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Cop conflict escalates



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Jerome Milton and Channon James.



LAUREN THOMAS

(L-R): Former New Paltz Police Chief Robert Lucchesi and current chief Matthew Sutton.

by Terence P Ward

Michael Sussman, James' attorney, believes that the country is in a "period of great retrenchment" and there's a "devaluation of people of color" that's reflected in New Paltz, and Sutton "does not have the integrity to continue as police chief."

DESPITE AGREEING TO PAY for an independent investigation into the actions of New Paltz Police Chief Matthew Sutton, there continues to be pressure placed on members of New Paltz's town council to place the top cop on administrative leave, rather than wait for a determination based on the facts. Others call into question how some of the allegations make sense, given the checks and balances that are used in the oversight of local law enforcement officers.

Sutton's detractors say that the chief has singled out minority officers for harsher discipline, and at a press conference June 9 two department members who have come through such processes pointed to the findings in their favor as evidence of this pattern. Jerome Milton, charged with official misconduct and filing a false report among other crimes, was acquitted by a jury last Friday. Channon James' departmental charges were dismissed by an arbitrator. Also present were Edgar Rodriguez and Esi Lewis, exonerated after Sutton complained that their actions toward the chief while on the town council were tantamount to racism.

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Padalino censured

Kingston's board of education responds to superintendent's hot mic incident

by Crispin Kott



DION OGUST

Kingston superintendent of schools Paul Padalino.

KINGSTON CITY SCHOOL District (KCSD) Superintendent Paul Padalino was censured by the board of education during a special afternoon meeting last Friday, a little over a week after he made a derogatory remark caught on his microphone.

During the school board meeting held on Wednesday, June 3, Padalino quietly said something which included "GLP-1" while a group of guidance counselors assembled at the lectern during the first public comment period. The archived meeting has since been removed from YouTube and replaced in full, minus the offending comment. But by then, a 16-second clip from the original upload had already made the rounds on social media.

GLP-1 agonists are a class of medications commonly used for weight loss and helping manage blood sugar levels in people with diabetes.

In the week following the June 3 meeting, with critics of the superintendent voicing their concerns, Padalino shared a message with faculty and staff.

"During the Board of Education meeting on June 3, (I) made an inappropriate comment that was disrespectful and inconsistent with the professional standards I expect of myself," he wrote.

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Economy | Kingston

A shore thing

A $21 million federal grant is reshaping Kingston's Rondout waterfront for all seasons

by Maura Rosner

Local and federal officials gathered at the Rondout waterfront on Friday to highlight a massive influx of infrastructure funding aimed at climate resilience, historical preservation, and year-round economic development.

The revitalization efforts are anchored by a massive $21 million RAISE grant secured through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. U.S. Representative Pat Ryan emphasized that the funding represents a collaborative effort to deliver meaningful resources that support the shared vision of local leadership.

A primary focus of the funding is repairing and expanding critical bulkhead infrastructure along the Rondout. Ryan noted that several hundred thousand dollars in federal funds from a recent appropriations bill will build upon millions delivered by the U.S. Senate to preserve the shoreline.

Ward Todd, President of the Ulster County Chamber, celebrated the investment as a massive win for the local economy.

"This investment is deeply needed," Todd said, noting that the infrastructure will provide stability to a waterfront that has steadily transformed over the past 30 years. "While it was considered merely a summer destination about 10 years ago, it is now a 12-month-a-year destination with constant activity."

Beyond structural repairs, the funding will actively drive tourism through a major collaborative project between the Hudson River Maritime Museum and *Clearwater*.

Beginning in late July or early August, *Clearwater's* iconic 106-foot sloop will be placed on a barge directly outside the museum for an extensive restoration project. The crew will repair the vessel's topsides, stern, and bulkhead.

Because the boat will remain open during the restoration, visitors will have a unique opportunity to view historic shipbuilding up close, observing the same techniques utilized 200 years ago. The site will feature rotating exhibits, docents, educational programming, and special events.

Organizers emphasize that the project goes far beyond vessel maintenance, it is a direct investment in the region's heritage tourism sector. By anchoring living maritime history to the shore, the project aims to draw significant foot traffic to nearby businesses, celebrating the Hudson River as one of the defining economic and cultural features of Kingston.



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Saugerties names outstanding male and female athlete awards



COURTESY KRISTINE CONTE/ULSTER BOCES

Saugerties seniors Landon MacDougall and Viola Myers pose for a photo at the varsity sports awards ceremony on June 11, holding their outstanding athlete trophies.

Saugerties Central School District recognized two exceptional student-athletes during its varsity sports awards ceremony on June 11, naming Landon MacDougall outstanding male athlete and Viola Myers outstanding female athlete.

A three-sport athlete, Myers made her mark in volleyball, basketball and lacrosse. She served as a captain and midfielder for the varsity lacrosse team, recording multiple multi-goal games. Her efforts earned her recognition as a midfielder on the Section 9 Girls Lacrosse Coaches All-Star Team.

On the volleyball court, Myers was a versatile middle hitter and team captain who helped lead the Sawyers to deep Section 9 tournament runs. She received Class A honorable mention from the Section 9 volleyball coaches. During basketball season, Myers was a key captain and center for the Sawyers, regularly posting double-digit scoring performances.

MacDougall capped off an outstanding career as a two-sport athlete in football and lacrosse. The senior and team captain became Section 9's all-time leader in boys lacrosse scoring, surpassing 276 career points. He recently announced his commitment to continue his academic and athletic career playing Division II lacrosse at Roberts Wesleyan University.

In the fall, MacDougall was an integral member of the Sawyers football team and earned first-team all-star honors as an offensive player of the game during Saugerties' Class B sectional championship run.

These honors reflect the hard work, perseverance and passion both athletes have demonstrated throughout their high school careers.

Former Saugerties officer pleads guilty to felony sex crime against child

A former Saugerties police officer admitted Monday to committing a felony sex crime against a child. Sydney Mills, 54, of Saugerties, pleaded guilty in Ulster County Court before Judge Bryan Rounds to Criminal Sexual Act in the Second Degree, a class D felony, for sexual conduct with a minor under 15 years old in 2022. Mills was a police officer at the time of the offense. Sentencing is set for September 2, 2026. Under the agreed upon plea deal, Mills will reportedly face five years in prison and have to register as a sex offender. The case had been scheduled to go to trial on June 22.



Sydney Mills.

An Ulster County Grand Jury indicted Mills on July 10, 2025, on the top charge along with other lesser offenses. The case came to light after a fellow officer received information about the alleged crimes and brought it to police chief Kenneth Swart. Swart then met with Ulster County District Attorney Emmanuel Nneji and requested help with the investigation. The Ulster County Family and Children Advocacy Center, with assistance from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office, carried out the subsequent investigation. Nneji personally handled the case after the originally assigned assistant district attorney departed.

Nneji praised the victim for coming forward. At the time of Mills' arraignment last year, the DA said a man sworn to protect the most vulnerable members of the community had dishonored that oath, and that the indictment confirmed harm done to the victim, Mills' own family, and the Saugerties community. "No one is above the law, and more is expected of public officials, especially everyone sworn to serve and protect," Nneji said.

Saugerties officer seriously injured in on-duty assault; suspect arrested

A Saugerties police officer is being treated at Westchester Medical Center after suffering serious injuries in an on-duty assault Friday morning, and a local man has been charged in connection with the attack. The Rosendale Police Department joined in expressing support for the injured officer, saying that he has lost vision in one eye as a result of the incident.

John M. Gilkes, 35, of Saugerties, was arrested at approximately 9:40 a.m. on June 13, at 239 Ulster Avenue in Saugerties. He was charged with felony assault in the second degree for causing serious physical injury to the officer. The officer was first transported to HealthAlliance Hospital in Kingston

before being transferred to Westchester Medical Center, where he remains under care. His injuries are described as serious but non-life-threatening. Diaz Ambulance assisted at the scene. Gilkes was processed at Saugerties police headquarters and transferred to Centralized Arraignment Part court in Kingston, where he awaited arraignment.

The Rosendale Police Department issued a statement extending condolences and solidarity to the officer, his family and his colleagues. "We ask our community to keep this officer, his family and his fellow officers in your thoughts and prayers," the department wrote.

Saugerties police release new details in alleged murder by 15-year-old

A 15-year-old Saugerties boy identified by police as Mark Wanchik II has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of an 88-year-old neighbor in the hamlet of West Camp. Police identified the victim as Elena Bonjolo of West Camp Road. She died on Sunday, June 7. Authorities say her death resulted from blunt impact injuries to the head and neck.

The Saugerties Police Department learned of the possible homicide after family members brought Wanchik to the station. Officers then responded to 25 John Shults Road, where they found Bonjolo dead outside an abandoned residence. Investigators say her death occurred between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. that day. Bonjolo lived near Wanchik. The two were not related but knew each other. The New York State Police, the Ulster County District Attorney's Office and the Ulster County Child Advocacy Center are assisting with the investigation.

Wanchik is being treated as a juvenile offender — a designation that applies because he is 15 years old and is accused of second-degree murder, a charge for which juveniles are criminally responsible under New York statute. He was arraigned early Monday at the Town of Saugerties Justice Court, which convened as a Youth Part of the Superior Court. He was remanded to a secure facility without bail. He is expected to appear again in Ulster County Youth Part Court at a future date. Police say additional charges are expected. The investigation remains active.

Saugerties Democratic Committee to hold organizing meeting

The Saugerties Democratic Committee (SDC) will hold a special organizing meeting on Tuesday, July 7 at 7 p.m., to be held by Zoom. Details of the meeting will be posted on the committee's website: *saugertiesdems.org*.

The primary purpose of the organizing meeting is to elect the officers of the Saugerties Democratic Committee for the new term: Chair, first vice chair, second vice chair, secretary and treasurer.

Any person who is an enrolled Democrat residing in Saugerties may be nominated by a committee member for an officer position. The candidate does not have to be a member of the committee.

To be considered for SDC office, all candidates are required to notify the town chair (Kevin Freeman, *kfree2@gmail.com*) at least seven days before the organizing meeting by Tuesday, June 30. Candidates are invited to provide Louise Bloomfield, secretary, *lbloomfieldsdc@gmail.com*, a statement of candidacy to be sent out with the agenda three days before the meeting.

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Community | Saugerties

Blooming where they're planted

Saugerties Chamber revives Secret Garden Tour benefiting Historical Society

by Frances Marion Platt

For those who aren't native Sawyers, the first steps in getting to know Saugerties are usually taken in the village: the walkable downtown with its easy charm and enticing shops, some of them run by the same families for generations. For newcomers – whether they're weekend explorers, seasonal residents, retirees, urban pandemic refugees or simply folks from neighboring towns passing through – it's a more daunting challenge to find one's way around the township's 68 sprawling square miles and two dozen hamlets, each with its own distinct history.

But there are ways to enhance one's familiarity in short order, and have an enjoyable time while doing so. Organized self-guided tours are becoming an increasingly common offering, thanks to groups of locals with overlapping interests in making Saugerties a more welcoming place to non-natives. And many of them entice visitors to venture far beyond the village center to discover what treasures lie hidden among the hills and hollows, woods and fields of this place where the Catskills meet the Hudson.

