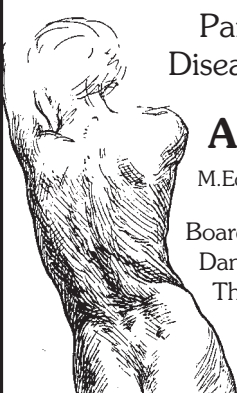
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Community updates

New Paltz police chief faces resignation, consolidation, rental registry, pool opening pending, free meals

by Terence P Ward

AS THE NEW PALTZ TOWN Council finalized its investigation, residents concerned about racist police oversight increased demands for chief Matthew Sutton's resignation. At the May 20 joint meeting, some called for charges against Jerome Milton to be dropped, arguing that Sutton bypassed internal procedures.

Milton, who ticketed his ex-partner's current companion, now faces harassment and stalking charges. Supporters say the stop wasn't targeted and argue Sutton broke protocol by referring the case to the district attorney without council consultation.

Some residents believe the chief violated disciplinary protocols and unfairly targeted black officers. Karen Cathers expressed concern over Milton facing charges without required council approval; the chief can only impose minor punishments without it.

Milton, an African American, was indicted in July 2025. According to ex-council member Edgar Rodriguez, tension began when Sutton rehired Tyler Pece as sergeant in May 2024, passing over Milton. In October, Milton accused detective sergeant Calvin Halstead of threatening behavior. Disputes over who should investigate the complaint contributed to the police commission's dissolution.

Sergeant Evan Redman resigned this month, reportedly over unresolved issues. Sutton filed a complaint alleging he was targeted for being white. An independent investigation led to the dissolution of the police commission, partly to ease tensions between Sutton and board members Rodriguez and Esi Lewis.

Rodriguez's timeline cites two attempts by Sutton to discipline Sergeant Channon James, an African American, who was put on leave in September. James was accused of unprofessional conduct and sleeping on duty. A labor attorney found no evidence of discrimination, though some still dispute the findings.

Maureen Crocker called Sutton's complaint a distraction and claimed a racial double standard exists. Others argue Sutton's stricter discipline is not racially motivated. Former council member Randall Leverette was skeptical that race was a factor, but Crocker and others called for Milton's charges to be dropped.

An arbitrator dismissed the case against James this month. Ken Franzlau questioned why James has not been reinstated, while Tara Seedy called for Sutton's removal.

Maggie Veve, Rodriguez's spouse, said Sutton could seek treatment and find work elsewhere if he resigns, but termination would limit his options.

Attorney Kate Nearpass, who investigated, wrote that Sutton confused be-

ing accused of bias with being victimized. She found Sutton wasn't targeted for his race or gender, but was closely scrutinized due to concerns about his management's impact on officers of color. Whether Sutton has unconscious bias will now be investigated.

Is consolidation being rushed?

Village of New Paltz resident Michael Zierler has been a village trustee and suggested to the current village and town board members last week that many of them might be too green to be approving a document for voting on consolidation of the two governments. Zierler recommends holding off until 2028, which is also expected to be an election with heavy participation.

Nevertheless, the weekly meetings to finalize the consolidation plan for voter consideration continue. Council member Kitty Brown wondered if employees are forthcoming when they speak to elected officials about how they feel about this possibility, but mayor Alex Wojcik, for one, feels confident regarding the candor with which village staff members are expressing themselves.

"Will they say if they are terrified?" Brown asked.

"Oh, they are," replied Wojcik.

The full slate of documents, including one-page answers to common questions, can be found at newpaltzconsolidation.info.

New Paltz's rental registry is back online

The Village of New Paltz's rental registry list is now back online. Anyone familiar with a rental property is invited to review the list at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FfhXwUK5erEQ-4uTKRMDhNbVJH-2Vsfd5/edit?gid=148380020#gid=148380020> to confirm that it's registered, when it was last inspected and whether the inspection

resulted in a passing grade. According to Matt Koop in the building department, "any little violation will result in failure" and property owners are typically given 30 days to correct the deficiency.

Mayor Alex Wojcik confirmed that making the registry available for public review makes it a stronger tool for enforcement of rules, which also include ensuring that property owners are not violating the single-hauler trash-col-

Some suggest Sutton's resignation would allow him to seek treatment and other employment, unlike termination.

lection law that's been in place for nearly ten years. Under that law, only one company is authorized for the collection of solid waste from residences. In addition, collection containers cannot be placed in front of the building more than 15 hours before collection, or left there more than 15 hours after being emptied. This law also applies to

owner-occupied homes, but there are presently blatant violations — including dumpsters permanently in front of some properties — associated with some rented buildings.

Those with questions about a particular property may call 255-0130 and speak to someone in the building department for more information, or email building@villageofnewpaltz.gov.

Moriello Pool pump pending

Town workers are awaiting delivery of a new pump for Moriello Pool, as the failure of the current one has already delayed opening past the Memorial Day weekend. Supervisor Tim Rogers confirmed that seasonal memberships will not be available until an opening date is known, but at the May 20 meeting did not readily have information available about whether those would be pro-rated to account for the shortened number of swimming days.

Free meals continue

Free meals continue to be offered every Tuesday, 3 to 6 p.m., in the old firehouse garage on Plattekill Avenue. Mayor Alex Wojcik believes that this might continue through the summer, despite the reopening of the free food fridge around the corner of the building. Wojcik is presently coordinating volunteers to clean out and clean up the refrigerator as needed.



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Out with the old, in with the new

Smoke shop in the Village of New Paltz to reopen as cannabis-specific Hudson Charm

by Crispin Kott

A SMOKE SHOP IN THE heart of the Village of New Paltz is changing hands, with the new owner planning to narrow its focus to cannabis sales.

It's rare for any new application to come before a municipal planning board with little change proposed to an existing building, but other than adding the new business to an existing sign and perhaps a lick of paint, that's all that's under consideration for the roughly 800-square-foot retail store at 1-3 Plattekill Avenue.

In addition to New Paltz, Puff Puff Don't Pass Smoke Shop has locations in Newburgh and Peekskill; the future of those outposts, which sells CBD, vape products, hookahs and other smoke-related materials, is unknown. But the New Paltz location, if all goes according to plan, is being taken over by Masad Ilyas and reopened as the "legally state-approved, licensed" cannabis-specific Hudson Charm.

Ilyas was granted a license through the state's Social and Economic Equity (SEE) plan, designed to incentivize participation in the cannabis industry for individuals disproportionately impacted by prohibition and the "War on Drugs." Ilyas's intent for the property registers at least as far back as November 2023, according to paperwork filed with the state Office of Cannabis Management (OCM).

Technically, Ilyas has a provisional license through the OCM for the Plattekill Avenue location, which requires meeting certain criteria at the state level and allows them to begin the process of working with the municipality toward opening their shop.

"After that, once we're done, we meet all their code requirements, everything that's necessary, and they come to a final inspection, the OCM, and then they grant the license and we can start operating," said Ilyas during a meeting of the village planning board held on Tuesday, May 19.

Since its inception, the OCM established rules for opening and operating businesses for cannabis sales and use, including where shops can be located in relation to schools and houses of worship. Under the rules, a straight line buffer zone of at least 500 feet from schools and 200 feet from churches,

synagogues, temples and other houses of worship are required. Those rules were amended last August to apply the 200-foot buffer for houses of worship if they're on the same street.

There are also OCM rules aimed at preventing over-saturation of dispen-

“We want to know how many customers you’re expecting and just be really sure that it’s not gonna impact the traffic at that busy intersection or impact the parking too much,” said planning board chair Zach Bialecki.

saries, with New Paltz falling within the buffer zone of at least 2,000 feet for populations under 20,000. Hudson Charm is proposing very little change to 1-3 Plattekill Avenue; instead of installing a new sign, they're planning to add their name over the current retailer on the existing signage. The only potential hurdle could be parking.

"We're going to need a sort of baking memo justifying how many parking spaces this business will need, and showing that there's adequate parking in the area," said planning board chair Zach Bialecki. "In the past, we've really considered the traffic impacts of different dispensaries pretty carefully. So I think for this one, we also want to know how many customers you're expecting and just be really sure that it's not gonna impact the traffic at that busy intersection or impact the parking too much."

Planning Board member Terry Dolan asked how Ilyas anticipates Hudson Charm being different from the Big Gas Dispensary.

"Are you going to offer something that's more attractive to people than what the current business has?" Dolan asked.

Ilyas said he didn't know enough about Big Gas to say for sure, but he added that his SEE plan license dictates how his business will operate.

"I do see myself in my pricing being way more competitive than them, because I understand about giving back to the community and not just 100 percent focusing on profit," he said.

The village planning board will hold a public hearing on the Hudson Charm proposal at its next meeting on Tuesday, June 2.

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Plutarch for Refugees silent auction and spring concert May 31



Bloom at Willow Kiln Park.

PLUTARCH FOR REFUGEES HAS ANNOUNCED their annual spring benefit concert featuring choral ensembles Bloom and the Resisterhood Community Choir directed by Debbie Lan, on Sunday, May 31 from 3 to 5 p.m. at 10 Horse Arts Center, 67 Black Creek Road in Highland. The event also includes a silent art auction, showcasing work donated by local artists, traditional Afghan food and a bake sale.

Tickets are \$25 at the door and \$20 in advance, available at Plutarch4refugees.org. All proceeds from event activities and art sales will go to support recently arrived refugee families from Afghanistan.

The silent auction (opening at 2:30

p.m.) is the biggest part of the fundraiser; all artwork is donated by local artists, with new items arriving right up to the day of the event. Donations to date include work by Marlene Wiedenbaum, Leonie Lacouette, Vicki Morgan, Jerry Teters and Stacie Flint, among others.

In addition to Bloom, now in its 19th year, the Resisterhood Community Choir will perform at the event. Directed by musician, composer, arranger and choral director Debbie Lan, the ensembles perform at many local events and fundraisers in the Hudson Valley, singing original arrangements of uplifting, joyful and family friendly songs.

The mission of Plutarch for Refugees, a volunteer non-profit group, is

to help refugees resettle in New York State's Ulster County. Working under the umbrella of Afghan Refugee Network, the organization is the only registered non-profit in our area which works exclusively to assist our recently arrived Afghan families.

This is an outdoor event, and people are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets. There are two entrances to the site with parking available along Black Creek Road. In the event of rain, an alternate date will be announced.

For additional event information and opportunities to get involved with the organization, visit Plutarch4refugees.org or contact hello@afghanrefugeehousing.org.

Upset neighbor shuts down live music events, says popular Highland venue

IN THE HUDSON VALLEY, ONE ANGRY neighbor can torpedo a whole music scene.

This scenario most recently played out at The Ridge by Mill House in Highland. The business took to social media to lament the cancellation of their Memorial Day Brews, Blues & BBQ event along with all outdoor live music going forward.

"Being a small business in this economic climate is difficult and it is disheartening to deal with threats from a neighbor when you are simply providing a welcoming space for your community to gather in a relaxed, respectful and non-disruptive way," read a statement by the venue.

Venue owners noted that their music events have been family-friendly, kept strictly within decibel limits, consisted only of local musicians and

ended by 8 p.m. Despite numerous neighbors showing their support, one in particular was singled out (though not by name) as the reason for the pause.

The business is now searching for a path forward to resume live music. Hundreds of commenters responded to the post, with the vast majority voicing their support for The Ridge.

Retirees to meet in New Paltz on June 1

RETIRES OF THE NEW PALTZ COMMUNITY invite retired men and women everywhere to the monthly breakfast meeting on Monday, June 1, 8 a.m., at the New Paltz Plaza Diner.

Kevin Gallagher, a longtime advocate and volunteer for the Friends of the Walkway Over the Hudson, speak about the history of this former railroad bridge and how it became a New York state park. He will also offer ideas for volunteer involvement.

For additional information or to volunteer as a speaker, contact Ed Rogers at 845-255-7420 or Jill Schneider at 845-633-8459.

Important vote in New Paltz on June 1

THE NEW PALTZ TOWN AND VILLAGE boards will vote on Monday, June 1, to support or reject a joint resolution formally endorsing the draft consolidation agreement and officially kicking off the process. The meeting will be at the New Paltz Middle School at 7 p.m. The proposed joint consolidated agreement can be found on the town website under the town-village consolidation tab. Please bring your questions.

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Photo of Ulster County’s only Social security office. “Closed for renovations” in 2018 by the Trump administration, the office was never reopened. The Biden administration left it closed.

Small incomes, big bills

Ulster County modestly expands tax exemptions for low-income senior homeowners

by Rokosz Most

“WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, around here, a hamburger used to cost 89 cents. Now it’s over \$3 and the steak costs you \$8. It used to cost you \$2. In my opinion, we, the seniors, need an exemption of at least up to \$60,000.” — Larry Quick, senior, speaking during public comment at the Legislature meeting.

In a nod to the economic realities crowding income-stressed homeowners aged 65 and older in Ulster County, county legislators passed a local law Tuesday, May 19, as part of the consent agenda, increasing maximum exemptions for real property tax assessments, up from 50% to 65%.

The legislation follows a local law created last year that updated the income thresholds below which residents can qualify, up from \$29,000 a year to \$41,000.

Below the maximum exemption

amount, a sliding scale of income threshold tiers correlates to ever-lessening exemption amounts, finally phasing out for homeowners earning \$50,000 or more annually — approximately 60% of the area median income earned by Ulster County residents.