There are farm-to-table foodies who open their kitchens to the public to raise money for the Saugerties Farmers' Market through the Harvest Home Dinners series each autumn. There's the tight-knit local arts community that invites visitors on the Saugerties Artists' Studio Tour each August, not to mention hosting indoor and outdoor art shows, performances, talks and other events. The Saugerties Historical Society sponsors a variety of open houses, exhibitions and reenactments at historic sites throughout the town; and the businesses belonging to the Saugerties Chamber of Commerce have a hand in all of it, knowing that encouraging visitation is a prime strategy for keeping the town's cash registers ringing.

Last Sunday, the Chamber revived what used to be a regular annual extravaganza inviting all who have green thumbs (or wish they did) to seek inspiration from fellow gardeners. The Secret Garden Tour was a long-running tradition, with new hosts opening their gardens to the public each year and proceeds of ticket sales donated to a rotating roster of local charities – until COVID came along. Chamber president Mark Smith decided, after enjoying a Harvest Home Dinner last year at a site with exquisite gardens, that it was high time to start the horticultural tours up again.

Smith got the Historical Society (where he's a volunteer) involved, designating that organization as this year's recipient of the funds raised, and arranged for the self-guided tours to launch from the 1727 Kiersted House. There, tour participants could pick up a map of this year's seven widely spread private garden sites and set out to see them in any order they wished. Someone ambitious enough to want to visit all of them in a single day would get an excellent overview of what's where in Saugerties and how the backroads all connect up, with the Catskills on the western horizon to keep drivers oriented.

Two of this year's Secret Gardens are places regularly open to the public, so you can check them out at another time if you missed your opportunity on June 14. One was the not-for-profit Saugerties Organic Garden on the Kaaterskill Creek (*https://hudsonvalleyone.com/2024/10/30/where-floods-once-raged-saugerties-organic-gardens-now-thrive/*), where visitors can Pick a Bouquet by voluntary donation. For Sunday's event, there were two special speakers on hand to educate visitors about organic solutions for garden problems and the latest updates on the "bird flu."

New to the Secret Garden Tour this year was the Spiral House on Fish



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Schools | Saugerties

Uncertain future

Saugerties considers sale of Mount Marion School

by Crispin Kott



DION OGUST

Mt. Marion Elementary School.

Nearly four years after closing Mount Marion Elementary School, the Saugerties Central School District (SCSD) is exploring selling the property outright.

After significant pushback from some members of the community, the SCSD closed Mount Marion at the end of the 2021-22 school year, partly to make up for a budget shortfall, but also because district officials felt it didn't make sense to operate four elementary schools as they had in the past due to dwindling enrollment. Students at Mount Marion were absorbed by other schools in the district, and the facility has since been leased as the Saugerties Early Learning Center, housing among other things, a universal pre-K program and satellite operations by both Ulster BOCES and the Anderson Center for Autism.

Michelle Gramoglia credited board president Jeffrey Riozzi with the tagline: "We are not landlords and we don't want to be landlords."

At a meeting of the board of education held on Tuesday, June 9, trustee and facilities committee member Michelle Gramoglia outlined the district's intent to unload the former neighborhood elementary school.

"I just want to make sure that the district understands that while we stopped using Mount Marion as an elementary school, that building has still been operable throughout the entire time since we removed elementary school services there," she said, adding that while there were cost savings related to dropping from four elementary schools to three, Mount Marion remains on the district's ledger due to "significant crying costs."

"Mount Marion stopped being used as an elementary school, but it's still been in use," she said. "We've had tenants in that building, I think, right through without a break. And so with the operating costs of that building, we're not bearing necessarily the instructional costs, but we're absolutely operating that building, which means maintenance, safety, security, you know, all of the things that go along with it. And it's an aging building … There's also significant insurance premium costs associated with us carrying Mount Marion."

Gramoglia credited board president Jeffrey Riozzi with the tagline: "We are not landlords and we don't want to be landlords."

It was Riozzi who first broached the idea of selling Mount Marion during a school board meeting held on Tuesday, March 10. At that meeting, Riozzi described the facility as "surplus" to the district's needs and said they were exploring various future options, including selling the building outright. Last week, Gramoglia affirmed the district's intent to begin seeking interest from potential buyers through a realtor as early as July 1.

"We do welcome feedback from the public on this," Gramoglia said. "But as Mr. Riozzi announced a few meetings ago, we are intending to dispose of the asset at market value, or at least as close to as we can possibly get."

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Spiral House in Saugerties stands out as a bold and imaginative feat of design -- a five-story residence that coils upward in a distinctive spiral form. Conceived and constructed by the late artist Tom Gottsleben and his wife Patty Livingston, the house has been transformed from a private home into the highlight of Spiral House Park. This recently unveiled 45-acre destination features large-scale sculptures crafted from stone and crystal glass, scenic woodland paths, striking geological formations, traditional gardens and sweeping vistas of the Catskills.

Creek Road (*https://hudsonvalleyone.com/2025/09/24/the-45-acre-spiral-house-park-opens-to-the-public/*), former home of the late sculptor Tom Gottsleben and his wife Patty Livingston, which became a not-for-profit organization and public park in 2025. Livingston now lives in a more modest home next door, and the fenced-in vegetable gardens there are marked with a sign saying "Patty's Garden – Private."

What was accessible to visitors on Secret Garden Tour day was the green landscaping around the Spiral House itself, its bluestone ramps, paths, walls and patios, and the surrounding display areas for Gottsleben's fanciful sculptures of stone, steel and glass. Groundcovers and perennial beds are subtly integrated with the lay of the land and the undulating stonework. Blooming in mid-June were daisies, pink poppies and blue irises, the last of the spring's columbines, clematis, daylilies and honeysuckles. Fittingly, for a backdrop designed to showcase sculpture, there's more emphasis on plants with interesting leaf or bark textures than on floral displays: exotic grasses, alliums, ferns, Japanese maples and corkscrew willows, for example.

Since the place went public last year, volunteers under Livingston's guidance have been hard at work pulling invasive weeds, grooming the native species and planting pollinator gardens. Ecological landscaping workshops are offered periodically. This Saturday, June 20 from 10 a.m. to noon, there will be a lecture and guided tour titled "Digging Deeper: Restoration Plantings in Place of Invasives," presented as a collaboration between Spiral House Park and the Garden Conservancy. That same afternoon from 2 to 6 p.m., the Spiral House's 45-acre grounds will host a Summer Solstice Carnival featuring live music, buskers, food and drink, games, hands-on art, a parade and other summer revelry. For tickets and information about other public programs and visitation hours, visit *https://spiralhousepark.org/events*.

As previously noted, there's considerable crossover between this annual garden day and the other self-guided tours that happen in Saugerties on a regular basis. Two of this year's hosts, both certified as Master Gardeners by the Cornell Cooperative Extension, are also both participants in the Artists' Studio Tour: ceramist/collagist Barbara Bravo, who lives on Old Route 32 in the area historically known as Kaatsbaan, and photographer/figurative sculptor Meredith Morabito. We paid a visit to Morabito's spread on Harry Wells Road that she and her husband Antonio call Mostly Magic Farm, and found it magical indeed.

In 2021 *HV1* published a story spotlighting the whimsical photography that consumed much of Morabito's creative energies during the pandemic, when a bold chipmunk she called Cali Bubbleyum was paying her frequent visits (*https://hudsonvalleyone.com/2021/09/02/curious-chipmunk-poses-for-saugerties-artist-meredith-morabito/*). In a breezeway, Morabito set up a little platform with stagelights and created dioramas where the chipmunk would pose for her with rodent-sized props, lured by a sprinkling of seeds or a smear of peanut butter. Eventually she compiled enough photos of Cali to illustrate a children's book. Cali's grandchildren still visit, and you can see the actual "studio" if you come by on a Saugerties Artists' Studio Tour.

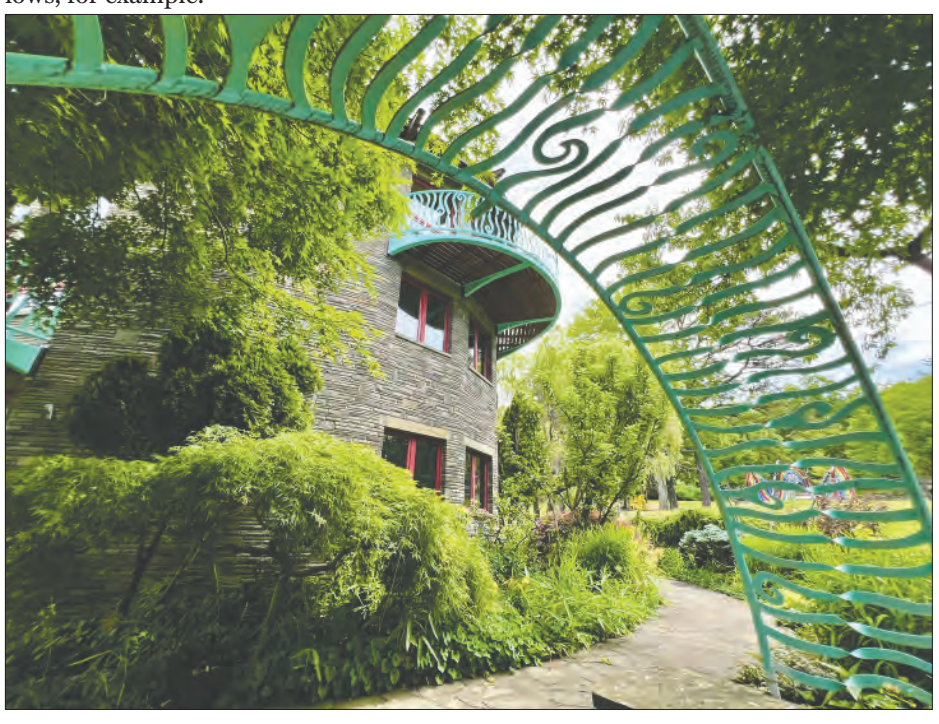


But last weekend, the emphasis was on Morabito's gardens, which are laid out in a formerly grassy area as a series of themed outdoor "rooms," many of them organized around small sculptures, thrift-store finds and other props. There's a little pond with a Buddha figurine and an enormous set of wind chimes, supplying water to wild birds and frogs. You can walk through a dense stand of mammoth grasses to "Cleanse Your Aura," or enjoy the sounds of piped-in music from a speaker hidden beneath the "Jazz Bush," where a photo of Cali the chipmunk playing a tiny trumpet is prominently displayed.

Plantings throughout the series of gardens lean heavily toward fruiting shrubs, hedges and small trees. There are gooseberries and Pink Champagne currants, hardy kiwis and cherries, plums and medlars, an area called Berry Row and another labeled World of Figs (in containers, so they can be brought indoors when the frost is nigh). "A lot of stuff we plant for the birds," Morabito notes.

That applies to most of the eggs laid by her bantam hens as well: "Our eggs go to a family of crows and ravens. They chase the hawks away, so we don't have a hawk problem anymore." The ornamental chickens, crossbred from Silkie and Serama varieties, lead a life of luxury and indulgence, with carefully fenced runs spreading every which way around the grounds. There's even a Chicken Bridge: an arch under which human visitors must pass. "Beware of the Tiny Raptors," reads one sign near the main coop. The Morabitos also keep a huge, noisy tom turkey, goats, one full-sized horse and two miniatures, plus several alpacas, whose wool – sheared when we visited to keep them comfortable in the heat – she uses as material for art and craft projects.