The law, sponsored by county legislator Eric Stewart, a Marbletown Democrat, declares “all senior residents of Ulster County deserve respect and appreciation for their lifelong contributions to society,” noting that it’s critical to keep them in their homes, “invested in our communities and living fulfilling, independent lives.”

Stewart, reached by phone, noted that the county brings in about \$75 million per year from property taxes.

“We’re not talking about enormous sums of money here,” Stewart said. “The financial people in the legislative clerk’s office explain it to me more like a tax shift — shifting the burden off of the senior citizens.”

In New York state, Supplemental Security Income, a monthly cash allowance provided by the federal government for citizens 65 and older, tops out at \$994 a month. A separate state supplement program contributes another \$87 at most. With just shy of \$1,100 a month to live on, in what order should an accruing passel of bills be paid?

Groceries, then utilities, then health insurance, then medication and then property taxes? Or property taxes first,

then groceries, then utilities, with health insurance and medication reduced to conditional expenditures? Or what about school taxes?

As with the county, municipalities and school districts offer separate exemptions to low-income seniors on a sliding scale pegged to income thresholds. The Kingston City School District has already adopted the same updated income thresholds as the county, but the maximum exemption amount has not yet been updated. The city of Kingston has adopted neither, though a resolution introduced by majority leader Michele Hirsch has loitered for some months now in the Old Business file of the common council’s Finance and Audit Committee.

By increasing the maximum by 15 percentage points, the county hardly puts any real walking-around money into the pocket of an income-stressed homeowner with a median-value property in Kingston — about \$6 more a month, enough to cover the increase in Larry Quick’s steak — but Stewart, reached by phone, acknowledged it’s the least the county can do.

“We just view this as another tool in the toolbox,” Stewart said, “to help seniors stay in their homes.”

Using the median value of an assessed home in Kingston, while accounting for the equalization rate provided by the New York State Office of Real Property Services, a senior receiving maximum

exemptions from all three taxing entities holds onto an additional \$231 a month, roughly 20% of their monthly combined supplemental income.

Majority leader Abe Uchitelle has sponsored a companion bill that aims to identify strategies to help seniors who have fallen behind on their property taxes.

“There’s a lot of bad things that happen when you’ve fallen behind on your property taxes, such as losing your STAR exemption,” Uchitelle explained.

In addition to the city, county and school tax bill reductions, income-stressed aging adult homeowners may also receive an “enhanced school tax relief” rebate check, a yearly lump sum worth \$1,440, made available by the state.

If a homeowner qualifies for any tier of property tax exemption, they will also certainly qualify for the enhanced STAR exemption, though, having once received it, Uchitelle noted, losing it must feel like foundational sands underfoot getting washed out by the ocean.

So that seniors struggling to stay above water know what options exist to them in the first place and what legal services they may rely on should they start to founder, getting the information out is the primary motive behind Uchitelle’s most recent legislative effort.

“To give them every resource they can have to sort out their finances,” Uchitelle said, “in order to hopefully get them back up to date.”

Stewart and Uchitelle are both members of the Health, Human Services and Housing Committee. Stewart is this year’s chair; Uchitelle served as chair last year.

All this effort to keep seniors in their homes during a housing crisis is laudable, but some observers also worry that efforts are misguided. One man attending the legislative meeting, who asked to remain anonymous, suggested that “keeping them living in homes which are too large for them, we’re preventing housing stock from rotating. From a housing crisis standpoint,” he said, “how many three-bedroom homes are occupied by a lone senior? It’s not a small number.”

Reached for comment, Susan Koppenhaver, director of the Ulster County Office for the Aging, voiced her support for the local law.

“I think it’s great that legislator Stewart put that forth and they voted on it. Any kind of help for them tax-wise is going to be welcome.”

To assist and empower older adults and their families to live as independently as possible with dignity and purpose: That is the mission of Koppenhaver’s office. “Living in their own home is living independently as long as they can,” she said, “and everything we do goes toward that goal.”

But she’s also familiar with other factors that can be at play.

“When you’re 85 years old,” Koppenhaver said, “stairs become a big problem and so does the yard and so does the driveway and so does everything. A lot of them can’t handle their own home anymore, but people don’t want to move. They never think it’s going to happen to them, but they have to realize that you’re not young forever.”

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Creative momentum

Saugerties Arts Commission updates community on local arts scene

by Crispin Kott

DURING A PRESENTATION before the Saugerties Town Board on Wednesday, May 6, members of the Saugerties Arts Commission's leadership team

shared an update about the recent past and future of the arts in Saugerties.

"The arts in Saugerties make this town a destination and a home," said Nina Schmidbaur, chair of the commission. "We're here to represent the hundreds of artists that live in Saugerties. It's hard to really encapsulate how

many of them live here, but this year on the Saugerties Artists Tour, we have 46 people opening up their studios, which is the most we've ever had."

The Saugerties Artists Tour, where local artists open their studios to the public, is one of the annual centerpieces of the local arts community and one of many opportunities to fulfill one of the Saugerties Arts Commission's initiatives: Bring artists and the people of Saugerties (and beyond) together.

"We have two main branches of our mission statement," said Schmidbaur.

"One is around marketing and promotion of the arts in Saugerties. We have an incredible plethora of arts organizations and venues, all of which have their own newsletter and their own audience face ... We are also a promoter of cultural opportunities."

The Saugerties Arts Commission was founded in 2019 after a group of artists and others sought assistance from the town board to forge strong connections between the arts and the public. Schmidbaur said those connections have increasingly been made, at least at first, on social media.

"There are a lot of users of Facebook in Saugerties ... and Instagram as well," Schmidbaur said. "Any artist who's showcasing their art in Saugerties and any venue that's hosting an art or cultural event has a direct line to our social media page and we are promoting that. We also have folks attending those events, taking videos, reels, photos, to again help to promote attendance at the different arts events."

Andrew Rein, the committee's treasurer and events head, handles much of the group's social media, which averages one post per day promoting local events, business collaborations and artist shows.

"All of this greatly enhances Saugerties, promotes Saugerties businesses and just joyful living in Saugerties," Rein said. In the 28 days prior to the town board meeting, Rein said they'd had over 40,000 views with their posts, the most popular called Reels, which are short curated video clips shared across Meta platforms like Facebook and Instagram.

"I've greatly found that doing reels with the music and the images, that that really captures a lot bigger audience," he said. "And the biggest ones within the past 28 days have between 2,000 and 5,000 views. So we're very, very successful with that."

The Saugerties Arts Commission also has a recently upgraded website (saugertiesarts.org), with a resource hub

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for artists to access grants, a database to know where they can showcase their art and other resources.

“And there’s a way for artists and community vendors to actually put their information onto the website themselves,” Schmidbaur said.

Among the other initiatives the commission is pushing is enlisting successful artists to volunteer to work with the next generation. Rein told the story of Lisa Pfitzner, a Saugerties High School Class of 1981 alum who became a successful creative director in the advertising industry.

“At the time (she was in Saugerties schools) she really had only one person that supported her creative dream,” Rein said. “That person was her art teacher. Lisa believes her career would not have become a reality without him. And she feels extremely passionate about giving back to this generation of Saugertiesian artists.”

For over three years, Pfitzner has collaborated with three art teachers at Saugerties High to come up with ways to support and widen their students’ world. Studio trips were arranged, with students having an opportunity to hear about local artists’ medium, how they work and advice; then the students

engages in a hands-on project in that medium. When the weather is too disagreeable for a walk into the village, artists come to the classroom to talk about their background, how they got into

Future projects in the works include themed artist showcases in the windows of vacant storefronts.

their profession and engage students in a project similar to those in the studio visits.

“Both of these initiatives are 100 percent voluntary, required no funding and deliver on the original mission, connecting Saugerties artists with their community,” Rein said.

Future projects in the works include themed artist showcases in the windows of vacant storefronts.

“To me, this is an example of artists coming together to beautify a commu-

nity,” Schmidbaur said, adding that the global Covid pandemic and roadwork projects made it difficult for some local businesses to survive. “And so last summer we walked around and noticed there were 12 empty storefronts. And at the Chamber of Commerce meetings, people were really concerned about how this impacts the image of Saugerties, the tourism that many people depend on and the shop owners who were right next door having this beautiful storefront next to two boarded-up buildings. And so this is a perfect example of artists coming together and thinking creatively, not only how to beautify the community and represent these themes of, you know, pieces of stories that we’re proud of, but also actually having an economic impact.”

For more information on the Saugerties Arts Committee, including links to their social media pages, visit: saugertiesarts.org



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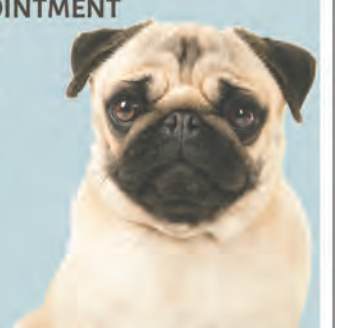
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Rein in party houses

Residents plead for relief from short-term rental chaos

by Crispin Kott

THE TOWN OF ULSTER IS considering updating its municipal codes to enforce what some area residents are describing as out of control short-term party rentals.

Forest Hill Drive is a quaint, curving loop just above Skytop Steakhouse off of State Route 28, its residents describing it as an ordinarily peaceful and quiet corner of the town. The last time they collectively reported issues was a decade ago when a neighbor came before municipal leaders with plans to turn a 13-acre parcel into an egg-production farm.

Last week, some of those same residents returned to a town board meeting in the hopes of getting some relief from what they describe as a nightmare of constant noise and chaos, brought by gaggles of out-of-town visitors partying in short-term rentals owned by out-of-towners.

“I just wanted to share some of my experiences with the one that’s directly next to me,” said Geoffrey Ring. “On arrival day, the cars arrive well into the morning. One, two o’clock in the morning, noisy car doors open-close, open-close, wielding luggage ... There’s often-times yelling and screaming when new people show up, and then with the excitement of being away on vacation, the bachelorette weekends are the worst. Women’s voices, they’re fairly high.”

Ring said the four short-term rentals in the neighborhood, which range between a listed occupancy of 10-24 people, bring a glut of cars onto a narrow road. He said some park partially on his lawn, leading him to have to rake and plant new grass.

“They don’t respect property boundaries,” Ring said. “The dogs come and

crap on my yard. The kids play in the woods behind the house. It’s not only a liability issue, it’s just plain rude.”

He added that the smell of cannabis smoke is sometimes so heavy that it smells inside his house, even with doors and windows shut.

“The parties and noise (go) well into the early morning,” Ring said. “They have an outdoor fire pit. They hang out and it’s noisy. The houses have lights and spotlight motions and they go on and off all night long when you’re trying to sleep ... On departure day, the noise is similar, except it’s at five, six o’clock in the morning at times.”

Ring said he’s had confrontations with some of the “entitled” visitors to the house next door as he goes about his regular weekend routine.

“There’s entitled behavior where I’ve been yelled at on a Saturday, for

“These are people with money and means that are not from these communities,” Michael Mainetti said. “They don’t live here.”

mowing my lawn, for leaf blowing and weed-wacking,” he said. “Because I’m upsetting their quiet weekend, they’re relaxing.”

Ring was joined by neighbor Michael Mainetti, who also lives next door to a short-term rental.

“My immediate neighbor, since the beginning of the year, moved in, did a ton of construction on the home, turned his three-car garage into an indoor mini-golf course and a nerf arena and that sort of thing,” Mainetti said. “There were eleven vehicles, mostly SUVs parked on the lawn into the street. He has landscaping people who come and block my mailbox and prevent my garbage pick-up. It’s only going to get worse.”

Like Ring, Mainetti said the short-term rental property owners don’t live in the area.

“These are people with money and means that are not from these communities,” Mainetti said. “They don’t live here. I’ve lived here my entire life. Most of us here have. And they’re taking advantage of the gaps that are present in the ordinances and codes.”

Potentially relevant municipal zoning codes in the Town of Ulster were written around four decades ago, when short-term rentals weren’t booked online through Airbnb or VRBO, but were known as bed and breakfasts or boarding houses.

“Those people who were transient in nature,” Ring said. “And these are a distinction without a difference...I think the town code just has not kept up with the technology of Airbnb’s. If you look at other towns around, some of the regulations are required to occupy the Airbnb as a primary residence.

It requires the owner to be on the premises during the rental. The owner is required to be a permanent resident of New York State. It’s limited to mixed use zoning only and limit the number of guests or related or unrelated.”

Town Supervisor James E. Quigley, 3rd, said the issue could be addressed twofold, both by updating town codes and by enforcing short-term rental obligations with Ulster County, which requires the property owner to register and pay sales and hotel occupancy taxes.

“Unfortunately, the county relies upon third-party vendors for identi-

fying these types of facilities,” Quigley said. And I’ve received the lists, and I’ve reviewed the lists, and based upon the comments that I’ve heard over the last several months, the addresses that the comments relate to were, in the most part, unregistered. So that identifies a most difficult problem for the town in any type of enforcement action. If we don’t know these problems exist specifically by address, we can’t address them.”

Quigley also acknowledged that the town’s short-term rental code is in need of an update.

“There are gaps as it relates to short-term rentals,” he said. “We are starting down the road of the comprehensive plan, which has an intention of moving after that process into a review of the zoning code.”

To expedite short-term rental updates, Quigley asked building inspector Warren Tutt and the town’s attorney, Jason Kovacs, to work together to initiate the drafting of a resolution that would lead to regulations and registrations of short-term rentals in the Town of Ulster.

He also asked that local residents continue notifying town officials of issues with short-term rentals in their neighborhoods.

“If we don’t know how they’re operating, we cannot inspect them,” Quigley said. “So I’m asking, please, let us know via email or whatever, of these addresses. Don’t consider it, you know, you’re snitching on your neighbors. You’re just helping to perfect public safety because that’s how we’re going to look at this. We want to make sure these facilities, if they operate, they’re operating in a safe manner.”

Briefly noted | Saugerties

Saugerties mainstay Lox of Bagels transitions to new owners

OVER THE LAST 36 YEARS, LOX OF BAGELS at 3103 Route 9W has become a fixture of the Saugerties community, fueling countless residents and visitors with doughy delights. Now the tongs are being passed to new ownership.

The bagel shop’s original proprietors, Barb and John Farcher, have stepped aside to make way for new ownership. Jeromy Rivera and Stephanie Siracusano, announced on Friday “our family is officially the new owners of Lox of Bagels.”

“While you may notice some fresh updates and changes in the coming months, our goal is to honor everything that has made Lox so loved while bringing our own energy and ideas to the table,” the new owners said in a statement.

Lox of Bagels is part of a thriving ba-

gel scene in Ulster County.

Safety upgrades to intersections in Saugerties completed

SAUGERTIES OFFICIALS NOTIFIED THE public last week of changes to the intersections of Livingston Street and Second Street, along with Livingston Street and Cross Street.

This junction used to be a four-way stop, but due to the layout of the streets, this created confusion and difficulty navigating safely while seeing all traffic. Now “the area has been modified into a three-way stop intersection,” according to officials.

With the new structure in place, vehicles traveling on Livingston Street must stop at the Second Street intersection. On Cross Street, drivers will encounter a stop sign before entering Livingston Street, in addition to one at Second Street (if traveling eastbound.)

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Tax reform

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at 4.5% and so on, with the percentage of tax applied increasing irregularly at irregular intervals until, for the most successful residents, the top marginal tax rate of 10.9% for millionaires twenty-five-times over is reached.

Once earning over \$25 million, nearly 11 cents is taken from each dollar and surrendered to the state government. It is assumed that with so many residents earning so much less, they can afford to give still more.

As was proposed by the elected officials gathered for a press conference in front of the Ulster County Office Building last Friday, a surcharge proposed in the name of offsetting property taxes, left unraised since 2012 yet growing burdensome for a large swath of residents.

Speaking first at the lectern adorned with the county seal depicting the scythe-wielding farmer standing before a sheaf of wheat, home and mountain, county executive Jen Metzger said, “The county government is currently funded by regressive sales and property taxes. A single working parent or retired senior on a fixed income pays the same rate on their purchases and on their home value as a wealthy individual with a very high income. We’re seeking authority from the state to create a fair progressive tax as a counterweight.”

Metzger said the proposal is called the Ulster County for Fair Taxes Act, and that state senator Michelle Hinchey and assembly member Sarahana Shrestha have been advocating in Albany on behalf of her legislation that calls for a home rule solution — instituting a surcharge set to a portion of the income tax that high-income earners already pay in Ulster County.

Totaling 16.57%, the surcharge would be drawn against the state income tax paid on every dollar earned above \$200,000 for those filing individually, or \$400,000 for those filing jointly.

County executive Metzger could only estimate the amount of funds that res-

idents could expect the surcharge to raise.

“It depends on lots of variables,” Metzger said. How they’re taxed at the state level is one. How the stock market performs is another. “But we roughly estimate it to be roughly \$10 million to \$20 million in revenue.”

As the Ulster County property tax levy was set at \$74 million in 2026, Metzger anticipates the surcharge could defray as much as 27% of the tax levy.

When majority speaker of the legislature Abe Uchitelle took his turn at the lectern, he commented that “Our county has not raised property taxes since 2012. When adjusted for inflation, that is over a 30% reduction in relative property taxes.”

“I think everyone would recognize the burden, the extremely disproportionate burden, that property taxes place on our seniors and working families,” said Jen Metzger.

While the number of county residents earning over \$200,000 is unknown — much less the number of millionaires — Uchitelle brought up another metric by which numbers can be estimated.

“A study of migration data showed that with people moving into the county, and with [other] people being forced out of the county, Ulster County has only seen a net increase of 279 residents,” Uchitelle said. “Yet over that same period, we gained \$169 million in net new incomes, the largest in the region.”

Whenever talk of increasing taxes on the wealthy starts up — and Metzger firmly insists that her surcharge is not a tax — accusations of class warfare, alleged by the wealthy, usually follow close behind. So do fears that the wealthy, if they feel pushed or unappreciated, could simply decide to move a county over.

Metzger doesn’t find that outcome realistic.

“No, I don’t worry about people leaving because as I said ... it’s a modest amount compared to their overall in-

comes ... and really, it’s just about paying your fair share. I think everyone would recognize the burden, the extremely disproportionate burden, that property taxes place on our seniors and working families.”

Speaking to the same opposition employed at the state level, assembly member Shrestha echoes Metzger’s sentiment.

“It is a myth that because of New York’s tax reforms, millionaires have left,” Shrestha said. “They have actually increased in number. Because millionaires have millions, they can live wherever they want.”

Shrestha illustrates the kind of places where single filers making above \$200,000 do not want to live.

“Places that do not have a vibrant economy. Places that have people on the street who are unhoused. Places that have this sense of urban decay. That is not a description of Ulster County, but it can be if we are forced to reckon with an austerity budget as we move forward.”

Hinchey also piled on, emphasizing the uniqueness of the county.

“People want to live here because it’s a great place to live. We already knew how special we were, but the pandemic really put us on the map and helped show people what we have right here in our backyard, in New York state. We have new businesses coming in. We have folks who are moving back. We have young families who are coming. We now need to make sure that all of our businesses can have workers. We have to make sure that our kids can get to school because we have school bus drivers. We have to make sure our teachers are still here and our nurses can stay here because people also want to live in a community where we have health care. And so this is a proactive step, dealing with an issue we see right now, to make sure that we don’t erode our communities and our local economy and we can build on the great work that we’ve already done with the help of everybody already here.”

Assuming the legislation can receive the governor’s permission, Uchitelle sounds confident the county legislature can vote it into reality.

“Considering the volume of legis-

ing to do some fundraising for that.”

Coming up June 13 from 3 to 5 p.m. on the Village Green is the pet parade, which raises money through a \$10 suggested donation for the Saugerties Animal Shelter and the Woodstock dog park. Prizes will be awarded and yummy human treats will be for sale.

“We even had a 150-year-old tortoise who participated,” Kanter said.

Woodstock Rotary is also raising money to send high school students to RYLA, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, a five-day conference for sophomores at Marist University.

“It’s for exceptional young people who need a leg up, but also have all this leadership potential,” Kanter said.

Other organizations are learning of the Woodstock club’s existence and are reaching out for collaboration.

“We want to make these connections with other organizations, and cast our service net wider and wider, and then one aspirational project that we have going forward is to participate in a Woodstock international student exchange program, and we would like to be able to support sending local students internationally to other parts of the world,” Kanter said.

“One of the thoughts there is that we’ll also really be able to help support language acquisition in advance

lators that are behind me,” Uchitelle said, “I’m very, very confident that this is going to pass and we’re going to see the Ulster County legislature put our stamp on it in the weeks ahead.”

To death and taxes as certainties, will Ulster County add surcharges for the rich?

Ulster County Republicans condemn proposed income tax surcharge

ULSTER COUNTY’S FOUR REPUBLICAN legislators are speaking out against a proposed income tax surcharge backed by the county’s dominant Democratic majority. Outnumbered 19 to 4 in the 23-seat legislature, the Republican Caucus says the plan, called the Ulster County for Fair Taxes Act, punishes success, threatens small businesses, and will push residents and employers to leave the county. Their constituents, though a minority in county politics, live across Ulster’s towns and districts and, Republicans argue, deserve a voice in how the county is governed.

Minority leader Kevin Roberts called the proposal disconnected from local realities. “This proposal is rooted in the same failed tax-and-spend ideology that has driven businesses and working families out of New York for years,” Roberts said. Deputy minority leader Craig Lopez argued the Democratic majority was prioritizing ideology over affordability. Legislator Jason Kovacs warned that high earners and business owners could relocate to neighboring counties that carry no such surcharge. Legislator Rich Walls said the county should pursue spending cuts before turning to new taxes.

The Fair Taxes Act, introduced by County Executive Jen Metzger alongside state Sen. Michelle Hinchey and Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha, would place a surcharge on state income taxes paid by residents earning above \$200,000 individually or \$400,000 jointly. The measure must pass the State Legislature before Ulster County could act locally. Metzger estimates it could generate between \$10 million and \$20 million annually, with revenue directed toward offsetting property taxes. The Republican Caucus is urging residents and business owners to speak out before the legislation advances.

of students that we send, because it’s a very difficult thing to do, just completely on your own, but much easier in this day and age with the amount of materials that are available online,” Kanter said.

“However, there are a lot of languages that students don’t encounter in school, and even in school, the language pedagogy isn’t sufficient to prepare a student to go abroad.”

Cast aside the old-fashioned notion of Rotary

“Woodstock has its own character, but it’s made up of all sorts of different people, and Rotary really embraces the idea that is fundamental to being of service to the needs of your community and the larger community outside,” Kanter said.

“And that transcends political boundaries, it transcends all the boundaries, even the cultural boundaries that become part of our identity,” he said.

“It’s a service organization that also I think on a more fundamental level allows people who engage in it to really engage in a profound way with their own humanity, but you have to want to do that. You have to want to be of service in the first place, so you know it does attract people who are predisposed to look into that idea.”

Paws and effect

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number fluctuates.

“The relationship is very important to us. We all really respect what the Kingston Rotary has done for many, many years, and we’ve learned a lot from them,” Kanter said.

“They’ve been great mentors and continue to be, and we always want to have a very close connection with them, regardless of what we do,” he added.

“We do encourage people who are in the community or interested in doing service in their community to come to a meeting,” Kanter said.

The meetings are the first and third Mondays of every month and are either in the Berkshire Hathaway realty office at 24 Mill Hill Road next to Bread Alone, or at the Woodstock Library, 10 Dixon Ave. Locations and times are posted on the club’s Facebook page.

“The iteration of the Woodstock Club has a very Woodstock character. It reflects the community in which we live,” Kanter said.

“This is an arts community. I’d say we have a lot of people who we’re pulling

from the community of the arts. I’m a painter. I come from the New York City art world before I came to Woodstock, and I’m still connected to that, and consequently, when we decided to start funding scholarships.”

Art supplies are costly, as are music lessons, he noted.

Woodstock Rotary hit the ground running early with a townwide clean-up with support from H. Houst & Son, who donated safety vests and other equipment. The club took over care and maintenance of the gazebo outside the town offices, which had been donated by another club.

Aside from service, Rotary’s big focus is on education, and it raises money and gives scholarships to college-bound Onteora students. This year’s winners will be announced shortly.

More projects are on the horizon as Woodstock Rotary works with the new administration. The transition should be smooth – supervisor Anula Courtis is a founding member.

The club’s newest endeavor is to revive the dog park, which has suffered from neglect and needs some TLC.

“So that’s a work in progress, because we’re not even sure if it’s going to be in the same place anymore, or if it’s going to move on the same basic property, or to another part of town. But we’re go-

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PATRICK HAMMER, JR.
Saugerties

End the 1:1 Chromebook policy

I would like to encourage everyone who pays New Paltz school taxes to view the latest board of education meeting on May 20 <https://www.youtube.com/live/XhzFk7hZ1sg>. Listen to the questions the board presented to the administrators about our district’s 1:1 Chromebook policy (1:28:52). Then watch from the beginning (38:54). As a parent of middle schoolers, I can tell you that throughout the day kids play video games on class material, they access nefarious games outside the “safeguards,” they shop, they see ads, they look up random things on AI-equipped Google (all while Google collects data on them). At home it continues. I could turn off the internet, but my kids insist they need it to do their homework. I know other parents who are fed up, too, not only in New Paltz, but across the country. We have great teachers here. We can do better.

End the 1:1 Chromebook policy. Visit the board of education webpage for upcoming meetings.

JOANNA DEMPSEY
New Paltz

Rosendale Library bond vote

I am writing to express my disappointment that the board of trustees of the Rosendale Library has chosen to have the vote for the bond for the library renovation at the library rather than the Rosendale Recreation Center. The lack of accessibility and parking at the library is a huge challenge for a vote this important. People will not be able to participate.

At the public hearing for the bond on May 6, library board members stated that only about 200 people participated in the last budget vote held at the library. There are over 4,000 registered voters in the Town of Rosendale who should be given the opportunity to vote.

Board members also stated that public consent was required to proceed with this renovation and to approve the bond/funds. The public’s access to the vote at the library will be limited.

On May 13, two library board members attended the town board meeting to share that the vote would take place at the library, not at the Rosendale Recreation Center. The main reason stated was something to the effect of: all votes happen at the library and they have decided to keep things as they have always been.

Keeping things as they have always been is extremely shortsighted. The world is constantly evolving and relying on tradition over innovation and adaptation is not a democratic way to operate. I have been receiving calls from Rosendale citizens who agree with me.