Normally, Mostly Magic Farm isn't open to the public; the next exception will be made on Saugerties Artists' Studio Tour weekend, which this year happens on August 8 and 9. You can get a look at Morabito's artworks on her website, *www.meredithmorabito.com*.





Government | Woodstock

The saga continues

Dropped lawsuit clears way for Town of Ulster Zena Homes review

by Nick Henderson

The Woodstock Land Conservancy dropped its lawsuit against the town of Ulster over jurisdiction issues surrounding the proposed 30-lot Zena Homes subdivision, lifting a court injunction and allowing review to proceed.

At issue was whether the Ulster Town Board should review the project given its size and complexity. WLC had requested an interpretation of town law to determine if the Town Board should take over review or if it should remain under Planning Board purview.

Town legal counsel had argued an interpretation wasn't necessary because it wasn't required simply because WLC requested it. Ulster County Supreme Court Judge Kevin Bryant disagreed, sharply criticizing the town for shirking a responsibility he said is not discretionary. On June 2, he granted an injunction that was to stay in place until the town issued an interpretation, which came on June 8.

By June 10, attorneys for WLC, the town of Ulster and Zena Homes had signed a stipulation for discontinuance with prejudice, which means no further litigation can be filed on the same arguments.

Town code allows for Town Board review of site plans for new structures of more than 2,500 square feet. WLC argued the square footage should be viewed as a whole, but Building Inspector William Tutt, in his interpretation, disagreed, contending no single structure exceeds that size to meet the threshold.

"The starting point for interpreting any provision of the Town Code is the language adopted by the Town Board. Section 145-2(A)(2) refers to 'site plans for new structures or additions of less than 2,500 square feet of gross floor area,'" Tutt wrote.

"The provision is written in terms of individual structures and additions. It does not reference subdivisions, multiple lots, cumulative development, or the combined floor area of separate buildings," he added.

"The Code contains no provision requiring that they be combined into a single gross floor area calculation. Had the Town Board intended aggregation of floor area across an entire subdivision or development project, it could have expressly provided for such a calculation."

Before the June 2 injunction, the town of Ulster Planning Board was expected to make a determination of environmental impact under the State Environmental Quality Review Act. Based on a recommendation from Max Stach, the town's planning consultant, the board was expected to make a negative declaration, meaning it determined there is no significant impact and no further environmental review is required.

The Planning Board will likely act at its July 14 meeting.

The project's success hinges on approval from the Woodstock Planning Board because the only viable access is via Eastwoods Drive, a private gravel road. Woodstock officials have raised environmental and safety concerns due to increased use of the road and access by emergency vehicles.

"Eastwoods Drive traverses the Zena Woods Critical Environmental Area (CEA), which contains wetlands, vernal pools and other sensitive natural resources. Any expansion of the road or increase in traffic associated with the project could adversely affect wildlife movement, particularly amphibian species that rely on interconnected vernal pools for breeding and migration," Woodstock Supervisor Anula Courtis wrote in a letter to the town of Ulster Planning Board.

"The Town Board is also concerned that the project's implications for intermunicipal service arrangements and existing easements have not been adequately analyzed. Because Eastwoods Drive is located entirely within Woodstock and functions as a dead-end road, the burden of supporting emergency services could fall disproportionately on Woodstock despite the project, and its tax revenue, being located within the town of Ulster."

In an email, town of Ulster Supervisor James Quigley said the litigation has come to a close.

"The town of Ulster has complied with the court's order, provided the requested interpretation, and this litigation is now over," Quigley said.

"We are pleased that the matter has been resolved and that the town can continue to move forward with its regular review processes in accordance with applicable law."

Stop Zena Development co-chair Zoe Keller noted the lawsuit was limited in scope to determine who has jurisdiction.

"There are many outstanding environmental issues and challenges, and this fight is not over," said Keller, noting the organization is still pushing for a positive declaration, which would mean the project poses significant impact and further review is needed.

Zena Development did not have a comment on the lawsuit itself because it was a procedural matter.

"However, it is clear that WLC's objective is to insert itself into the middle of an approvable project and create unnecessary delays," Zena Development principal Eddie Greenberg said.

"In doing so, they are wasting valuable time and resources. Our commitment remains unchanged. We will continue moving forward until these homes are built."

Government | Woodstock

Crop it out

Woodstock officials oppose Bearsville property's bid to join New York State's agricultural district

by Nick Henderson

The Woodstock Town Board is against a property owner's inclusion in a state agricultural district, citing its location on a dead-end road in a quiet residential neighborhood.

The parcels, on Piney Woods Road off Cooper Lake Road in Bearsville, total 7 acres and support a large vegetable and herb garden. About an acre is currently under active use.

Property owners have plans to expand and continue clearing land with the goal of operating a small-scale garden for a market.

Being a part of an agricultural district can exempt a farm operation from many zoning laws, so even if commercial activity is prohibited, certain farm-related activities must be allowed. Those include a farm stand, which is not necessarily limited to the sale of products grown on that farm, according to town attorney David Gordon.

Commercial operations can be expanded to include pick-your-own type activities.

"It can scale up fairly quickly to a commercial operation, as long as it has some legitimate connection to farming," Gordon said.

"The town recognizes and supports the importance of protecting farmland from encroaching development. However, we also believe that each property must be carefully evaluated with respect to its location and surrounding context within the town," The town board wrote in a letter to the Ulster County Legislature, which decides which parcels are included in agricultural districts.

"Given the parcels' location on a quiet residential road, the Woodstock Town Board does not support their inclusion in a New York State certified agricultural district."

Woodstock re-certifies housing program participation

The town reaffirmed its participation in the New York State Pro Housing Communities Program, a step necessary to remain eligible for grants.

The town promises to streamline permitting for multifamily, affordable and accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing, and to adopt and implement policies that affirmatively further fair housing.

It also endeavors to incorporate regional housing needs into planning decisions, increase development capacity for residential uses where appropriate; and enact policies that encourage a broad range of housing development.

Town to settle human rights complaint

The town settled a complaint filed by employee Angelo Ramos on July 28, 2023, against the town highway department. He alleged unlawful discriminatory practices in violation of state Human Rights law.

Details will be available when the agreement is fully executed.

Part-time police officers hired

Aidan North and Luis Martinez Perez join the police department effective June 22 as part-time officers at a rate of $30.90 per hour.

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Balloon test mock-up at Historic Huguenot Street

As part of its pending application for a new education and visitors' center, Historic Huguenot Street has scheduled a mock-up of the proposed center on Friday, June 26 starting at 11 a.m. A series of large helium balloons will be installed to mark the corners (red balloons) and roof edges (blue balloons) of the proposed structure. The balloons will remain in place until approximately 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 27. Representatives from Historic Huguenot Street, ADG architects and the Village of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission will be on hand to answer questions from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on June 26.

In case of heavy rain and/or winds in excess of eight mph, the balloon test will be moved to Monday, June 29, following the same schedule.

A follow-up summary of the test will be presented at the historic preservation commission's July 13 meeting, 7 p.m. in the village hall meeting room, 25 Plattekill Avenue. Comments and questions from the public can be sent to *hpc@villageofnewpaltz.gov* in advance of, or offered in person at, this meeting.

Personally Speaking goes digital

Personally Speaking, which ran in Ulster Publishing's *New Paltz Times* from 2001 through 2006, is now available online. The column, written by Mala Hoffman, featured local artists, businesspeople, politicians, activists and others, and numbered more than 260 by the time it ended. Hoffman reached out to the Elting Memorial Library after discovering the profiles in her attic last year and held an exhibit of the work there in March. The positive response to the display from the community prompted a collaboration between the author, the library's Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection and the Southeastern New York Library Resource Council to scan and assemble the works into a digital collection. The result can now be found at *https://nyheritage.org/collections/personally-speaking-community-retrospective* as well as through the library's website.

Summer solstice potluck and garden installation at the Field of Dreams

Celebrate the summer solstice and Father's Day with an outdoor community potluck on Sunday, June 21 from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Field of Dreams pavilion in New Paltz.

Following the community food and conversation, you can learn about the pollinator garden coming to this site from Ashley Gamell of PollinateHV, a project of Partners for Climate Action (PCA). The New Paltz garden is one of seven other public demonstration gardens coming to the Hudson Valley this season. Gamell will share plant highlights, pollinator insights and design strategies from PollinateHV's work at the intersection of pollinator conservation and ecological landscape design.

This free event is a collaboration between PollinateHV of Partners for Climate Action, the New Paltz Recreation Department, Wild Ones Mid-Hudson Valley and the New Paltz Garden Club.

Then on Thursday, June 25, from 5 to 7 p.m., come volunteer to help plant the pollinator garden.

Field of Dreams is located at 246 Libertyville Road in New Paltz. Go to *www.townofnewpaltzny.gov/rec* to register for one or both events. For additional information, email Joanna at *recreation@townofnewpaltzny.gov*.

Briefly noted | Woodstock

Onteora announces MHAL senior-scholar athletes



Connor Gierloff.



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Sadie Konjashave.

The Onteora Central School District has announced that Connor Gierloff and Sadie Konjashave have been named the 2026 Mid-Hudson Athletic League (MHAL) Senior Scholar-Athlete Award recipients from Onteora High School. The awards, which are given to two students from each school in the league, are based on academic merit and athletic performance.

Ranked tenth in his class, Gierloff has distinguished himself both in the classroom and on the athletic field. He was a key contributor to the varsity football team as well as to the varsity baseball team, for which he serves as captain.

Beyond athletics, Gierloff is an active member of student government, the National Honor Society, band, Science Olympiad, American Legion Boys State and the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation. He also plays for the Mid-Hudson Tigers travel baseball team and is a recipient of the prestigious Rensselaer Medal Award. Gierloff 's commitment to service is reflected through his work as a counselor at Camp Seewackamano and as a volunteer at the Olive Free Library.

This fall, Gierloff will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he plans to study mechanical engineering.

Ranked third in her class, Konjashave has excelled both academically and athletically throughout her high school career. A four-sport varsity athlete in volleyball, basketball, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field, she has demonstrated outstanding leadership as captain of the volleyball, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field teams. Her athletic accomplishments include earning first place in the Section 9 shot put competition and divisional titles in both shot put and weight throw.

Beyond athletics, Konjashave is a member of the National Honor Society, serves as president of the Belleayre bash graduation celebration, is a member of the athletic council and has been recognized as a New York State Scholar-Athlete. She has also given back to her community through the Belleayre bash fundraiser and the National Honor Society food drive and is certified in first aid and CPR.

This fall, Konjashave will attend LeMoyne College, where she plans to study biological sciences.

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Debate intensifies

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in New Paltz, and that Sutton "does not have the integrity to continue as police chief."

The reason to place the chief on administrative leave now, per Rodriguez, is because that's what happened to James and Milton. As of this writing neither officer has been restored to active duty, but supervisor Tim Rogers indicated that there would be action on that question "as soon as possible."

James doesn't think that an investigation is necessary, as all the information is contained in emails. "What else do we have to prove?" The specific emails were not provided to press at the conference.

Yvonne Garbett, Milton's attorney, found the prosecution unusual. Milton was accused of writing a fraudulent speeding ticket for someone now involved with Milton's former romantic partner. Garbett anticipated a plea bargain offer, such as an adjournment in contemplation of dismissal should Milton not be in the crosshairs of justice again anytime soon. Instead, Milton was formally indicted. Even so, "Most cases don't go to trial." It was Milton's continued professing of innocence that led Garbett to take it that far.

Garbett said that, during Milton's trial, Channon James testified that during a promotional interview for sergeant, Milton was told that "we don't need another one of you." James is a sergeant. The transcript of that trial has not been reviewed to confirm the wording or context of the question and response, but James' testimony may have been critical to the jury's verdict. According to Garbett, the jurors "were moved to tears of happiness to read that verdict."

Former police chief Robert Lucchesi weighs in

One of the allegations against Sutton is that bringing this matter to the district attorney directly was a violation of Milton's due process. "That's the job," said Robert Lucchesi, Sutton's predecessor, when reached for an interview on June 10. Referring criminal cases to the prosecutor is a "daily operational issue" and a legal obligation. "You don't need approval, but you do inform. It's no different than a hostage situation" in that regard -- the chief is required to act. The process is "almost entirely dictated by law."

Three years ago, the Saugerties police chief was forced to resign over a complaint of sexual misconduct by an officer being handled internally, without notifying the district attorney about potentially criminal behavior.

As for other discipline, what a chief can do unilaterally is limited by contract to verbal reprimands, or three days' pay or leave. Even that requires oversight if it's contested. "My first call was to the supervisor, then the police commission chair and then the labor attorney," Lucchesi said. While not in contact with anyone in the department about these issues, looking in from the outside the former chief believes that proper procedures were followed.

The police collective bargaining agreement was not reviewed for this story, but a copy has been requested.

Several promotions had to be lined up once Lucchesi announced the intention to retire. These included tapping Sutton to become chief and promoting Sergeant Carmine Fuoco to lieutenant. Milton was interviewed for the sergeant's post, which ultimately was given to Tyler Pece, a former part-time town officer who left to secure full-time employment. It's alleged that this decision precipitated the pattern of racism against officers including James and Milton in response to their belief that Pece was hired for racial reasons.

"The recommendation to hire was mine," said Lucchesi. Hiring from outside of the department is rare in New Paltz and Lucchesi said that it was "not plan A." Moreover, chiefs cannot make unilateral decisions on hiring. Pece's return was green-lit by police commissioners and then approved at a town council meeting. Lucchesi calls linking Sutton to Pece's hiring, and that it was done without consultation, a "false narrative."

While not in contact with anyone in the department about these issues, looking in from the outside former chief Robert Lucchesi believes that proper procedures were followed.

While Milton's fate was handled in the courts, both attorneys believe that any permanent changes will be the result of public interest. Rodriguez noted that the Nearpass report which determined Sutton's complaints of racism to be unfounded was not discussed publicly until its existence was revealed during this campaign of public pressure.

The investigation is no longer enough in part, they believe, because of the actions of police officers at the last town council meeting. While Pece -- the head of their union -- read a statement in support of Sutton, a dozen or more officers rose to their feet. This is being characterized, without evidence, as a show of force that was orchestrated by Sutton. According to James, interfering through the union president is par for the course because "they're his boys."

In support of that allegation, Milton reported being denied use of the union attorney for this criminal case.

Among others who spoke favorably of the chief at that meeting was David Dugatkin, who left the town police to become chief of the university department and later resigned. "David Dugatkin is not qualified to speak on racism," James said, and "knows better than that." Milton suggested that Dugatkin disclose to members of the town council what precipitated that resignation.

Sutton has declined to comment about the allegations and would not speak about James or Milton's experience, as those are personnel matters. According to Lucchesi, though, "It's destroying him" to be in the crosshairs in this way. Lucchesi described Sutton as someone who deeply cares about the community. It's not known if the report from this investigation will be made public.

Padalino censured

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"I sincerely apologize to the individual involved, our staff, our Board of Education, and our school community. Every person who participates in district discussions deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. I take full responsibility for my words and understand the hurt they have caused. I am deeply disappointed in myself, and while I cannot undo what was said, l am committed to learning from this mistake, holding myself accountable, and rebuilding trust through my actions."

He shared a similar message with the KCSD community on the district website on Wednesday, June 10.

I am committed to learning from this mistake, holding myself accountable, and rebuilding trust through my actions," said Paul Padalino.

On Friday, June 12, following a lengthy executive session, trustees unanimously voted to censure Padalino, a move which includes the requirement that the superintendent attend professional development before the start of the 2026-27 school year. They did not openly specify whether they meant the beginning of the academic year -- July 1 -- or the start of classes in September. The specifics of the professional development were also unavailable.

The next meeting of the KCSD Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24.



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(you might even make new friends and have some fun)

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TIM HUNTER
southernulsterdems@gmail.com
Gardiner

Trying to muddy the waters

Susan Puretz's immature letter from last week continues to sidestep the issue of Israel committing a genocide of Palestinian civilians. Her consistent ad hominem style of writing is very surprising for someone who wants us all to know she is a published author. First, she erroneously states that I insist all letter writers need "footnotes." I never mentioned footnotes but did mention facts backed up with references when misinformation is being challenged. That is the case with Susan, John Butz and Donald Simon who assert there is no genocide happening to Palestinians even though the leading genocide experts in the world say there is. Susan and crew refuse to provide anything from a recognized authoritative source to back up what they claim other than one reference from an obviously biased columnist, Brett Stephens. That does not prove anything other than repeating his particular bias.

Second, Susan then declares we all need to "respect other points of view." How hypocritical. Her previous letters have all been appallingly disrespectful for all to see. I wonder if she would be respectful of someone denying the Holocaust? I don't think so.

Third, she claims that what is happening with my letters is a "pissing contest" but that is not the case. What is happening is she and crew are trying to distract from the main issue, which is hiding and/or diminishing a genocide that is happening to Palestinian civilians and trying to muddy the waters with distracting arguments. The same thing happened to the Armenians when the Turkish government and sympathizers had and still have an agenda to hide that genocide. In like manner, Israel and sympathizers are trying to hide what is being done to the Palestinians. Correction in last week's letter: ten million Native Americans died in that genocide, not 100,000.

STEVE ROMINE
Woodstock

The unknown Ukraine

Much media coverage has been given to the military aspects of the war in Ukraine and the setbacks to Russia on the field of battle. However, little is known about the values and traditions shared by Ukrainians even as they continue to struggle against Putin's invasion. To promote an appreciation of everyday life and the rich culture of these brave people, Hudson Valley Humanists is sponsoring a talk on "The Unknown Ukraine: Common Misperceptions, Misdirections, and Occasional Lies" by Donna Wolansky, a Ukrainian American.

Wolansky serves currently as a court interpreter for Ukrainians and holds several degrees (BS in education, MA in music and an MBA in information science). Her talk is scheduled for Sunday, June 21, 2026, 6-8 p.m., at the New Paltz Community Center, 2 Veterans Way in New Paltz. There is no admission charge for this important and timely event. For the zoom link, please email *auer732@gmail.com*

We look forward to your attendance and participation in the Q & A period following Wolansky's talk!

IRWIN SPERBER
Gardiner

You decide

"Which is better — to have rules and agree, or to hunt and kill?" — Piggy, just before he was brutally murdered by Roger. (*Lord of the Flies*, William Golding, 1954.)

Vive la Résistance!

MAURIAC CUNNINGHAM
Saugerties

Spin city

Recently, one of the developers behind Zena Homes, which hopes to build at least 30 homes bordering Woodstock, complained to *Hudson Valley One* about a legal setback: "Endless procedural challenges," Eddie Greenberg noted, "increase costs, delay housing and make it harder for communities to address affordability and growth." He went on: "We will not abandon our commitment to delivering much-needed housing for this community."

Really?

Zena Homes (which scuttled its original plan for a heliport and 18-hole golf course) will not offer affordable housing — unless you are a tech CEO. The bro-llinaire developers should stop portraying their luxury property as affordable housing. The community is not buying it.

D.R. WALLIS
Woodstock

Endorsing Lesko and Reimondo

This month, Woodstock Democrats will select who they want to serve Woodstock in three critical positions: Woodstock town clerk/tax collector, Woodstock town councilperson, Woodstock town justice.

This letter is my endorsement of two people who have already proven themselves in those positions.

As town justice, Jason Lesko continues to serve us well, as he has for his many years in Woodstock's justice court. He knows the law, keeps up with legal changes, cares about those who come before him and makes educated and thoughtful decisions considering all aspects of each case.

Meghann Reimondo capably handles all duties of town clerk/tax collector.

For decades, the town clerk's office has run with three town clerk's, but impressively, two clerks, Meghann and Michele have, since November 1, 2025, beautifully handled all town clerk/tax collector duties three town clerks used to handle, saving Woodstock taxpayers money.

As a town board member and webmaster, I interface with Meghann often. She is always cheerful, helpful and welcoming. She is proactive, prompt and thorough at providing me information on a range of topics and continually finds ways to make Woodstock better. She innovatively provided "fillable forms" for the website, so people can fill in forms online prior to printing. Her input has been critical and she identified breakthrough information as we work together to move towards online bill payment, including online payment of property taxes. She is providing surveys for those involved in summer camp to find ways to improve summer camp and found a way to provide meals for campers.

Let's keep both of these public servants in place, to continue to do their great work for us! Please join me in voting for Jason Lesko and Meghann Reimondo in this year's June 23 Democratic primary election.

LAURA RICCI
Woodstock

Library street fair thank you

The Saugerties Public Library Friends Street Fair on May 30, 2026, was another success! We rely on so many people and groups to make this a fun event for our guests. We would like to thank the library board of trustees, director and staff, Friends' members, volunteers and community supporters. Many thanks to our fair donators and participants: Hudson Valley Dessert, Lox of Bagels, Meltaway Bakery, Adams Fairacre, Boice's and Story Farms and our member bakers, Saugerties Sings, Hope Farm Petting Zoo, Rae Stang's Tiny Carnival, Saugerties Fire Department, Washington Hook and Ladder, Diaz Ambulance, Saugerties Police Department, League of Women Voters Mid-Hudson Valley, Ulster County SPCA, Markertek, Seamon Wilsey Funeral Home, village and town of Saugerties; Student volunteers from SHS Key Club and St. Mary's/St. Joseph's Confirmation Class.

ROSEMARIE LATOURETTE
on behalf of the Friends of the Saugerties Public Library Executive Board

The dealer and the Constitution

In 1967, I joined the United States Marine Corps right out of high school and went to Vietnam for 13 months. I was told who my enemy was, handed a rifle and sent into a war that has taken me a lifetime to understand.

Since then, I have become more careful when any government tells me who to fear.

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Today, I see the same old machinery operating under newer lights. The enemy is named, the crowd is stirred, the Constitution is treated like paper under a powerful man's shoe and citizens are told that force is the same thing as safety. It is not.