I urge our community to reach out to the Rosendale Library board and ask them to reconsider this decision. The vote location and date haven’t been widely advertised and they could easily make modifications.

CARRIE WYKOFF
Rosendale

Tinker Street/Route 212 west

Long before they figure out the bike/walking path from town to Bearsville, they had better repair Route 212/Tinker Street west, between Library Lane and the post office. The road surface condition is not just bad, it’s SERIOUSLY bad! Town officials should have NYS DOT officials on speed dial and become the squeaky wheel, before all our wheels are squeaking and falling off.

GLENN KREISBERG
Woodstock

Dog drama at home

My guard dog and my therapy dog hate each other.

SPARROW
Phoenicia

MEG Reimondo for Woodstock Town Clerk

I wholeheartedly support Meghann Reimondo in her candidacy for Woodstock Town Clerk.

Meghann’s dedication to our community is evident through the real work she has consistently done in service for the people of Woodstock. She brings an exceptional combination of organizational skills, compassion, professionalism and integrity to everything she undertakes. Her knowledge of the responsibilities of the town clerk’s office, paired with her genuine care for residents, makes her uniquely qualified for this role.

What stands out most about Meghann is that she is driven by a sincere desire to serve others, improve processes and ensure transparency, accessibility and trust within local government. She leads with heart, but also with remarkable competence and a clear understanding of what this office requires.

Meghann has proven that she is capable of managing the duties of town clerk while approaching the position with a level of empathy and responsibility that our town deserves. She listens, works tirelessly and prioritizes the needs of the community above personal agendas.

In a time when many are weary of divisive politics, Meghann represents something refreshing: honest leadership grounded in service, skill and humanity.

Woodstock would be well served by electing Meghann Reimondo as town clerk.

LEIGH VANDEBOGART
Woodstock

A fence between what is made and what is becoming

I set a raven I made on our fence, thinking I was only placing a wooden bird where passersby might see it. But handmade things have a way of turning back toward the maker. They do not always remain decoration. Sometimes they become mirrors with wings.

At first, the raven faced the road, toward the world of passing cars, neighbors, weather and notice. Then, somehow, he turned inward toward a second raven I have not yet finished. I do not remember moving him. Maybe I did.

Maybe some quieter part of me, the part that still believes wood has a soul, knew where he belonged.

Now the finished raven looks at the unfinished one with the patience of an elder. The second bird waits in pieces — a wing not yet ready for wind, a head not fully joined to the body, the wood still remembering its life as a tree. I tell myself I will finish it tomorrow, but the first raven seems to know that unfinished work is never just about time. It is about courage.

Imagination is the paintbrush, but myth is the river it swims in. I thought I was making birds. Instead, I may be learning how much of myself still waits to be shaped.

That fence has become more than a boundary between yard and road. It is a border between what I have already formed and what still resists my hands. One raven stands completed. The other waits. And in the quiet space between them, I recognize something I had not planned to say.

I am not only the man who made the raven.

I am also the unfinished one, leaning toward the wind.

LARRY WINTERS
New Paltz

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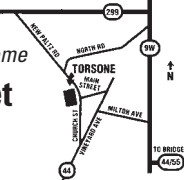
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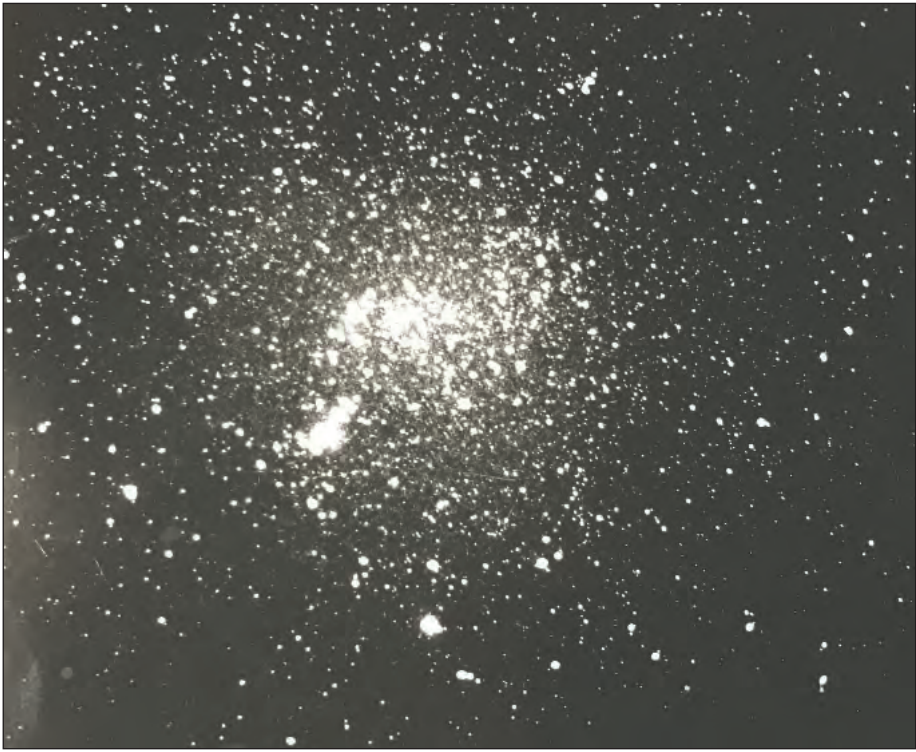
Can you imagine?

THE MOST FASHIONABLE idea-du-jour may be the *multiverse*. It's actually an old quantum notion from a century ago, with physical support on the atomic scale, that everything that *can* happen *does* happen. Extrapolating to our macrocosmic level leads to an almost infinite number of universes, of which we can only be aware of the one in which we exist.

And already there's trouble. Because an infinite number of universes, where anything that can happen does happen, means that if you stop at a crossing and turn right, the fact that you could have turned left creates another reality of the multiverse, another version of you that does indeed turn left. Their life with its resulting complexities continues with all the consequences of having performed that alternative action.

And that's still not the end of it, because an infinite number is greater than merely all possibilities materializing. It means there are multiple identical copies of yourself, along with billions of others that each possess a tiny distinction. One of the other you's has 18 freckles on their shoulder instead of the 17 that are on yours. And this is not just possible, but inevitable.

The multiverse illustrates a valid recurring issue: How much credence should we give to each science-sounding idea? What about the Dyson sphere? That's the notion that a civilization could produce unlimited energy if they harvested 100% of a star's



BOB BERMAN, WILLOW OBSERVATORY

Unnamed cluster of suns lurking behind Orion's belt. Are countless parallel universe also present?

power. You'd do this by constructing an unbelievably vast spherical enclosure around a star so that all of its energy would strike it and be gathered up. These days one even sees purportedly serious articles in science publications speculating whether some distant star's oddly fluctuating light might be caused by a nearby alien civilization partially completing a Dyson sphere.

Yet another fashionable recurring theme involves colonizing Mars, and

trying to solve one or another of the endless technological challenges.

What should be obvious is that imagining something doesn't mean it's remotely likely to ever happen. The Martian nonstop radiation, its absence of air and things like medical facilities, the billion-dollar costs of every arriving craft, and the insuperable aerodynamic stresses of the super-high re-entry speed from interplanetary missions, which we've yet to ever accomplish, and

dozens of other known and unknown hazards and costs, is largely unaccompanied by analytical realism.

We've yet to see a sober scrutiny, such as asking why it would make more sense to try to live in Martian crevices or beneath some asteroid's surface rather than inhabit Earth's own subterranean regions at one-millionth the cost and at a fraction of the hazards. Or speculate about who would ever pay for such an enterprise. Remember, we're not talking about a Martian landing by astronauts, which is doable and probably inevitable. This is about colonization, a different animal altogether.

Many noted astrophysicists from Richard Feynman to Carl Sagan have stated unequivocally that we will never colonize Mars because of the dangers, or construct a Dyson sphere due to the cost, which would be greater than building a hundred million Great Walls of China. Simply put, since the Dyson goal is to harvest vast amounts of energy, wouldn't there be vastly easier methods than building a structure far larger than our entire planet Earth? Why does that idea even deserve repetition?

So back to the multiverse with its infinite parallel universes. It's something we have conceived. And who knows, it may be possible. But it would be so profligate in terms of redundancy, so tedious in terms of rubber-stamping countless near-identical entities on every biological and physical level, and, philosophically, so in violation of Nature's seeming leitmotif of fresh creative experimentation, it — like so many other of our mental gymnastics — just doesn't pass the smell test. At least, not to this observer.

Which leads to today's Big Question: Whether the human imagination is truly up to the task of pondering the unknown. It takes us back to British geneticist John Haldane who famously said, "The universe is not only stranger than we imagine; it is stranger than we *can* imagine."

dize the crimes of hate. A billion-dollar Freedom Prize, they pay out to an insurrection and its lies. Welcome to the

flip-side plan, decreed by the Mar-a-Lago man. So, wave the flag and print the cash, to fund the legal bills for trash.

For true allegiance now means this: A taxpayer-funded treasonous kiss.

NEIL JARMEL
West Hurley

Reprogram ourselves

It is SO crucial, without blaming men — to reframe all today's global crisis and reprogram ourselves.

Men, have also been harmed by the dominance of systemic patriarchy — it is for us all to recognize how much our binary — and/or trans — anatomy is threatening the power-tripping status quo of the white men on top clinging on so desperately to their outdated assumptions and programming still silencing women. Via the worst of the most fearful power-tripping men on top. Illustrated by how many young men and the whole manosphere issue needs to be understood and for we "the intelligent species" to evolve beyond this ancient rivalry and today's extreme misogyny in Washington which is increasingly harming our future and our collective life source — Mother Earth.

JUDE ASPHAR
Woodstock

Stop protecting corporate energy developers

New York State established a binding environmental precedent regarding the exact site of Key Capture Energy's proposed 100-megawatt mega Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project in Saugerties: the ground at Tomsons Road contains vulnerable history that must be protected. During past utility upgrades, the state legally ordered Central Hudson to shrink its footprint and

build up rather than out because excavations confirmed significant sub-surface historical artifacts, indigenous resources, and ancient fossils.

Unlike utility poles, this mega BESS facility requires massive, deep, horizontal excavation for over 110 shipping-container-sized battery units. Because sub-surface historical strata do not respect property lines, the "unknown sub-surface risk" remains certain. It is entirely possible, and highly probable, that Key Capture Energy's heavy horizontal excavation will plow straight through and permanently obliterate the exact indigenous artifacts and fossil layers that Central Hudson was legally ordered to avoid.

Furthermore, this parcel is deeply tied to an adjacent, historic 19th-century and onward quarry, where workers lived and labored on the exact acreage targeted for development. These critical Native American cultural resources and historical worker settlements were not adequately analyzed when the town's original industrial zoning decisions were made decades ago.

Yet, while our town boards talk large about protecting the environment, the adjacent pond, marsh and historic quarry, they have been obstructionists, dismissive of local knowledge and concerns. While told to wait for active decisions, the community is left wandering the woods. Meetings are mysteriously canceled, calls unreturned and letters are "filed" while board members remain completely clueless as to their specific content.

I personally wrote to the town board, the planning board and supervisor Fred Costello, offering to fully self-fund an independent study of the site at zero cost to taxpayers. Yet, at the May

Thomas John Ellis

Port Ewen, NY – Tom Ellis, 82, of Port Ewen passed away peacefully on Monday, March 23, 2026, at home overlooking the Hudson River. He was born in Brockport, NY, on April 8, 1943, the son of the late Floyd and Kathryn (Clark) Ellis. Tom graduated from the University of Buffalo (S.U.N.Y) in 1965 with a B.A. in History and then went on to serve with the Peace Corps in the Philippines for 3 ½ years as an economic development officer and agricultural extension agent.

After returning to the U.S.A., he married Judy Auerbacher of Irvington, NY and moved to Ardsley in 1970. Tom spent his career in electronic components sales and marketing, customer service, operations management and technology at The Inter-Technical Group, Inc. based first in Irvington and later in Elmsford, NY.

Tom is survived by his wife Judy, children Stephanie Ellis (Dean Jones) and Robin Ellis of Ulster County. He is also survived by his younger sisters Lucinda Ellis and Carol Sliker, as well as many wonderful cousins from both Ellis and Clark families in western NY. His brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Roger and Denise Auerbacher of Myrtle Beach, SC, also survive him. The lights of Tom's life were his grandchildren, Rylie Ellis Jones and Rhys Jones Ellis. He often drove them to and from their many after-school activities to stay closely involved in their lives.

Throughout his life, Tom enjoyed hobbies such as golf, tennis, bird watching, fishing, barbecuing, playing poker and Trivial Pursuit, as well as watching Barcelona's soccer club win matches on TV. Tom and Judy became weekenders in Port Ewen in 2005 and moved up full-time from Ardsley, NY, in 2009. They enjoyed supporting local small businesses such as Kingston Farmers Market, Tributary CSA, Smoke House of the Catskills, Adams and ImmuneSchein. They also enjoyed traveling to the warm Southern California desert during the northeast's cold winter months. A gathering to celebrate Tom's life will be held at Freer Park (Port Ewen) on June 12 at 5 PM. Donations in Tom's memory may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Hospital in NYC.



19 planning board meeting, chairman Howard Post related that Mr. Costello would not agree to accept it.

Why? Accepting an independent study takes the narrative out of the developer's hands and forces the town to face real data that could halt this project under SEQRA. Town officials prefer to rely solely on the developer's biased environmental assessments to maintain plausible deniability. Our local boards must stop protecting corporate energy developers, read the files on their desks and demand a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) before our history is permanently erased.

MAUREEN MALIHA
Saugerties

Just an idea

Here's a great idea. Let's set up a nearly \$2billion fund from US taxpayer money to dole out as "reparations," by a committee that operates in secrete and is accountable to nobody. Why would we do this? Well, because, for instance, maybe some people decided to attempt a violent overthrow of the US government (punishable by death), found themselves in jail, got pardoned by a kleptoligarch and now believe those of us who didn't join the insurrection owe them for their efforts. That sort of thing.

Maybe this will somehow improve citizen's respect for the rule of law.

Or maybe not.
Just an idea.
Vive la Résistance!
MAURIC CUNNINGHAM
Saugerties

Vote for MEG!

It is my pleasure to recommend Meghann Reimondo as the Democratic Committees candidate for town clerk for the Town of Woodstock. I have had the privilege of knowing Meghann for a number of years as a neighbor and a friend. I have also worked with her for a period of time prior to my retirement. It was immediately clear that Meghann possessed a rare combination of skill, initiative and integrity — traits that are necessary to have a healthy, working and non-political professional office. Meghann already stands out as a smart, energized, friendly and engaging deputy town clerk by learning a very complex and multi-faceted job in "speedy fashion." Meghann also has the ability to work with others and inspire others around her. Her willingness to work with a new board and assist any way she can is a fine example of a collaborative co-worker. Meghann brings to the job her background in bookkeeping and computer skills necessary to being a productive town clerk. Meghann, in her short time as deputy town clerk, has shown dedication, adaptability and a genuine passion to do her job to the best of her ability. She strives for excellence and it shows! Please feel free to reach out to me at jeearley2001@

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JACKIE EARLEY
*Town Clerk Emeritus
Town of Woodstock*

Honorable Steve Romaine

Howard about giving the Jews a break and take on Erdogan/Turks, Hutu-Tutsi, Islamic civil rights or lack thereof, Russia/Ukraine, North Korea, Syria, Isis,SaudiArabia, Yemen etc., etc.

Is it only because as Bill Maher says only Jews make the news?

I don't know why I'm wasting my time communicating with you, and I'm going to try to not reply to your future ignorant self righteousness. Someone who saw one of your Bund podium rants to a few disciples said you were not someone to take seriously. Please give the local readers a break and be silent, or at least change your rant to a more deserving people.

DONALD R SIMON
Woodstock

A failure for society

A recent article noting an effort by The Meat Wagon to purchase a building in mid-town Kingston represents a failure for society:

Eating meat reduces good health; butchering causes pain and suffering for sentient beings; enormous amounts of water, fertilizer and land are used.

A better world begins with your mouth.

IRWIN ROSENTHAL
Woodstock

Warehouses are for stuff, not for people

According to *The Washington Post*, "ICE plans to expand its detention capacity by converting roughly 23 industrial warehouses into detention sites that, when fully operational, could collectively hold tens of thousands of immigrants who are awaiting deportation proceedings." \$45 billion of our tax money was allocated in the "One Big Beautiful Bill" for these new detention facilities. That could increase detention facility capacity to 125,000 beds. The stated goal of the Trump administration is to have a capacity of nearly 100,000 detention beds in use per day and to remove one million immigrants annually.

These warehouse detention centers have a huge cost in dollars but, more importantly, the quality of life (and death) for the human beings detained there is harsh and unsafe. According to reports compiled by KFF (Kaiser Family Foundation, a non-profit, non-

partisan source of research, polling and journalism) detainees suffer from trauma, isolation, poor diet and a lack of medical care. In March 2026, ICE reported that 46 people died while in their custody or in detention facilities since the start of the second Trump administration in January 2025. (This compared with 26 persons from 2021-2024). This is a disgraceful reality for a country that purports to:

*Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!*
(*Inscription on the Statue of Liberty*)

KATHY ADORNEY
Gardiner

A response to "The Palestinian genocide" letter in HV1 on May 20 by Steve Romine

As usual, the arrogant/self-righteous/self-appointed minister of facts presents a biased letter to the editor. He justifies his position as one whose family died in the Armenian Genocide — a genocide that happened between 1915 and 1923 where half of the Armenian population (i.e. 1.5 million) died as a result of action by Turkey — which still refused to admit it even happened. Romine forgets or ignores that prior to the formation of Israel; more than six million Jews were eliminated by Germany and its allies — including many Arab countries — and their leaders and their subjects. Those are numbers deserving of the word genocide, not Romine's watered-down definition that would make almost any violent conflict genocidal. His cherry-picked citations never include any that disagree with his self-righteous opinions. As for citing the UN — that organization has been anti-Semitic at least since the days of Kurt Waldheim.

As Bret Stephens said in a May 21, 2026 article in the *New York Times*,

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"All prejudice, mindless or deliberate, is mind-warping; obsessive prejudice, of the kind Israel disproportionately attracts, is even more so."

SUSAN PURETZ
Saugerties

Stephen Miller amplifies Musk's dictum

When Elon Musk was busy firing 280,000 federal workers, he said that compassion and empathy are weaknesses. Stephen Miller amplifies Musk's dictum, leading ICE to reject the restraints of a regular police force. They wear masks, have no visible ID's, beat and even murder peaceful protestors. Miller promotes the ruthless pursuit of immigrants, stopping at none of the barriers where compassion and empathy should prevail. Families are fractured; hard-working and productive people are deported in the name of a bizarre cleansing of our population. Miller shows no regard for the economic consequences of leaving farms and factories understaffed. He needs to be removed from office where he has a corrosive influence on our failing president.

HAL CHORNY
Gardiner

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tures with modern HVAC or plumbing risks permanent damage to historic masonry. This new center will relocate administrative and visitor services to a purpose-built facility, finally allowing the stone houses to be preserved as the delicate artifacts they are. The project is the result of rigorous

planning. Located on a previously disturbed 1960s factory site -- the least sensitive area on our ten-acre property -- the design protects indigenous archaeology and follows strict federal preservation standards. Consequently, the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation issued a formal

determination of "No Adverse Impact." We have listened to our passionate neighbors. Working with the planning board and historic preservation commission, we reduced the building footprint by 28 percent, slashed parking by half to protect the "lawn aesthetic" and ensured a net increase in the tree canopy.

We cannot let the "perfect" be the enemy of the "good." Any further delays threaten the very fabric of what we protect. It is time to provide our community with a modern space to learn our complex history before stepping outside to see it preserved in stone. For the sake of this national treasure, it is time to move forward.

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Avril Saavedra, head baker, Village Coffee/Village Grocery & Refillery.

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Local loaves reveal Kingston's growing bread culture

by Rokosz Most

If it's warm and has good butter on it, then there's like literally nothing I'd rather eat," Aaron Quint, owner of Kingston Bread + Bar.

The baguette taste test was attended by a small group of guests in a Midtown home, hosted by a service industry couple, the Hitchcocks: Josie and Leopold. More than foodies, the Hitchcocks are wildcatting gourmards. They actively pursue the possibilities of *le bon goût*, the good taste, whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself.

At home, they've got a smoker. A grill. A pizza oven. A flamethrower.

The Hitchcocks are dressed spectacularly for the occasion — Josie accessorizing with a sunhat and cravat of some light and silky fabric, Leopold besuited in floral print and, to prevent his beard from catching fire, smoking cigarettes with a faux-ivory filter. They allow me to record their participation only in words.

"Let the reader see us in their minds," Josie cackles.

In the antlers of the dining table centerpiece, a deer skull, Leopold arrang-

es three rustic-looking baguettes, each foraged in Kingston, their provenance concealed to all before the tasting begins, identified only by number.

Number One, a baguette from Village Grocery and Refillery — the café, coffee shop and market for locally grown or-

ganic-forward foodstuffs and supplies that shares a parking lot with petite brewery Kingston Standard.

Number Two, a baguette from Rosie General — a delicatessen and general store mere blocks up the hill from the Rondout Creek.

Number Three, in retrospect a baguette so grotesquely out of place — by size, by scorings, by color — that when it finally dawned on the tasting party that the offering from Sparrowbush was not a baguette at all, it should have always been obvious.

This is not Sparrowbush's fault. Purchased from Mother Earth's Storehouse, the bread baked at a wood-fired bakery outside the city of Hudson was a last-minute substitution to replace the baguette from Kingston Bread + Bar.

By noon Sunday at every location at which their naturally leavened baguettes are sold — at their location on Broadway, at their Barbarossa Avenue bakery next to the art gallery Roundabouts Now, even at the Rough Draft Bookstore — the supply had already sold out. A testament to the quality of their fine product.

The baguette-tasters soldier on. The table is spread with olives, artichoke hearts, whipped feta, sun-dried tomato pesto, pesto pesto, capers, cream cheese, brie, pickles, pickled eggs. With all this bounty prepared, we lacked the most essential thing.

"You don't have any butter?" says

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calendar of events

Thursday

5/28

Peter Einhorn Jazz Duo on the Patio at The Colony in Woodstock, 5:30pm.

Trivia Night at West Kill Supply in Kingston, 6:30pm.

Trivia Night at Gunks Gaming Guild in New Paltz, 6:30pm.

Avaline Queer Line Dancing at Avalon Lounge in Catskill, 7pm.

Chekhov's Three Sisters at Bethany Hall at Old Dutch Church in Kingston, 7pm.

Desmond Teague at 1915 Wine Cel-lar in Poughkeepsie, 7pm.

Women in Music w/ KJ Denhert, Michele Gedney & Jen Clapp at The Colony in Woodstock, 7pm.

Otto Kentrol + Warren - Ver Straeten 1/2 Quartet at The Lace Mill in Kingston, 7pm.

Harry Katz & The Pistachios / Lara Hope Band at The Falcon in Marlboro, 7:30pm.

Robber Robber / Empath at Tubby's in Kingston, 8pm.

The Wankers: The Ultimate Britpop/New Wave Experience at Daryl's House in Pawling, 8pm.

Summer Tour Film Screening & Live Dead Performance by Ma-son's Children at Bearsville Theater in Woodstock, 8pm.

Friday

5/29

Field & Supply Spring Market at Hutton Brickyards in Kingston, 10am.

Levanta at Rail Trail Cafe in New Paltz, 5pm.

Chris Jackson at Stonehouse Tavern in Accord, 6:30pm.

Lauren Magarelli & Jonno Hull on the Salon Stage at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 6:30pm.

Chekhov's Three Sisters at Bethany Hall at Old Dutch Church in Kingston, 7pm.

Stephane Wrembel & Olivier Man-chon at Tempo in Kingston, 7pm.



Sat. 5/30 • 7:30pm

Bingo Loco

MJN Center, 41 Civic Center Plaza Rd., Poughkeepsie.

Bingo Loco is billed as “the world’s larg-est bingo party”, and it’s taking over the massive MJN Center this Saturday. The organizers bring a nightlife party vibe to one of America’s favorite gambling pastimes, often otherwise relegated to churches and charities. The action here is far more intense: The prizes are fun and exciting, the crowd-hyping is constant, and the confetti cannons are locked and loaded. It’s all hosted by comedian MCs to the sound of a DJ spinning throwback classics. This row-dy three-hour bingo rave is adults-only.

Michael Screening and Dance Par-ty at Rosendale Theatre, 7pm.

La Casita: A Celebration of Latin Heritage at The Ellis in Newburgh, 7pm.

Zen & Friends at Laugh It Up Come-dy Club in Poughkeepsie, 7pm.

Van Robinson at Di’Vine Wine Bar in Wappingers, 7pm.

Levon Helm & Bob Dylan Birthday Celebration w/ Prof Louie & The Crowmatix at The Colony in Wood-stock, 7pm.

Dylan Doyle Band at The Falcon in Marlboro, 7:30pm.

American Patchwork Quartet at Roxbury Arts Center in Roxbury, 7:30pm.

Ann Wilson: In My Voice Docu-mentary Premiere & Live Q&A at



Sat. 5/30 • 12pm

Hudson Valley Faerie Festival

Forsyth Park, 157 Lucas Ave, Kingston.

A family outdoor festival built around faerie folklore comes to Kingston’s 18-acre wonderland, organized by Circle Creative Collective, a women-led Hud-son Valley nonprofit whose past sea-sonal events include the long-running March O’ the Faeries and Faerie Won-derland Tea Party. Make flower crowns, meet costumed characters including a Fae Queen and a Troll King, listen to live music, and take part in the festival’s sig-nature March of the Faeries procession. Costumes are encouraged but optional. Advance tickets are required.

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts in Bethel, 8pm.

Terry Riley’s In C at Avalon Lounge in Catskill, 8pm.

The Reservoir at Shadowland Stages in Ellenville, 8pm.

Happy End at Hudson Hall in Hud-son, 8pm.

Two Dark Birds / Marc Delgado at Park Theater in Hudson, 8pm.

Peter Head at Green Kill in Kingston, 8pm.

Ben Seretan & John Thayer / The Early / Bent Light at Tubby’s in Kingston, 8pm.

Black Dirt Bandits at Silk Factory in Newburgh, 8pm.

Haus of Monsters: Tribute to Lady Gaga at Daryl’s House in Pawling, 8pm.