The Constitution is not a poker chip. It is a boundary. So are the gravestones of those who died believing they were protecting something larger than one man's power. So are the hearts of nurses, firefighters, soldiers, police officers, teachers, caregivers and ordinary workers who risk their lives daily while politicians use them as scenery.

The Dealer's game is always distraction. Divide the people. Make neighbor fear neighbor. Make dissent look dangerous. Make cruelty sound like order. Make revenge sound like justice. Then ask the country to surrender one more right for the promise of protection.

I fought in one war. I do not want to live inside another manufactured at home.

Real courage is not a leader stepping over limits. Real courage is restraint. It is a service. It is telling the truth when fear is being sold wholesale. It is remembered that democracy is not a deal to be closed by one man.

When power steps over the Constitution, the graves and the living people who hold this country together, citizens have a duty to stand up from the table.

Not with hatred, but with memory.

Not with violence, but with breath.

Not as enemies of America, but as witnesses trying to keep America from becoming a game rigged against its own people.

Larry Winters
New Paltz

Ode to a moody fridge

My refrigerator seems sullen today.

Sparrow
Phoenicia

Shut down Delaney Hall

I recently visited Newark's Delaney Hall. I do not use this term lightly, but it functions as a modern-day concentration camp and it fits the definition: a place where our immigrant neighbors, friends and coworkers are confined without trial or due process based strictly on their identity. Inside this private, for-profit facility, operated under a $1 billion GEO Group contract, human beings face horrific conditions. Reports from a 300-person detainee hunger strike reveal systemic medical neglect, filthy sanitation, undrinkable water and spoiled food containing maggots. This shadow penal system also fuels a quiet tragedy, contributing to the estimated 100,000 children separated from parents by interior enforcement. When community members gathered outside in solidarity, federal agents met them with excessive force — deploying chemical irritants, tackling journalists and launching pepper balls into civilian crowds. Private corporations should not profit from human suffering and the destruction of families. After witnessing this crisis firsthand, I felt compelled to join the protests and add my voice to those demanding an end to this cruelty. I urge my fellow community members to investigate these realities themselves and join the collective effort to end this state-sanctioned insanity.

Jo Shuman
Cottekill

Blue skies, no clouds or rain in the forecast

As we all know or should know, the earth is in the midst of a climate crisis. The crystal blue skies that we are experiencing this summer are a result of two phenomena. One, due to the aerosol ban, there is less pollution generated air droplets which created the clouds and their heat reflectivity. Two, according to Harvard's Dr. Daniel Jacob, "the planet is also heating up due to methane. But two-thirds are caused by human activity, including from oil and gas operations, coal mining, landfills and because of its chemical composition, methane has a much higher global-warming potential than carbon dioxide does — up to 80 times as much — and is responsible for about a third of current global warming. But crucially, methane lingers in the atmosphere for much less time than carbon dioxide does — only about 10–20 years." It is this imbalance of less pollution and the uptick of greenhouse gasses is what is creating this less reflective cloud cover that results in this intense blue sky, increased global warming and results are no rain and a long hot summer for us all.

What can we do about this?

We can contact Gov. Hochul and stress her to sign into law the climate policies that passed through the legislative process such as the SUNNY Act (plug in solar), portions of the ASAP Act, (simplifying solar permitting process) and the data center moratorium (uses vast quantities of natural resources as well as emits greenhouse gasses at staggering rates). At a local level, if you have a gas-powered car, drive slower on vacation trips. This way less gas is being burned and less profits for the fossil fuel industry. Air conditioners emit greenhouse gasses too. So, we all should use the AC less by keeping the day heat out with shades and letting the cooler air in at night.

At this crucial moment, we can no longer rely on the federal government to protect us from bad industrial practices. It is up to us, our local community, to make a difference, to work together to protect the only home we know, Earth.

Laurie Felber
Woodstock

I support Robert Drake, candidate for Ulster County Legislator, District 22

I'm writing to endorse Robert Drake for Ulster County Legislator, District 22, representing the towns of Denning, Hardenburgh, Olive and Shandaken. I know Robert from our work together on the Ulster County Citizens Commission for Digital Inclusion, a non-partisan group of volunteers that I chair, which successfully collaborated with county officials to secure affordable high-speed internet to every unserved location under the federal and state BEAD program. By utilizing a bottom-up, taxpayer-focused model, we prioritized community needs over politics. I apply this same approach to my enthusiasm for Robert's candidacy.

In April 2026, New York state announced that Ulster County won a $59 million in public and private funding to extend fiber broadband to all unserved locations in Ulster County. Robert's competence, dedication and genuine love for our Catskills communities were instrumental in that result. This was no small accomplishment, given the remote, difficult geography of many of our areas and the otherwise prohibitive costs of reaching them. Robert's technical, managerial and financial skills, developed in IT and his work as town board and deputy supervisor in Shandaken, were key elements in the commission's achievement,

Now, having secured the BEAD grant, we move to the deployment stage. I'm happy to report that Robert will remain onboard to implement this important development. I know his dedication will assure the grant effective deployment.

My direct experience with Robert has been in securing BEAD funding for broadband, but I'm also aware of his commitment to solving local infrastructure, housing and transportation issues. As in the case of broadband, I'm confident he'll bring his thoughtful blend of competence and dedication to those questions. I also know that he is accessible and responsive — having already connected with the municipal governments in the district.

Robert Drake has the dedication and skill set to effectively represent our unique corner of the Catskills. I urge you to join me in voting for him to represent our communities.

Jenny Lee
Town of Denning

He done makes it so I don't hafta think hard

Hey MAGA, please provide a receipt. Not a feeling, but a verifiable example. Has your life improved? An example: could it possibly be, *"I think he is amazing. My truck used to hold $59 dollars of gas and now it holds $123 dollars of gas ... I don't know how he did it BUT he's wonderful and I plan on voting for him again."*

Perhaps your truck tank holds the exact same gallons, but somehow feels more patriotic at triple the price. *"I don't know how he does it, but it's amazing."*

Or maybe success is measured differently now. Measured by the precise depth of your neighbor's frown. The flavor of the month is neon red Kool-Aid. It pairs perfectly with 24/7 television fiction. The screen says undocumented immigrants vote three times before breakfast. The screen says they get free gold-plated healthcare. The screen says the sky is a giant Trump banner. And millions nod along in perfect, synchronized harmony.

Behavioral experts are scratching their heads. They look at the charts and type out long words. "Narcissistic tendencies," they whisper. A psychological inability to say four simple words: "I was conned by a guy who sells golden sneakers."

Instead, the plan is to save the house by burning down the foundation. To protect the law by snapping it over a knee. The most terrifying thing about the proudly uneducated is the absolute certainty glowing in their eyes. They never know. The 24/7 loop keeps spinning. The corporate lies keep poisoning. But reality is sitting right here, holding the check.

And the fight for actual, real-time accountability *"is not turning off the television."*

#FactsMatter #Accountability #Democracy #HappySummer & #Happy250thAmerica

Neil Jarmel
West Hurley

Who's missing at the protests?

Every week in Saugerties, and at various pop-up protests around Ulster County, we're treated to another demonstration against Donald Trump, "No Kings," or whatever the outrage of the week happens to be.

What I find most interesting isn't the message, it's the crowd.

For groups claiming to represent "the people," there seems to be a remarkable lack of diversity. The participants are overwhelmingly old, white, retired and well past traditional working age. If these protests truly reflected broad public sentiment, wouldn't we expect to see a more representative cross-section of the community?

Instead, it's often the same familiar faces holding the same signs on the same corners.

It also raises a simple question: don't these folks have anything better to do?

Go be grandparents. Attend your grandkids' soccer games and dance recitals. Volunteer at the animal shelter. Mentor a young person. Read in a classroom. There are countless ways to make a positive difference in the community.

And while we're at it, can we stop disrupting local businesses? Customers are trying to shop. Employees are trying to work. Business owners are trying to earn a living. Setting up political demonstrations outside businesses may make protesters feel important, but it's inconsiderate to everyone else.

The irony is that many of these activists claim to oppose division while

Robert Goldberg



Robert Benjamin Goldberg, 92, lost his life in a tragic automobile accident on June 4, 2026. in Saugerties, NY

Born on June 25, 1933, in Forest Hills, NY, to Sam and Gertrude Goldberg, he was a lifelong New Yorker whose influence extends far beyond the places he called home. He will live on in the memories of the people whose lives he touched through his wisdom, humor, and unwavering willingness to help others succeed.

Graduating from Lehigh University in 1954, he continued at Brooklyn Law School, building a distinguished career as both a CPA and an attorney of law specializing in the entertainment industry with offices on the East and West coasts. He had a unique ability for problem-solving and helping clients realize their goals.

Beyond his professional career, he was an avid tennis player, scuba diver, equestrian, and curious world traveler who never lost his desire for adventure. As his preferred mode of transportation, he frequently surprised clients as their elegant CPA/attorney arrived in leathers and a helmet on his BMW motorcycle.

Above all, Robert cherished his family including his devoted wife of 41 years, Cynthia Eichor Goldberg, daughter, Caryn Anne Woods Maggio, grandson, Samuel Aiden Woods, son, Jeffery Mark Goldberg, and wife, Susan Walz. Other family members include close cousins Phillip (Flip) Goldberg, wife Judy and cousin Stewart Nacht. He was predeceased by his brother Alan Gallant. Robert's life was defined by passion, intelligence, and love of family and friends.

Funeral Arrangements are with the care of Seamon-Wilsey Funeral Home Inc., Saugerties. Memorial donations may be made to the Nature Conservancy, Audubon, Catskill Food Bank, and World Wildlife Fund. Please share a photo or a condolence with the family in Robert's Tribute Book at SeamonWilseyFuneralHome.com.

spending their retirement years fueling it. They insist they're speaking for everyone, yet their own gatherings suggest otherwise.

Perhaps the most telling thing about these protests isn't who's there ... it's who's missing.

April O'Neal
Mt. Marion

Is this okay?

I find the Central Hudson billboards, which WE pay for, annoying. CH is a profitable part of the Canadian company Fortis. Although you can get other suppliers if you look into it, you can't escape the huge "delivery charges."

We are getting ripped off by a Canadian company! And our friendly Central Hudson is their agent. So when you see those billboards with those smiley faces, be aware of what CH/Fortis is doing to us. Look at your bill and see the delivery costs and ask yourself if this is OK.

Meyer Rothberg
Saugerties

Startled

by the blinding
slant of evening
light spreading
over the front
lawn where I'm
watering. All flowers
take on an added
shimmery shine
while the mist
from my hose fills
the beds with arcs
of color, making this
moment remarkable.

Patrick Hammer, Jr.
Saugerties

A fair tax

The Trump and GOP "populist" solution for fairness and economic justice was to pass the 2025 so-called "Big Beautiful Bill" that, in fact, delivered tax cuts heavily weighted toward wealthier people and relative crumbs for regular Joes and Janes. Additionally, programs serving tens of millions of Americans, notably Medicaid and food stamps, suffered hundreds of billions of dollars in cuts and restrictions.

If populism is *"for the people,"* our Ulster County leaders are doing it right, contrary to what we hear from the Republican minority. First, the Democratic majority has proposed a local law that would increase the exemption for assessed property tax owed by seniors with limited incomes (thereby reducing their tax owed).

More broadly, the recently introduced Ulster County For Fair Taxes Act would generate needed revenue with a modest surcharge on taxable incomes over $200,000 for individuals and $400,000 for couples — that's income after various deductions and exemptions have been used. (*https://www.ulstercountyny.gov/Departments/County-Executive/Fair-Taxes-Act*)

Why does the county, representing *all* of its residents, need the revenue? With those savage cuts in federal programs like Medicaid, serving over 26% /48,000+ Ulster residents, local costs have skyrocketed. Prior to the 2025 legislation, the feds and local governments shared SNAP administrative costs 50/50. Now, locals are responsible for 75% of those costs. Where will the money come from? No one wants property or sales tax increases.

Those federal cuts will have both fiscal and social impacts. People who lose health coverage through Medicaid will inevitably appear in emergency rooms with ailments that would have been more effectively and inexpensively addressed by primary care doctors. Children without access to health care will suffer a variety of deficits and problems throughout their lives and society at large will consequently pay a price, too.

It's been said that federal tax code reform is a better route to assuring an adequate social safety net for residents. That's a pipe dream with the current administration in place, one that only a year ago slammed states with its legislation. Waiting to see what happens after 2028 is not a responsible action to protect our residents now.

Ulster County is taking the logical route — For the People — by asking relatively few residents, estimated at 2.4% of households, to contribute a bit more for the common good of all.

Tom Denton
New Paltz

Before fossil fuels

I appreciate Fred Nagel's letters that point out the hypocritical behavior and utterances of our politicians in the Trumpian American empire. Cuba certainly has the right to exist and our government has no right to impose sanctions because it disapproves of the political system there. However, Cubans don't choose their system or political representatives and there are political prisoners in the jails.

I wish the Cubans would think about what their society was like before fossil fuels. And I hope that they help each other (unlike in capitalism) get through the misery that our government is arbitrarily imposing on them.

Andi Weiss Bartczak
Gardiner

Protecting wildlife?

I am writing once again regarding the bird-banding program at the preserve. My concern is not with the dedication of the staff or volunteers, nor with the goal of learning more about birds. My concern is whether the methods being used remain consistent with the preserve's stated mission of protecting wildlife and minimizing human impact on the natural world.

Over the years, visitors and schoolchildren have been taught the importance of leaving nature undisturbed. We are told not to remove acorns, plants, feathers, or other natural objects from the preserve because even small actions can affect the ecosystem. I appreciate and support that philosophy.

However, I struggle to reconcile that message with the expansion of a bird-banding program that captures, handles, measures and tags wild birds. This year I understand the program is being expanded into an educational class, encouraging more participation in the practice rather than exploring alternatives.

Bird banding has a long history and has contributed valuable information to ornithology. Yet science evolves. Today there are technologies that can identify birds through song, image recognition and continuous monitoring without physically capturing them. Systems such as BirdNET acoustic monitoring, AI-assisted camera identification and other passive observation tools can provide extensive information about species presence, migration timing, population trends and habitat use with little or no disturbance to wildlife.

I recognize that bird banding may still provide certain types of information about individual birds. However, I believe it is reasonable to ask whether the routine capture and handling of birds should continue to be expanded when modern non-invasive alternatives are increasingly available.

I am also concerned about conducting these activities during the nesting season, when birds are already under significant pressure raising young. Wildlife conservation should place the welfare of the animals themselves at the center of every decision.

My hope is that the preserve will seriously evaluate emerging technologies and consider whether educational programs might better serve both science and conservation by teaching observation, monitoring and stewardship rather than capture and handling.

I respectfully ask the preserve to explain what evaluation has been given to non-invasive monitoring technolo-

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gies and how the decision was made to expand bird banding activities rather than invest in these newer approaches.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to the natural world.

Susan Jacque
New Paltz

Cait Conley will hit the ground running

Like so many voters, I feel it is so vital choose the candidate who can beat Mike Lawler.

We have a choice between Beth Davidson, a career politician who is running a negative campaign rife with MAGA-like lies and innuendos, and Cait Conley who has consistently been talking to voters about the issues and her plans for a future that will benefit all of District 17.

Cait brings a unique combination of talents and experience to the task of governing.

She's worked with Congress on complex issues of national security and critical infrastructure, including the water supply. She's shown leadership, winning three Bronze Stars during 16 years in the military. Importantly, she is the only one in the race with a knowledge of AI. She has worked with state and local law enforcement to protect families attending huge stadium events. She has worked to keep hospitals safe from cyber attacks. She knows the positives and negatives of AI and believes that, like any new technology, it needs to be regulated. She is opposed to building a data center at Indian Point.

Cait Conley can beat Mike Lawler. She has a commitment and belief in America that appeals to voters of different backgrounds, Democrats and Republicans.

With her boundless energy, Cait will make a major impact for our district in Congress — and she's the only candidate who can hit the ground running on day one.

Barbara Lalicki
Briarcliff

Cannabis consumption $

Are New Paltz adults (+21), on average, spending about $479 per person annually on cannabis?

Based on approximately $82,000 annually received by both the town and village from their respective 1.5% shares of NYS's 13% cannabis excise tax, total cannabis sales in New Paltz are about $5.47 million before tax, or roughly $6.18 million including tax.

Ulster County collected 1% of the 13%, or approximately $54,666 from New Paltz sales.

NYS collected 9% of the 13%, or approximately $492,000 from New Paltz sales.

Assuming New Paltz has approximately 12,900 residents age 21 and older (15,330 total), that equates to about $479 in annual cannabis purchases per adult.

This estimate assumes all cannabis sold in New Paltz is purchased by New Paltz residents, which almost certainly isn't precise as some do not consume and some sales are made to individuals from other communities.

Supervisor Tim Rogers
New Paltz

Yes, I'm subjective

My son went to California, met a girl from Virginia, and brought her home to Woodstock. Since she moved here, I have discovered her helpful nature. I am an artist and artists are not grant writers or website designers or publicists. We need help with those things. Over the last four years, Rebekah Brooks has helped me write three gallery and grant applications. She designed a website for the unveiling of my two love knots after I had them recast last year and helped me to publicize the events to the public. She has helped me digitize and organize my extensive body of work, and anytime I have a problem with my computer or my phone, she has been there for me.

So. I'm not surprised she is running for town clerk in Woodstock, a town I love since I came here in the late 90's. Rebekah Brooks is a helper. Let her help Woodstock.

Ze'ev Willy Neumann
Saugerties

We must act to get things done

It is said that when FDR met with a group of activists, he agreed with their issue and said, "I want to do it. Now make me do it." In other words, the people have the power to get things done, but we must act.

Call your representatives and talk to people to clue them in on issues. There are plenty of issues to choose from:

1.) Call about the 'Big Beautiful Bill' that enriches the already rich while depriving those in need of healthcare and food stamps.

2.) Call about a president who spews hate and racism.

3.) Call about the politicized Supreme Court.

4.) Call about the $1.8 billion dollar slush fund.

5.) Call out the corruption, the inflation, the higher prices of food and gas.

6.) Tell them that illegal boat strikes have killed over 200 people.

7.) Tell them the senseless Iran war is costing us taxpayers $2 billion a day (according to the Harvard Kennedy School).

Take your pick; not being fearful or passive matters. Senator Chuck Schumer, 202-224-6542; Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, 202-224-4451; Rep Pat Ryan, 202-225-5614; Rep Josh Riley, 202-225-5441.

Doris Chorny
New Paltz

legal notices

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

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There may be better ways than consolidation

I look forward to reading Terence Ward's articles and appreciate when he quotes me. In last week's paper, there was an article by him about New Paltz town-village consolidation. Terence excerpted a quote of mine and I'd like to give the full quote here. In addressing her Honor, Mayor Alex Wojcik, I said, "In the months that you have been our mayor, you have done an incredible job; everyone says so. Why then would you want to be known as the last mayor of New Paltz, rather than the first in a long line of mayors, who are not white men, to do incredible things for our community."

Elsewhere I said, "Our Village government is efficient and with modest expense to taxpayers. We get great value for our tax dollars." The article doesn't mention how well-run village government is, but instead takes an uncritical view of consolidation. This is unfortunate, because nothing in the draft consolidation agreement is guaranteed. And, unlike the Government Efficiency and Effectiveness Project report ("Fair-weather Report") of 2011, the current plan does not give the public all of the numbers, expenses and uncertainties, or an objective and unbiased analysis, which are needed to understand the impacts of eliminating our village government. Those should have been provided and ought to be before the public hearings in July.

I am typically pretty wonky about local issues, but as Terence said, I spoke from my heart to the village board. While numbers and facts are essential in weighing whether to consolidate, emotions are also critical. It isn't mere sentimentalism. How we feel about a place like our village is at the heart of our civic pride and identity. There may be better ways than consolidation to achieve the goals of the draft consolidation agreement. We should explore them.

Michael Zierler
Mew Paltz

Skilled candidates

Woodstock has a lot of issues that need a highly skilled and collaborative team that has the capability and acumen to clean up the mess left from the past and the vision and capability to multitask on not just their favorite issue or linear topic of interest, but the 50+ issues that face a local government every day. Our current supervisor and newly elected majority town board members have been working their butts off to find concrete solutions and meaningful changes to make this happen. I think it is important to listen to them when I asked: "Who do you want to work with to accomplish this uphill challenge?" This was their answer:

1. Daniel Gallant for town councilperson on the town board (replacing Reginald Earls, who is not seeking to be elected, but just helping us out till the end of the year — thank you, Reggie!).

2. Rebekah Brooks for town clerk.

When you look at their resumes — since this is a job that taxpayers will pay for and we should all be looking at their qualifications — you can quickly see they are well-equipped and actually bring additional skills and background knowledge needed to help the town board majority succeed. Moreover, both of them have already been working their tooshies off helping our town for free for over six months, showing us they care and are willing to pull up their sleeves and get the work done with the current administration.

I will be voting for them because it is imperative that we have a well-oiled machine fixing our town and rebuilding our community!

Urana Kinlen
Woodstock

Completely incomplete

Dear Complete Streets:

Safety — This issue seems to justify your purpose for the major reconstruction on Route 212 that you are proposing. Please publish police accident reports/documentation (including deer/vehicle) from the last three years which have had a significant impact on the "safety" of the proposed area.

Eminent domain — Please publish a detailed illustration/diagram for homeowners and/or businesses which will be affected by your proposal.

Environment — Please publish a professional, independent study with details about the environmental impact that will result in the removal of trees, foliage, grassy areas and the like.

Communication: Open and honest communication and/or dialog from Complete Streets? Completely incomplete.

Annie-hannah Mancini
Woodstock

Let Meghann Reimondo continue the work she has started

I'd like to address what seems to be the principal issue in the Woodstock town clerk's race (ignoring the "guilt by association" conspiracy theories that tend to plague Woodstock elections). The issue involves the role and scope of the town clerk's office. It's been suggested that the work currently being done is "basic" and "minimum," even that the staff is probably "bored." In addition to all of the many clerical duties essential in serving our community and town board, the clerk, it's been argued, should also be responsible for technological support, media liaising and grant writing. I know that sounds really enticing. It's easier to imagine all kinds of new things when one isn't in the position of having to work within the limits of budget, time and authority.