Sat. 5/30 • 8pm

Michael Kosta

Assembly, 236 Wall St. 3rd Floor, Kingston.

Known from his appearances on late shows across the broadcast spectrum (including stints hosting *The Daily Show*), Michael Kosta is coming to Kingston for a night of polished, quick and sharply topical stand-up comedy. The jokester is also a tennis master, and creates lots of content around his love of the sport, so don’t be surprised if he serves up jokes on the topic. He’ll be joined by NYC comedian Jill Wein-er and hometown humorist Chewy Altamirano.

Saha Gnawa at The Local in Sau-gerties, 8pm.

A Night of Soul, Disco, Funk & House w/ DJ Majic Juan & DJ Ecology at Bearsville Theater in Woodstock, 8pm.

Feast of Friends: Doors Tribute at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 8:30pm.

DJs Peter Aaron & Sean McDJ at Salt Box Bar in Kingston, 9pm.

Saturday

5/30

Field & Supply Spring Market at Hutton Brickyards in Kingston, 10am.

Library Street Fair at Saugerties Public Library in Saugerties, 10am.

Bokashi Composting 101 Work-shop w/ Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency at Gardiner Library in Gardiner, 10:30am.

Hudson Valley Faerie Festival: An Enchanted Wonderland at Forsyth Park in Kingston, 12pm.

Marc Douglas Berardo at Daryl’s House in Pawling, 12pm.

Safe Conversations Workshop w/ Julie Parisi at Matagiri Sri Au-robindo Center in Mt Tremper, 1pm.

Reception: 12th Annual Historic Preservation Commission Art Show at Elting Memorial Library in New Paltz, 1pm.

virtually surREAL at Jane St. Art in Saugerties, 1pm.

Ethan Levy at Angry Orchard in Walden, 2pm.

Ballet Arts Studio Present Ele-ments in Motion at Bardavon Theat-er in Poughkeepsie, 2pm, 6:30pm.

Chekhov’s Three Sisters at Bethany Hall at Old Dutch Church in Kingston, 2pm, 7pm.

The Reservoir at Shadowland Stages in Ellenville, 2pm, 8pm.

calendar of events

Hosting an event? Get listed in our calendar and stand out with HV1 Enhanced Events.

That Bryan Adams Tribute at Daryl's House in Pawling, 8pm.

Friday

10/4

★ 2024 Ashokan Blade Seminar. Look sharp! New England Bladesmith's Guild is hosting a seminar in conjunction with the Northeast Blacksmiths' Association Hammer-In. The primal clanging of metal will echo in and around the smithy at the Ashokan Center in Olivebridge, all weekend.

Silo Ridge Masters at Silo Ridge Field Club in Amenia, 11am.

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[Tickets & info]

Silo Ridge Masters at Silo Ridge Field Club in Amenia, 11am.

Artist Talk with SUNY New Paltz Sculpture Faculty at Dorsky Museum of Art in

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Sat. 5/30 • 10am-3pm

Annual Library Street Fair

Saugerties Public Library, 91 Washington Ave.
This beloved Saugerties tradition draws locals out of the woodwork for a day of community and revelry. The family-friendly event features live music, a book sale, food and drink, a petting zoo, carnival games, prizes, community tables, face painting and more. Whether you're new to the community or have lots of old friends to see, it's one of the town's biggest days to get together, and a great way to support the helpful resources the library provides.

Bourbon Sprawl at West Kill Supply in Kingston, 3pm.
Pride in the Sky at Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie, 3pm.
Bob Stump Band at West Kill Brewing in West Kill, 3pm.
The Sugar Beats at Gardiner Brewing Company in Gardiner, 3:30pm.
Steven Michael Pague at Rail Trail Cafe in New Paltz, 5pm.
Opening Reception: A Moment in Time, Inflection Points at Tivoli Artists Gallery in Tivoli, 5pm.
Live Wire Panic at Stonehouse Tavern in Accord, 6:30pm.
Planet KPOP: The Ultimate K-Pop Tribute at Palace Theater in Albany, 7pm.
Hardy w/ Tucker Wetmore & McCoy Moore at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts in Bethel, 7pm.
Keyboard Music From the Ages for the Ages: Timeless Music for Harpsichord & Piano at Doctorow Center for the Arts in Hunter, 7pm.



Sat. 5/30 • 8pm

Ryan Bingham and the Texas Gentlemen

UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston.
Cinematic, road-worn storytelling meets roots rock in Ryan Bingham's *Oscar*-winning songwriting. His new album with the Dallas-based Texas Gentlemen was tracked mostly live with minimal overdubs, and moves between slow-dance ballads and rowdy burners. The set will pull from seven albums of character-driven songs with an underpinning loose, gritty energy, spanning folk, blues, country, and rock.

Hudson Valley Improv: National Touring Company Show at Arts Society of Kingston in Kingston, 7pm.
Square Dance at the Old Time Rollick at Ashokan Center in Olivebridge, 7pm.
Ethan Levy at Di'Vine Wine Bar in Wappingers, 7pm.
Junior Toots w/ Song of Solomon & DJ Sarah The Selector at The Colony in Woodstock, 7pm.
Light Up the Night: A Fundraiser Concert for Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School w/ Gail Ann Dors-ey, Aaron Dessner and Friends & More at Basilica in Hudson, 7:30pm.
Tom Freund at The Falcon in Marlboro, 7:30pm.
Mark Danato at Green Kill in Kingston, 8pm.
Michael Kosta / Jill Weiner / Chewy Altamirano at Assembly in Kingston, 8pm.
Ryan Bingham & The Texas Gentlemen at Ulster Performing Arts

Center in Kingston, 8pm.
Flamenkora: A Night of Ancestral Crossings & New-World Fire at Tempo in Kingston, 8pm.
Back in Black: The AC/DC Experience at Daryl's House in Pawling, 8pm.
Erik Rabasca at 1915 Wine Cellar in Poughkeepsie, 8pm.
Sean Schulich w/ Chogyi & Friends at Bearsville Theater in Woodstock, 8pm.
Muscle Shoals: Allman Brothers Tribute at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 8:30pm.
Full Moon Frequency at Avalon Lounge in Catskill, 9pm.

Sunday

5/31

Guided Birding at Mountain Top Historical Society in Haines Falls, 8am.
Field & Supply Spring Market at Hutton Brickyards in Kingston, 10am.
Succulent Felting Workshop at Hurley Library in Hurley, 10:30am.
Johnny Hoppe Trio on the Salon Stage at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 11:30am.
The Kenn Morr Duo at Daryl's House in Pawling, 12pm.
Peter Peter at Rail Trail Cafe in New Paltz, 1pm.

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Spring Explorations Mushroom Ecology Hike w/ Luke Sarrantonio at Ashokan Center in Olivebridge, 1pm, 3pm.
Sky-High Spring Fling to Benefit Woodstock Artists Association & Museum at Onteora Mountain House in Boiceville, 2pm.
The Reservoir at Shadowland Stages in Ellenville, 2pm.
Soulsense Band at Angry Orchard in Walden, 2pm.
Evan Watson at West Kill Brewing in West Kill, 3pm.
The Classics at Gardiner Brewing Company in Gardiner, 3:30pm.
Poesis Quartet at Olin Hall at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, 4pm.

Six Episodes in Search of a Patriarch at Old Gym Theater at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, 4pm.
Paolo Angeli at The Local in Saugerties, 5pm.
Peg 'n Awl on the Patio at The Colony in Woodstock, 5:30pm.
Corey B. at Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center in Chester, 6pm.

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by Zac Shaw

Starting off with a big one: The Rhinebeck Crafts Festival is back at the **Dutchess County Fairgrounds** on June 6-7. Over 165 makers will have one-of-a-kind wares available for purchase, and there will be plenty of food and drink, including free tastings. Theatregoers have a number of options this month: **Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck** will run the sharp, bubbly comedy *Legally Blonde* from June 5 through June 28. **Rosendale Theatre** hosts Fun Home The Musical between June 5-13 (with additional



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performances at **Phoenicia Playhouse** from June 19-28. It's based on a heart-on-your-sleeve graphic novel that examines the life of the author's father following his death. Or opt for a classic: *West Side Story* plays at **Woodstock Playhouse**, June 12-28; *Around the World in 80 Days* hits **Shadowland Stages** June 19-28.

The smoking saxophone pictured on the **Lydia's Cafe** website says everything you need to know about a typical show at the Stone Ridge venue – prepare for hot jazz and musical talent that burns bright. This month's pick? Critically acclaimed harmonica virtuoso Yvonnick Prene plays with his Gypsy Jazz Trio on June 6.

Also on June 6, Party Dozen will come to **Tubby's** in Kingston all the way from Australia. The small venue is known internationally as a destination not to be missed on tour, and we are the beneficiaries of the stellar reputation the club has built. Party Dozen's style leans towards noise-rock and punk-jazz, blending sax, electronics and drums into swirling chaos that occasionally comes to order.

The Uptown Cigar Club & Lounge is throwing a big bash on June 6 at the **Elks Lodge** outdoor pavilion in Sau-



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Eugene Tyler Band/ Lily of the Valley Sun., June 21

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perhaps you should slide into the summer with a “sacred pause to rest and reflect.” That’s what’s on offer at **Tempo** in Kingston on June 7, as Vinny Colandrea, Ben Brown and Theresa Lyn Widmann unite to offer “Sound Sanctuary”, an opportunity for sonic meditation in an acoustic marvel of a venue. Along a similar vein, there will be a “prayer-performance” by ritualistic vocalist Ya Mei at **Matagiri Sri Aurobindo Center** in Mount Tremper on the same day. It’s another opportunity to lay down a mat

and transcend time and space through the unifying vibrations of sound. Help the Ulster County SPCA raise money at the Kingston Rotary Mutt Strutt taking place at **T.R. Gallo Park** in Kingston on June 7. This decidedly dog-friendly event brings canine lovers of all kinds to a celebration with entertainment and vendors on the waterfront.

If nothing in this article has yet inspired you to leave the house, perhaps you’re looking for something that’s really out of this world. At **Kingston Library** on June 9, Bard’s Assistant Professor of Physics Clara Sousa-Silva will give a talk titled “How to Maybe Find Aliens”. She’ll take attendees on a search for extraterrestrial life that so far has shown many encouraging signs but no definitive proof made public.

Venerable venue **UPAC** opens its doors for a free 100th anniversary event on June 9. Join staff for an open house theater tour with interpretive stations, a short celebratory presentation, a cash bar and light refreshments.

Rough Cut Brewing Company in Kerhonkson celebrates its 11th anniversary with a party on June 11. Expect live music, hearty pub fare, and taps that runneth over.

June 11-14 sees the return of the St. Augustine’s Bazaar in Highland. This free four-day tradition features live performances, local food trucks, family-friendly games and raffles at the **St. Augustine Church** and thrift shop. On June 12 at **The Lemon Squeeze**



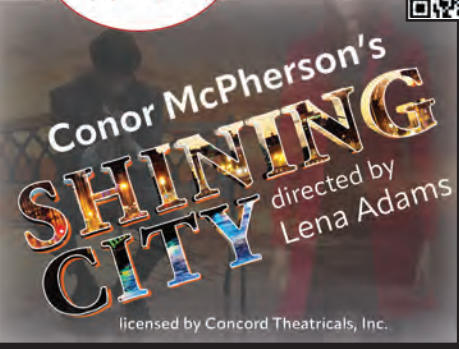
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reggae mecca. A number of rocksteady shows are on the horizon, including a June 13 performance at **The Local** featuring Larry McDonald of the legendary Skatalites. He'll perform with the NYC Ska Orchestra while celebrating

his 89th birthday. Another octogenarian musical legend, Swamp Dogg (aka Jerry Williams Jr.), will take the stage at **Bearsville Theater** on June 18 with soulful country compositions. Ever sock-hopped on a ship? Peo-

ple's Place is hosting a 50s rock-themed fundraiser cruise departing from the **Kingston Rondout Waterfront** on June 17 featuring food, cocktails, music and dancing. Everyone should sail the Hudson at least once and this a great

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SECOND: The articles of organization of the company were filed with the Secretary of State on April 15, 2026.
THIRD: The county within New York in which the office of the company is to be located is Ulster County.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: P.O. Box 68 Malden, New York 12453
FIFTH: The purpose of the company is real estate investments and development, and to engage in any other lawful activity or acts for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law.
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ROSINA NAIL STUDIO LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/31/2026. Office location: Ulster. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, P.O. Box 422 Phoenicia, New York 12464. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Three Stones Holdings LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 03/19/2026. Office location: Greene Co., NY.; SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Graff Law LLC, PO Box 4148, Kingston, NY 12401. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE
Publication Notice of Organization of Limited Liability Company
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is Watershed Properties LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "company").
SECOND: The articles of organization of the company were filed with the Secretary of State on April 13, 2026.
THIRD: The county within New York in which the office of the company is to be located is Ulster County.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 338 Mettacahtons Road Accord, New York 12404
FIFTH: The purpose of the company is real estate investments and development, and to engage in any other lawful activity or acts for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law.
DATED: April 30, 2026
John J. Greco, Esq.
Attorney for RFG Properties LLC
Office & P.O. Address
Governor Clinton Building
One Albany Avenue
Kingston, New York 12401
Tel.(845)331-6073

jlgreco@hvc.rr.com

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of BE KIND TO YOUR MIND LCSW, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 4/27/26. Office location: Ulster Co. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC, c/o Hanna Brinnier Perrault, 199 Main St, PO Box 10, New Paltz, NY 12561. Purpose: practice the profession of licensed clinical social work.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Cafe Blur LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/19/2026. Office location: Ulster. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 260 Kings Mall Ct Unit 114, Kingston, NY 12401. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CARDAN SERVICES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/24/2026. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 64 Hampton Road, Marlboro, NY 12542. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Catskills Cabin Holdings, LLC, Art. of Org. filed w/Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/28/26. Office location: Ulster Co., NY.; SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process c/o the Company, PO Box 871, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Changes Stonework LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 6, 2026. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 2686

Glasco Tpke. Woodstock, NY 12498. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC): DDNT HOLDINGS LLC

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/22/2022

Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: David T. Fletcher c/o DDNT HOLDINGS LLC, 422 Upper Byrdcliffe, Woodstock, NY, 12498. Purpose: Any lawful acts or activities

Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

LEGAL NOTICE

HUDSON RIDGE CUSTOM HOMES NY, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/6/26. Office in Ulster Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1984 New Hackensack Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 11 Apple Ln., Highland, NY 12528.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Passage Kingston LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/15/2026. Office location: Ulster. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 16 Parker Ln Shokan NY 12481. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Autumn Blaze Custom Carpentry LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/4/26. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 80 Long Lane, Walkill, NY 12589. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

ASHOKAN WOODS RESERVE LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 3/26/2026. Off. Loc.: Ulster Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to, Alana Denter, 140 Old Route 28, Glenford, NY 12433, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ULSTER

MICHAEL C. BECK, JR., Plaintiff, **Index No.: EF2026-143**

against- ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

WARREN E. NELSON, and JOHN and JANE DOE 1-10, said names being fictitious and intended to represent the heirs, distributees, devisees, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, and all other persons or entities having or claiming an interest in the premises described in the Complaint, Defendants.