Joint Agreement, the Boards will call for a vote on consolidation by the electorate. In order for consolidation to occur, a majority of the voters in the Village and separately a majority of the Town-outside-Village voters must both vote "yes" for consolidation.

By Order of the Town and Village Boards of New Paltz.

Dated: June 1, 2026

Rosanna Rosenkranse, Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

740 FIRST ST. LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/3/26. Office in Greene Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 724 First St., Mamaroneck, NY 10543. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Allie Fair Keel LMHC, PLLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 10, 2026. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the PLLC, PO Box 1014 Kingston, NY 12402. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of AMNZ HOLDINGS LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/02/26. Office in Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 185 SMITH AVE KINGSTON, NY, 12401. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ASHOK POINT, LLC, Art. of Org. filed w/Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/4/2026. 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 144, Woodstock, New York 12498. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: MIND MUSCLE LABS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on: June 2, 2026. The County in which the Office is to be located: Ulster. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: James Ferraro 96 Sterling Pl. Highland, NY 12528. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: **SG28 Holdings LLC**. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 15, 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 the process to the LLC, 28 Warren St Kingston, NY 12401. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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Notice is hereby given that the Village of Saugerties Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on June 23, 2026; 7:00 pm in the Village Office, 43 Partition Street, Saugerties.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments on the area variance application for 1 Overbaugh St. Saugerties, New York. Copies of the application and plans are available for viewing at the Clerk's office. All interested parties will be heard.

LEGAL NOTICE

CINEMA LADY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/10/26. Office: Ulster County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 225 Tinker Street, Woodstock, NY 12498. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: E & M Home Solutions LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/5/2025. 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, 199 Potter Hill Rd Saugerties New York 12477. Purpose: For any lawful.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF LLOYD PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Lloyd Planning Board, Ulster County, State of New York, on the application of Emily Reis regarding property at 444 N Riverside Rd (SBL:87.2-4-12) Highland NY, 12528. The applicant is seeking a special use permit for an accessory apartment.

The public hearing will take place in-person and via Zoom, a video a tele-presence program on Thursday June 25, 2026, at 7:00pm, or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

Any questions, call (845) 691-2144 ext. 117, Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 4:00pm or send an email to svannostrand@townoflloyd.gov.

Date: June 15, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Gardiner Farm & Field LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 6/5/26. 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 The LLC, 31 Stewart St, Floral Park, NY 11001. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Samyama Productions LLC. Articles of organization were filed the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/15/2026.

Office location: Ulster Co. 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, 187 WOLF ROAD, SUITE 101 ALBANY, NY, 12205, USA. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Business Filings Incorporated,

187 Wolf Rd, Ste 101, Albany, NY. 12205. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Thomas J. Moverman, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 6/9/26. Office location: Ulster County. Sec. of State designated agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 375 Guilford Rd., New Paltz, NY 12561, principal business address. Purpose: practice the profession of law.

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Date Time Location

Tuesday July 7, 2026 6 pm New Paltz Middle School, 96 Main Street, New Paltz, New York, 12561

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The purpose of the hearings is to provide the public the opportunity to provide comments on the Proposed Joint Consolidation Agreement. After the public hearings, the Village Board of Trustees and the Town Board may amend and adopt a final version of the Joint Consolidation Agreement or may opt to stop the process. If a final version of the Joint Consolidation Agreement is adopted, the Village Board of Trustees and the Town Board shall contemporaneously set a date for a referendum. The referendum question shall be in a form reading substantially as follows: "Should the Village of New Paltz be consolidated with the Town of New Paltz? ___Yes ___No." In order for consolidation to occur, it must be supported by a majority of the votes cast in the Village and a majority of the votes cast in the Town-Outside-Village.

Public comments may be made in person on the above dates, times and locations. Public comments may also be submitted in writing to the New Paltz Village Clerk, New Paltz Village Hall, 25 Plattekill Ave., New Paltz, New York, 12561, emailed to the Village Clerk at clerk@villageofnewpaltz.gov, submitted in writing to the Town of New Paltz Town Clerk, 52 Clearwater Road, PO Box 550, New Paltz, New York 12561 and/or emailed to the Town Clerk at clerk@townofnewpaltzny.gov by 5pm on August 3, 2026.

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Clerical, technological and grant work are all full-time jobs, unless full effort in one area is to be sacrificed for another. Meghann Reimondo has been performing the responsibilities of town clerk admirably. She has worked long days with short breaks, reorganizing and upgrading town records and procedures so that the office now serves the public more efficiently, transparently, expeditiously and personally. She loves her work and serving the public, and has a strong skill set relevant to it. Not to be dismissed are the senses of inclusion, collaboration, neutrality, humility and kindness she has gifted our town, which so needs such qualities.

For many years, there were three people in the town clerk's office and funding for that third position is already in the 2026 budget. Would it not be more prudent to hire the dedicated tech and/or grant specialist our town does desperately need, a role which Rebekah Brooks would clearly excel at and has a passion for, and keep Meghann Reimondo in the clerical position that she clearly excels at and has a passion for? All of these functions are necessary and none should be disparaged or compromised. I ask you, in the strongest of terms, to elect Meghann Reimondo as town clerk, allowing her to continue the work she has started, and I ask the town board, in that event, to fill the funded third clerical position with a tech specialist and grant writer, to complement the client-centered clerical work already being done.

Alan M. Weber
Woodstock

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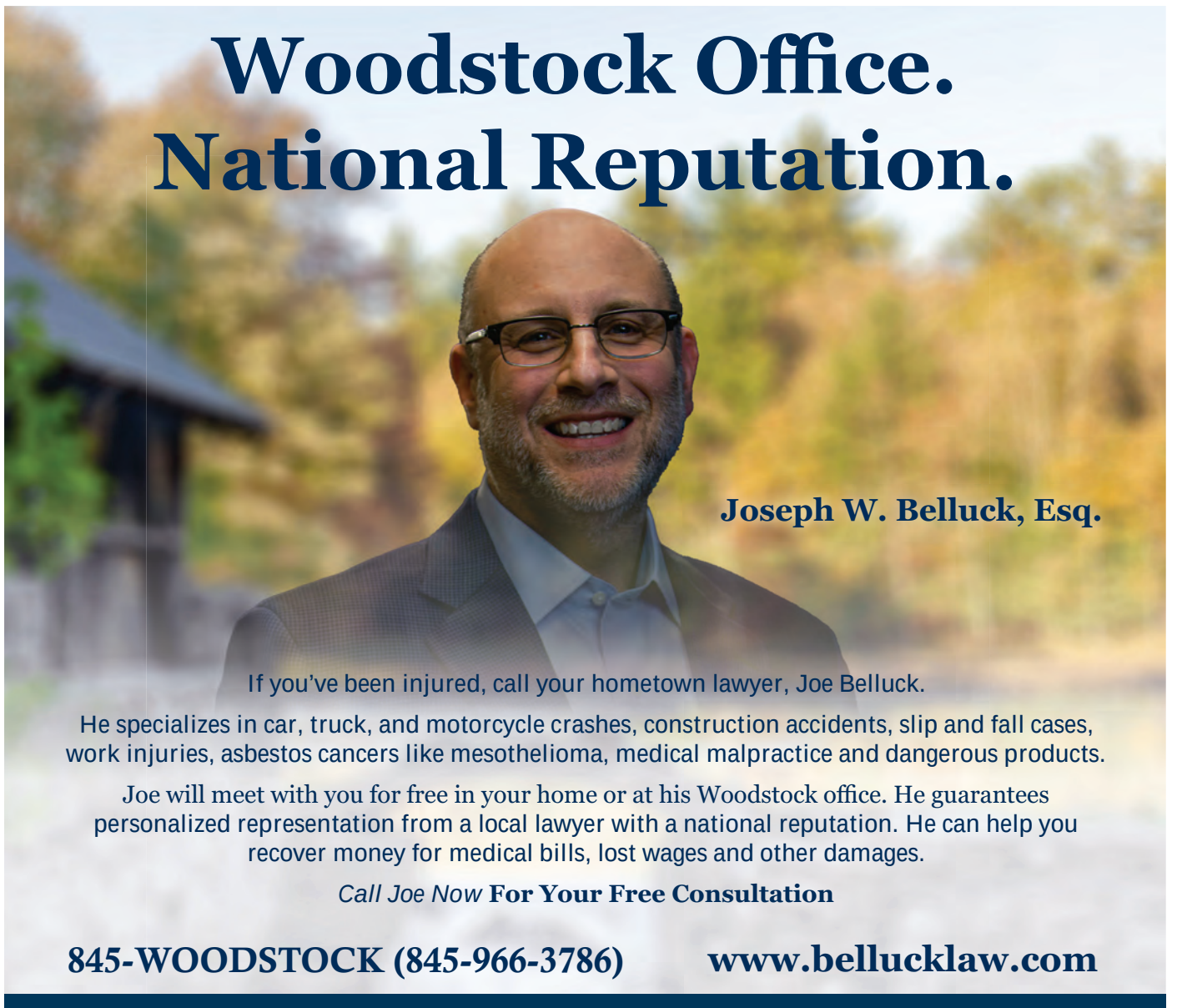
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UPLIFTING WEIGHT



The Bobby Lees.

Woodstock punk band The Bobby Lees land on Epitaph Records, thanks to Jason Momoa

by Maura Rosner

There is a specific kind of exhaustion known only to the touring musician. For years, the Woodstock-based garage-punk quartet The Bobby Lees lived, breathed and bled that exact DIY hustle.

On June 12, The Bobby Lees will unleash their highly anticipated fourth studio album, *New Self*. The record represents a monumental milestone for the band: it is their debut release with Epitaph Records. More than that, it is an album that almost didn't happen, a sonic resurrection made possible by an unlikely Hollywood benefactor, a radical digital detox, and a deep, unexpected dive into 19th-century transcendentalist philosophy.

Years of relentless touring, self-producing, and self-managing had left the band members running entirely on fumes. The creative well wasn't dry, but was cracking under the pressure of financial strain.

Enter Jason Momoa.

Through a chain of mutual connections and late-night internet rabbit holes, Momoa stumbled across the band's feral, blues-infused punk sound. Blown away, the actor reached out. What began as an unexpected phone call quickly blossomed into a genuine creative kinship.

He wasn't just a fan who wanted to hang out with a band; he wanted to use his platform to ensure their survival. Momoa featured the band on his HBO Max docuseries *On the Roam*, a show dedicated to highlighting craftsmen, artisans and musicians who embody an authentic, innovative American spirit. In an act of extraordinary generosity, he completely funded the recording sessions for *New Self*.

For the first time in their careers, Sam Quartin, drummer Macky Bowman and bassist Kendall Wind were handed the ultimate artistic luxury: financial freedom. They had the time, the space and the resources to breathe, experiment and construct what would become their most deeply collaborative work together. The recording process for *New Self* caught the band at a transitional crossroads. Guitarist Nick Casa stepped into the studio to track the record with the group, with it as his final major contribution to the project before stepping back from the band, making New Self a bittersweet time capsule of the original lineup.