Upon the Affirmation of Robert F. Rich, Jr., Esq., dated February 18, 2026, and the exhibits annexed thereto, and upon all prior proceedings had herein,

LET the Defendants, and each of them, show cause before this Court at the Ulster County Courthouse, 285 Wall Street, Kingston, New York, on the 22nd day of June at June, 2026 at 9:30am, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, why an Order should not be made and entered:

Pursuant to RPAPL §1501(4), declaring that the mortgage dated May 13, 1980, in the original principal amount of \$45,000.00 from Frank D. Aucompaugh and Susan V. Aucompaugh to Warren E. Nelson, recorded June 2, 1980 in Liber 1166 at Page 817, and assumed by Michael Beck by agreement dated August 31, 1984, recorded September 4, 1984 in Liber 1511 at Page 360, is unenforceable and of no further force and effect;

Directing the Ulster County Clerk to cancel and discharge said mortgage of record;

Quieting title to the premises known as 11-15 Hillside Avenue, Highland, New York 12528 (Tax Map No. 513889-75-3-49), in favor of Plaintiff;

Granting such other and further relief as this Court deems

just and proper.

SERVICE PROVISIONS

ORDERED, that service of a copy of this Order to Show Cause, together with the Summons and Complaint and supporting papers, shall be made as follows:

By publishing this Order to Show Cause once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in a newspaper designated by the Court as most likely to give notice to the Defendants; and it is further

That such publication shall be completed at least twenty (20) days prior to the return date herein; and it is further

That on or before the first date of publication, Plaintiff shall mail a copy of this Order to Show Cause, together with the Summons and Complaint and supporting papers, by certified mail and regular first-class mail, to Warren E. Nelson at his last known address, by May 24, 2026 Plaintiff shall personally serve any known heirs of Warren E. Nelson and any other person or entity known to Plaintiff who may claim an interest under the subject mortgage; and it is further

That if, after diligent inquiry, no last known address can be ascertained, Plaintiff shall so state in an Affidavit of Due Diligence filed with the Court, and publication alone shall constitute sufficient service; and it is further

That service pursuant to this Order shall be deemed good and sufficient service upon Warren E. Nelson, if living, and if deceased, upon his heirs-at-law, distributees, devisees, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, and all persons claiming by, through or under him; and it is further

That answering papers, if any, shall be served at least seven (7) days prior to the return date of this Order.

ENTER:

Dated: April 29, 2026
Sharon Graff
J.S.C.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES ARE NOT REQUIRED ON THE RETURN DATE.

ON SUBMISSION ONLY

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Hausfrau Media LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 4-18-26. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 260 Kings Mall Ct #129, Kingston NY 12401. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of J. Pink Flower LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 5/7/26. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Beacon Law PLLC, 42 Crown St, Unit C-1, Kingston, NY 12401. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SONA Digital. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/01/2026. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 27 Canimi Way Kingston NY 12401. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Request For Written Sealed Bids

The Town of Saugerties, Department of Parks and Buildings is seeking Written Sealed Bids as per Specifications for Emergency Backup Power for the Ice Arena Chiller Generator located at the Kiwanis Ice Arena, 6 Small World Avenue, in the Cantine Veterans Sports Complex, Saugerties, NY 12477, as follows:

Supply and install one (1) new Rehiko/Kohler 500REOZ-JC 3-Phase, 277/480 Voltage Deisel generator system, or approved equal, at the pre-established concrete pad site. Concrete pad has been supplied with three (3) 4" PVC conduits and one (1) 1" PVC conduit stubbed in the pad.

Supply and install one (1) new Rehiko/Kohler KCS-AMVC-1200S Transfer Switch, or approved equal. To include Distributor Start-Up.

Contact to be made with Central Hudson Gas and Electric

Company (CHG&E) to disconnect power from the existing metering service to allow for the generator equipment installation.

Remove existing 400-amp exterior service disconnect and CT meter.

Supply and install new recommended copper feeders from the transformer to the new 1200amp service rated transfer switch.

Supply and install new recommended copper feeders from the load side of the transfer switch to the location of the 3R Distribution panel.

Supply and install recommended copper feeders from the main breaker location in the generator and terminate them in the service rated transfer switch on the proper lugs for emergency backup.

Supply and install new recommended size control wiring from the generator to the transfer switch.

Note: All power and control wiring from the generator equipment to be included as per CHG&E and Town of Saugerties Building Department requirements.

The area around the existing service to be extended to accommodate the new equipment.

A third-party electrical inspection for wiring of the generator equipment to be included as per CHG&E and Town of Saugerties Building Department requirements.

Manufacturer's standard warranty terms and conditions apply which must be submitted with the Sealed Bid.

Bid Specifications Drawings may be obtained by emailing parksinfo@saugertiesny.gov or in person at the Parks and Buildings Office located at 33 Pavilion St., in the Cantine Veterans Sports Complex. Bids may also be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office located 4 High St., Saugerties, NY 12477.

A site visit is strongly recommended. To make arrangements, please contact Rob Kleemann, Ice Arena Director at rkleemann@saugertiesny.gov or 845-247-2590 x 301.

All Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and on the outside face of the envelope, please note "Sealed Bid – Ice Arena Chiller Generator. Bids may be postal mailed to Town of Saugerties, Parks and Buildings Department, 4 High St., Saugerties, NY 12477 or hand delivered to the Town Clerk's Office, at the same address.

Bids shall be accepted up until 10:00am on June 11, 2026, at which time they shall be opened and read aloud.

The Town of Saugerties is not obligated to award to the lowest Bidder, rather the lowest responsible Bidder meeting all specifications.

The Town of Saugerties reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, along with exercising the option to re-bid.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Casa Asterra LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 5/13/26. Office location: Ulster Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY shall mail process to: 78 Woodland Ridge Road, Kerhonkson, NY 12446. Purpose: any lawful activities.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an On Premises liquor license, serial number **NA-0340-26-203312** has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Beer, Wine and Liquor at a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at **284 PLAZA ROAD, KINGSTON NY 12401** for On Premises Consumption.

LATIN FUSION LLC

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Manos de la Mariposa LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 02 2025. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 434 Bostock road Shokan NY 12481. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Please take notice that the Village of New Paltz Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on the following applications:

Project Name: PB26-09
Applicant: Masad Ilyas
For: Site Plan and Special Use – Change of business use
Retail Sales - Cannabis

Location: 1-3 Plattekill Ave S.B.L: 86.34-11-7

Date and Time of Public Hearing: June 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Location of Public Hearing: Village Hall, 25 Plattekill Avenue, New Paltz

View the Public Hearing via YouTube - Village of New Paltz.

Public comments can be made in person during the hearing, and/or mailed or e-mailed to planningzoning@villageofnewpaltz.org by 4 PM on June 2, 2026.

Information regarding this application may be found on the Village website here: https://villageofnewpaltzny.municollab.com/planning-board/projects. In addition to attending in person, the public may view or listen to the hearing via YouTube and a recording of the meeting will subsequently be made available on the Village's YouTube channel.

LEGAL NOTICE

Village of New Paltz 2026 NYSHCR CFA - Consent Order Compliance Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Engineering Services - Request for Qualifications

The Village of New Paltz is requesting Qualification Statements for post approval Engineering Services for an Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant project that the Village will request via a Consolidated Funding Application that the Village anticipates to submit in July 2026. If approved, this project would likely proceed with CFA 2026 announcements in November-December 2026. Responses to this request will be accepted until 10:00 A.M., June 22, 2026 at the Office of the Village Clerk, New Paltz Village Hall, 25 Plattekill Avenue, New Paltz, NY 12561. Please mark on the outside of the envelope, "Response to Village of New Paltz 2026 NYSHCR CFA - Consent Order Compliance Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation". Respondents are required submit one (1) original and six (6) copies of their proposal.

The Village of New Paltz must comply with a 2003 Consent Order, re-issued in 2014, imposed in response to raw sewage overflows caused by excessive inflow and infiltration (I&I). Hydraulic overloading has caused raw sewage to erupt from manholes onto the streets and into Walkkill River. The Village of New Paltz is applying in July 2026 for NYS CDBG funding in an amount of approximately \$1,500,000 as part of a \$2,483,500 total budget to (1) replace 900 LF of sanitary sewers and manholes along the access road to the Village wastewater treatment facility (WWTF), (2) replace 200 LF of sanitary sewers to the existing grit removal unit at the WWTF, (3) replace entrance channel with integral screening equipment and related piping at WWTF, (4) rehabilitation/replacement of 1,150 LF of sanitary sewers and manholes on Huguenot Street from Mulberry Street to its northern terminus and (5) rehabilitation/replacement of 400 LF of sanitary sewers and manholes on Henry Court. If the Village's grant request is approved the Village will enter into a design/inspection contract with the selected firm in January 2027. Design, bidding and award is to occur by the end of June 2027. All construction must be completed by December 31, 2028.

The Village is seeking an engineering services consultant to provide post approval services that may include surveying, project design, preparation of easement descriptions, permitting, construction inspection and contract administration. Qualification statements will be evaluated based upon the following criteria and point values:

- successful provision of engineering services to previous similar projects in the last five years that demonstrate relevant experience 40 points
- capacity to provide key personnel and proposed staffing plan 20 points
- ability to conform to the December 31, 2028 deadline for completion 20 points
- respondent's understanding of the scope including detailed work plan to complete design services 20 points
- Total 100 points

Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs), Women Business Enterprises (WBEs) and Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to respond.

Nicole MacLean, Deputy Village Clerk
Village of New Paltz

LEGAL NOTICE

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY LOCATED IN A 100-YEAR FLOOD-PLAIN

VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ, NEW YORK

To: All interested Agencies, NYS Office of Community Renewal, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Village of New Paltz has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for an Office of Community Renewal project to be submitted as its 2026 Consolidated Funding (CFA) Application for Community

Development Block Grant Public Infrastructure funding in July 2026.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Slah Amami LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/09/2026. Office location: Ulster. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 270 Vineyard Avenue Highland, NY, 12528. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN & VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

New Paltz Consolidation PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz and the Village Board of the Village of New Paltz will hold a special meeting on June 1, 2026, at Village Hall, 25 Plattekill Ave, New Paltz, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of voting on the proposed Joint Consolidation Agreement.

The agreement is available for viewing on both the Town website www.townofnewpaltzny.gov and Village website www.villageofnewpaltz.gov and at www.newpaltzconsolidation.com.

The Town and Village will make every effort to ensure that the meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodation should contact the Village Clerk's Office

Dated: May 19, 2026
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN AND VILLAGE BOARDS OF NEW PALTZ
ROSANNA ROSENKRANSE,
TOWN CLERK

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

TOWN BOARD TOWN OF NEW PALTZ NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a Special Election of the qualified electors within the area described below, Town of New Paltz, County of Ulster, New York, will be held in the Town on the 9th day of June, 2026 at which election the polls will be kept open between the hours of 12 p.m. and 6 p.m., to vote by ballot upon the following proposition:

Proposition No. 1

Shall the territory generally described below be annexed into the Village of New Paltz:

Tax Map Parcel Description: An approximately 5.40-acre parcel located at 21 Cross Creek, more particularly identified as New Paltz Tax Map No. 86.4-2-4.340 and an approximately 55-acre portion of an approximately 123.90-acre parcel located on Route 32 South, more particularly identified as New Paltz Tax Map No, 86.4-2-3.119.

The polling place for such election will be: the New Paltz Community Center, 3 Veterans Drive, New Paltz.

Only those electors residing within the territory proposed to be annexed, or residing outside of the territory proposed to be annexed but residing on a parcel of land a portion of which is within such territory, and registered with the Ulster County Board of Elections to vote for officers of the Town of New Paltz as of May 30, 2026, will be qualified to vote at the special election.

By Order of the Town Board.
Dated: May 20, 2026

ROSANNA ROSENKRANSE TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF NEW PALTZ

LEGAL NOTICE

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY LOCATED IN A 100-YEAR FLOOD-PLAIN

VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ, NEW YORK

To: All interested Agencies, NYS Office of Community Renewal, Groups and Individuals

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The effected flood zone is termed Zone A by National Flood Insurance Rate Map Panel 36111C0613E. This FEMA flood map shows that portions of Huguenot Street and the access road to the Village WWTF and the Village WWTF to be in the 100 year floodplain.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Village of New Paltz at the following address on or before June 12, 2026: Village of New Paltz, Village Hall, 25 Plattekill Avenue, New Paltz, NY 12561 845-255-0130 Attention: Alexandria Wojcik, Mayor, awojcik@villageofnewpaltz.gov during normal business hours. Comments may also be submitted via email at awojcik@villageofnewpaltz.gov.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 7 pm at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center, on the corner of Market St. and Robinson St., Saugerties NY on the following Appeal:

- Application No.: 26-004
- Applicant Info: Amanda Zaslow-Moseley & Joseph Moseley

264 Van Vlierden Road
Saugerties, NY 12477
SBL #: 8.3-4-6

Purpose: The property is zoned LDR (Low Density Residential) with GO (Sensitive Area Overlay). The applicant is seeking a 10' rear yard setback area variance to construct an addition to an existing single family residence 40' from the rear lot line and meet the 50' rear yard setback requirement within the LDR zoning district.

SEORA determined TYPE II 617.5(c)17.

The above application file is open to inspection during regular business hours, by appointment only, at the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals located at 4 High Street 845-246-2800 Ext 358.

Persons wishing to appear and be heard at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other authorized representative.

Communications in writing in relation to one of the above appeals may be filed with the Board of Appeals at 4 High St. or at a meeting.

William Schirmer
Chairperson



CLASSIFIEDS

100 Help Wanted

Need Experienced AV Crew for all-day non-profit event in Hudson this September. Scope: mics, sound, projection, two camera livestream, recording, and hi-res files. Send experience, gear list, references, and rates to jenny@realorganicproject.org by 06/15.

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240 Events

Blessing of the Animals at the Third Lutheran Church, 31 Livingston Street, Rhinebeck, **Saturday, May 30th**, 12 p.m. Rain Date, Sunday, May 31, 1 p.m. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**
THE PUFFER GANG SEWING CLUB in Highland, N.Y. 845-691-6675.

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Baguette

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Robert Greenwood, guest.

"I can't believe it, but no, we don't," Josie confirms. "We could pop around to the Cedar Street Market, just around the corner, but honestly, Stewart's would have the better butter."

"Get that gas station butter," says Leopold.

"*Quelle tragique!*" offers Celia Black from the kitchen, glass of rosé in hand, guest.

"At least it's from New York," Josie defends her suggestion. "And we have the good salt, so we can make bad butter taste like good butter."

Baguette behind me, Satan. Baguette about it. It's baguetting to look a lot like Christmas. Baguette out of my dreams and into my car. Baguette off my lawn.

How to eat a baguette? Fresh out of the oven like a freshly molted lobster, crust hardening as it cools. Then rip it apart. What a joy. All stretchy

and chewy inside. The holes are there. Warm and fresh and yeasty steam.

My lingering baguette obsession, my condition, began with a chance recommendation from a sailboat captain in New York Harbor. Having once eaten a buttered baguette with garlic and sardines at Lucienne's, a classy yet slummy see-and-be-seen bar and restaurant on the edge of the East Village, the captain swore by them. Easily reproducible is the good captain's meal, and, in the best French tradition, egalitarian. But about my own sense of food justice, I digress. And frequently.

But no frills, what do the bakers say is the best way to eat a baguette? Over at the Ponckhockie watering hole, Sorry Charlie, I met up with Rosie General's head baker, Casey Smart. She says, "Very often I'll have leftover baguette dough and I'll make myself a little mini baguette, and I'll just eat that with some butter in the morning. That and a little prosciutto."

The baguette Smart bakes, the baguette preferred by Rosie's paterfamilias, Anthony Sasso, contains no wheat flour. It's a hybrid of sourdough and

commercial yeast.

"You could do a straight sourdough baguette, which I know a lot of people do," Smart says, "but there's something that just doesn't taste right. And the reason for that is you need that fresh yeast flavor in order for it to taste like a baguette."

Smart, who pronounces Delhi as Del Hi and Cairo as Care Row, lived in Paris for a spell.

"So I know a thing or two about baguettes," she says. But not only about the flavor. About the weight and the size. The Parisienne baguette, typically, is slender and long, more appropriate for stuffing with a hot dog than for serving a sandwich on.

"Which is also a thing in France," Smart says. "A baguette hot dog. You hollow out the center and then you throw a hot dog down the middle and it's a great time. Got a little mustard on the inside."

No ketchup required. Smart doesn't eat it. "That's a devil's condiment," she asserts. "It tastes like how garbage smells."

Smart's arm reads like a menu of food

pictures, some of the things she's been paid to make in her life, prices undisclosed. A wedge of cheese. A croissant. A loaf of death's-head-shaped bread. And with cursive curlicues for laming cuts, a baguette.

"I've always got at least eight baguettes out on the counter by 9 a.m.," Smart says. "And then I keep baking row after row, probably until about 11, depending on my bread load for the day. We have this sweet spot because we also use our bread for the restaurant. We toast them for sandwiches also, so I have to play psychic every single day and think about how many we are going to go through. I bake off probably 25 to 30 a day. Not bad for a small bakery."

For Avril Saavedra, head baker of Village Coffee and Village Grocery and Refillery, who invited me over to the kitchen to see the baguettes made, her ideal way to eat a baguette is with raspberry jam and butter.

"Like a pile of butter," she says, "and some salt."

Saavedra, who says she bakes 40 to 60 baguettes a day, bakes them 20

inches long because over at the Village Grocery they prefer to build their sandwiches half that length.

She acknowledges she's gone astray from the French standard, the dimensions of which are 25 to 26 inches long, 1.5 to 2.5 inches wide and 250 grams, but she offhandedly slaps the French tradition of cooking as elitist. As well she might. Not the typical trajectory for a baker, Saavedra is a Harvard graduate. But she always knew she wanted to be a baker.

"University was a lot of me midnight baking for my friends," Saavedra says. "Growing up, it was always the way I could make people happy."

For the Village baguettes, Saavedra says they bake a softer crust so people don't have such a hard time biting down that it hurts their teeth. "And we do that," she says, "by having a slightly higher gluten ratio."

A folded-up amino acid, Saavedra informs me, gluten is a protein.

"And when you cook something and you mix it, it unfolds the amino acids. It makes a long string. And then a gluten network, which is what you see when you cut open a baguette and you see all those holes, a network of all those proteins unfolded and layered together and crisscrossed so that they basically just make a web."

Gluten. The enemy of celiac disease sufferers. Triggered by the presence of gluten, their own immune system attacks the lining of their own small intestines, resulting in various digestive issues.

"People who have gluten intolerance issues, often if they eat sourdough, pure sourdough, because of the yeast culture in there, they will not feel an impact," Saavedra says. "I don't know exactly how that works."

Along with the rise of genetically modified wheat has come the increased usage of the chemical glyphosate. Typically sprayed over the wheat as a desiccant just before harvest to keep the crop dry, both wheat and chemical are harvested together. Over time, the ingestion of glyphosate is alleged to result in digestive symptoms that mimic celiac disease, caused by the impairment of the healthy functioning of gut bacteria, inhibition of necessary enzyme production, etc. For some, as with eating sourdough, switching to organic wheat solves the issue.

Currently baking with King Arthur brand unbleached white flour, Village hopes to switch over to the flour milled



A few of Casey Smart's tattoos.

locally here by Hudson Valley Farm Hub-based Milestone Mill in the next couple of weeks. Milestone Mill's flour is organic, meaning the crop is grown and harvested with no chemicals sprayed on top.

Rosie's uses a blend of King Arthur and Central Milling, a lower-protein organic flour, while Kingston Bread + Bar already purchases most of its flour from Milestone Mill, which has been milling most of its grain off-premises. Business owner Aaron Quint, reached by phone, says that going forward he intends to use only Milestone Mill's organic flour for its baking applications.

"They've built a beautiful state-of-the-art mill on-premises now," Quint says, "so they can start milling their own grain and we can get flour directly from them."

The whole wheat starter for the Kingston Bread is sourdough, while the primary flour for the baguettes is a white AP flour.

"A sourdough starter," Quint explains, "is like a collection of yeast and microbes that you basically cultivate and feed so as to use as leavening. What happens is we'll feed it every morning to have it grow and create a bunch to use for the afternoon and then we'll feed it again in the afternoon. That's happened twice a day, every day, for the past seven years."

Bakers cultivate their yeast in a similar fashion as kombucha fanciers feeding sugar to their mother SCOBYs or garden ants feeding leaf clippings to their fungus gardens. The symbiotic relationships across the food chain persist across the centuries.

Though his starter is living, Quint says he has not named it.

"When people say, 'I've had the same one for a hundred years,' well, yeah, kind of, except most of the yeast and most of the bacteria don't come from that original starter. They come from the flour and water that you add every day. So personally, it seems kind of silly

to me."

Quint is aware of the French standards that make a baguette a baguette.

"There are literal laws in France about what you can call a baguette and what is not a baguette and we're not sticklers to that rule, but we're close. We try to make them all relatively narrow. We use a little bit of malt just for color, but there's no sugar. It's just flour, water, salt and yeast."

Back at the Hitchcocks' baguette tasting, the Stewart's gas station butter has arrived and been salted. The bread has been weighed: 303 grams for Rosie's, 288 for Village and 426 for Sparrowbush.

The gathered group gets to taking slices of each baguette and deliberates as seriously as any paid food critics. There are the serious sounds of eating. Little exclamations. Satisfied grunts. Joyful moans.

"For that big boy," Leopold says, pointing out the Sparrowbush loaf, "that would make a really good PB&J."

"It's giving me sad grocery store vibes," Celia says.

"Well," Leopold counters. "It's soft and it doesn't have any of the structure that an artisanal bread should have. But it's perfect for like when you're a kid and you don't want to eat crust."

Leopold comes to a decision. "I've been thinking that maybe number 2 was never trying to be a baguette. That's why it's only got the one lame cut down the middle. Do you remember what they called it on the wrapper?"

The name on the receipt: Companion standard.

"Ah," says Leopold. "*Pain de campagne*. Not a baguette."

"I can't decide between one and three," says Josie, selecting between the Rosie's and Village Grocery baguettes. "Trying three again."

"Three is much airier," says Leopold. "It's got the bigger holes. Larger crumb structure."

"I'm gonna go feta, pesto, olives and artichoke," Josie says. "The Mediterranean dream."

"If I was serving something really delicate," says Celia, "like caviar in the old country, I would not go with even a hint of sourdough. But whether it's that you want to do like a *crème fraîche* and caviar on it, or like, you know, the lightest of smoked fish or something, it's just the perfect background player. The other two are kind of trying to play a guitar solo, while this is like a steady drum beat."



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"I'm not partial to sourdough at all," Josie says. "I mean, I'll eat it, but it's not my favorite, but these taste good."

"Actually, you do like sourdough," Leopold corrects his spouse. "It's just like when people want to make like a San Francisco sourdough, where they just go too heavy. It becomes more of a flavor than a technique."

"Number three," Celia says, "you can actually make a whole sandwich."

Rosie's has the crunchiest crust. Is the most ample for sandwich-making. Placed on the deer antlers and consumed by the Hitchcocks on a separate occasion, Kingston Bread + Bar proved to be the most sourdough-forward of the baguettes, while Village Grocery, with the lightest touch, was the most versatile — as sandwich, as crostini for canapé, paired raw with toppings.

In the end, Celia chooses the Rosie's baguette. While the Hitchcocks choose Village Grocery. Out of an abundance of pity for all creatures out of place at any time, Robert chooses Sparrowbush. As a reporter, I observe neutrality.

"Who would have thought," murmurs Robert, "that this tiny city would attain such cosmopolitanism? So many sources for baguettes. But then again, you've got cideries and microbreweries and farms. Maybe this is what happens in the farmlands?"

Outside the city, the sophisticate "discovers" the possibilities.

"If you don't mind driving the 28, Cheese Louise makes a good baguette," Robert adds.

Someone points out that Hannaford's bakes a baguette. Robert's outrage is swift.

"I'll pretend I didn't hear that," he shudders. As a strict purist of the 1993 French bread law, it's the proliferation of ingredients he protests in the grocery store offerings.

If one wants to give it a try on their own, a 5-pound bag of glyphosate-free organic flour, yielding approximately 10 baguettes, can be had for \$11. A 16-ounce bag of fancy pink salt, enough for approximately 48 baguettes, can be had for \$5. Three packets of yeast cost about \$2. And the water pours out of the tap. The result will be a matter of patience and practice. The internet — cough — is here to help.

But then one can also just defer to the talent and experience of Kingston's local bakers.

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