For a year, the record sat cooking, a hidden gem waiting for the right moment to be unearthed. That moment arrived when the unreleased mixes landed on the desk of Brett Gurewitz, the founder of Epitaph Records and the guitarist for Bad Religion.

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calendar of events

Thursday 6/18

Wild Garden Tour w/ Wild Ones Mid-Hudson Valley at Bellefield Historic Site in Hyde Park, 5pm.

Kate Prascher & Justin Cole on the Patio at The Colony in Woodstock, 5:30pm.

Tunes with a View w/ Illari at Olana State Historic Site in Hudson, 6pm.

Rich Volo's The Gay Boat: Italy Book Launch & Conversation at Hudson Hall in Hudson 6pm.

Trivia w/ DJ Maxwell at Rough Draft in Kingston, 6pm.

A Night of Healing: A Showcase of Music by Hudson Valley Music Therapists at Town of Esopus Library in Port Ewen, 6pm.

Gail Godwin's The Art of Becoming a Citizen: A Memoir in Conversation w/ Nancy Miller at Oblong Books in Rhinebeck, 6pm.

Finding Alice at Del's Farmhouse Creamery in Rhinebeck, 6pm.

Mike Hamel at Angry Orchard in Wappingers, 6pm.

Music Cafe w/ Abby Newton & Selma Kaplan at Olive Free Library in West Shokan, 6pm.

Open Mic Night on the Salon Stage at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 6:30pm.

Community Potluck at Trailside Lounge at Full Circle in Gardiner, 6:30pm.

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

Vince Fisher at High Falls Cafe in High Falls, 7pm.

Art House Sessions: Canvas & Chords at Park Theater in Hudson, 7pm.

Aaron Dugan Trios at The Pines in Mt Tremper, 7pm.

Fire and Freedom: An Author Talk on New York During the American Revolution w/ Thomas S. Wermuth at Elting Memorial Library in New Paltz, 7pm.

Luke Combs UK: Ultimate Luke Combs Tribute at Daryl's House in Pawling, 7pm.

***Ask E. Jean* Screening & Q&A w/ Dir. Ivy Meeropol** at Rosendale Theater in Rosendale, 7pm.

Trivia Night at The Dutch in Saugerties, 7pm.

Punk Night w/ Mickey Leigh's Mutated Music & More at The Colony in Woodstock, 7pm.

James Taylor at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts in Bethel, 7:30pm.

Chris O'Leary Band at The Falcon in Marlboro, 7:30pm.

Hideaway Comedy presents Kendall Farrell at Howland House in Mt Tremper, 7:30pm.

Helen Gillet at Avalon Lounge in Catskill, 8pm.

She Keeps Bee / Will Lawrence at The Half Moon in Hudson, 8pm.

Lindy Hop Practice Session & Swing Social at Tempo in Kingston, 8pm.

Bit Brigade presents Mega Man X w/ Super Guitar Bros at Assembly in Kingston, 8pm.

Swamp Dogg at Bearsville Theater in Woodstock, 8pm.

Friday 6/19

Planetarium Show: Constellations Around the World at Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum in Poughkeepsie, 11am.

Juneteenth: It Takes a Village, A Gathering of the Tribes Special Opening Celebration at Woodstock Artists Association & Museum in Woodstock, 1pm.

Spirit Brothers at Rail Trail Cafe in New Paltz, 5pm.

TJ Santiago & Co. at Newburgh Brewing Company in Newburgh, 6pm.

Trivia Night: RuPaul's Drag Race Edition at Angry Orchard in Walden, 6pm.

Violet Crush at RMV Cellars in West Park, 6pm.

Juneteenth Celebration w/ Ras T Asheber Posse in the Garden at The Colony in Woodstock, 6pm.

Nancy Donnelly Trio at Station Bar & Curio in Woodstock, 6pm.

A Groove Gathering at Stonehouse Tavern in Accord, 6:30pm.

Henry Ferland on the Salon Stage at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 6:30pm.

Kate Skwire & Friends at Pearl Moon in Woodstock, 6:30pm.

A Fleetwood Mac Candlelight Experience at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kingston, 7pm.

Macch 50 One Big Band at The Lemon Squeeze Tavern in New Paltz, 7pm.

Latin Night w/ DJ Tito Luv at Silk Factory in Newburgh, 7pm.

Fun Home at Phoenicia Playhouse in Phoenicia, 7pm.

***D(e)ad* Screening & Stand-up Sets** at Rosendale Theater in Rosendale, 7pm.

Let's Duet at Di'Vine Wine Bar in Wappingers, 7pm.

David Kraai at Shelter in Woodstock, 7pm.

Fred Thomas at The Falcon in Marlboro, 7:30pm.

Legally Blonde at the Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck, 7:30pm.

Mmeadows / Tenderoni Album Release at Avalon Lounge in Catskill, 8pm.



Sat. 6/20 • 7pm

Van Hayride

Colony, *22 Rock City Road, Woodstock.* A great many tribute bands come through Colony, but most are trying to replicate recordings of hit songs. NYC's Van Hayride takes a different approach, paying tribute to hard rock greats Van Halen with a countrified take. Part of the band's lore includes getting David Lee Roth's attention before he himself released a country covers album of Van Halen hits. Thus Van Hayride might be the only tribute band in history to have the original artist turn around and copy them.



Thu. 6/18 • 8pm

Bit Brigade

Assembly, *601 Broadway, Kingston.* Bit Brigade is a rock band with a very particular job: play a complete video game soundtrack, start to finish, in real time, while their fifth member speedruns the game live on stage. The Athens, Georgia group has been doing this since 2004, rotating through various Nintendo titles. This tour centers on *Mega Man X*, the 1993 SNES title whose hard rock-influenced score was already pushing toward what Bit Brigade does. Opening is Super Guitar Bros, a classical-meets-rock guitar duo.



Fri. 6/19 • 6:30pm

D(e)ad + Dad Jokes

Rosendale Theatre, *408 Main St.* A Father's Day weekend stand-up show built around the least comfortable Father's Day topic: dads who are gone. A lineup of Kingston comedians hosted by AJ Jordan works the theme for laughs, followed by a screening of *D(e)ad*, a 2025 autobiographical dark comedy written by and starring Isabella Roland, known to Dropout.tv fans from *Game Changer* and *The Sex Lives of College Girls*. In the film, a young woman's estranged father dies and begins haunting every member of her family except her.

Around the World in 80 Days at Shadowland Stages in Ellenville, 8pm.

The Glass Hours / The Huntress & Holder of Hands at Park Theater in Hudson, 8pm.

The Classics at Keegan Ales in Kingston, 8pm.

Rumors ATL: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute at Daryl's House in Pawling, 8pm.

Son Little w/ Tonina at Bearsville Theater in Woodstock, 8pm.

Grayson Hugh w/ Polly Messer & The Red Dirt Girls at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 8:30pm.

Firewater: Pride Edition w/ The No-Ring Circus at Hudson Brewing Company in Hudson, 8:30pm.

Pride Weekend Kick-Off: Girls, Gays & Theys at The Half Moon in Hudson, 9pm.

Telepathic Moon Dance at The Falcon in Marlboro, 9pm.

Phoenix Rising: Sistars of Woodstock at Pearl Moon in Woodstock, 9pm.

Forget August / Sad Matt / Dizzy Parker / Low Flying Planes at Snug Harbor in New Paltz, 10pm.

Saturday 6/20

Blood Drive at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kingston, 9:30am.

Author Talks & Signings: Roosevelt Reading Festival at FDR Presidential Library & Museum in Hyde Park, 9:30am.

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Guided Walk on the Onteora Lake Trail. Join us for a free guided walk of the Onteora Lake Trail from the Rt. 28 parking area around the lake and back. Approximately 3.8 miles. The Onteora Lake upper parking area is 4 miles from the Kingston Thruway traffic circle. Beginning at 9am.

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Start Your Own Vegetable Garden Workshop at Olive Free Library in West Shokan, 11am.

Exhibition Reception: Trans World Art Exhibit at Circle 46 Gallery in Hudson, 12pm.

Christopher Brown at Daryl's House in Pawling, 12pm.

***The Hidden History of Slavery in New York* Documentary Screening** at Town of Esopus Library in Port Ewen, 12:30pm.

Steven Michael Pague at Rail Trail Cafe in New Paltz, 1pm.

Good Time Honey at Twin Star Orchards in New Paltz, 1pm.

Free Guided Tour of the Five Locks Walk at D&H Canal Historical Society in High Falls, 2pm.

Pride Parade & Festival at Warren Street & Promenade Hill Park in Hudson, 2pm.

The Down Country Jump Festival at Tempo in Kingston, 2pm.

Coloring Outside the Lines: LGBTQ+ Representation in Teen Graphic Novels at Kingston Library in Kingston, 2pm.

Summer Solstice Carnival at Spiral House Park in Saugerties, 2pm.

Dan Flynn at Angry Orchard in Walden, 2pm.

Around the World in 80 Days at Shadowland Stages in Ellenville, 2pm, 8pm.

Tasi at West Kill Supply in Kingston, 3pm.

The Leaps at West Kill Brewing in West Kill, 3pm.

Artist Talk & Opening Reception w/ Dorothea Osborn at Woodstock Artists Association & Museum in Woodstock, 3pm.

Theatre on Screen: Dmitry Krymov's *Diary of Madmen* at Time and Space Limited in Hudson, 4pm.

Jason Kao Hwang / Resonance at Lace Mill in Kingston, 4pm.

Opening Reception: Good Neighbor 1st Anniversary Group Show at The DRAW in Kingston, 5pm.



Fri. 6/19 • 7pm

Chris Macchia Birthday Bash

The Lemon Squeeze, *107 Main St., New Paltz.*
A milestone birthday concert for one of the Hudson Valley's most ubiquitous bassists, Chris Macchia, draws together a sprawling cast of musicians from across his career. Macchia plays upright and electric bass across jazz, rock, funk, and groove styles, having studied jazz performance at SUNY New Paltz before becoming a fixture in the regional scene. The "One Big Band" format gathers players from more than a dozen groups he has been part of over the years, spanning jazz, funk, R&B, classic rock, and world rhythms. He also performs with the jazz group Arch Stanton Quartet.



Wed. 7/22 • 7:30pm

Anna by the Window

Denizen Theatre, *10 Main St., New Paltz.*
A trio of New Paltz High School graduates brings their third feature film home for its premiere, and the subject matter hits close to the moment. Baggysuit — the production company behind *Bird Sanctuary*, which sold out this same venue three times — shot *Anna by the Window* guerrilla-style over two weeks in New York City, using non-actors in public spaces, minimal scripting, and a mixed bag of cameras. The film follows a teenager over a single day as he tries to reach his brother, an AI startup founder coming unmoored. A post-screening Q&A with the filmmakers follows. Tickets available online.

Spellbinder Orchestra at Rail Trail Cafe in New Paltz, 5pm.

Riverkeeper Fish Migration Celebration: Welcoming of the Fish at Unico Park in Newburgh, 5pm.

Opening Reception: Between Black and White at Gallery 40 in Poughkeepsie, 5pm.

William Sadler on the Salon Stage at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 6pm.

Ezra Gale & Bourbon Sprawl at Cragsmoor Free Library in Cragsmoor, 6pm.

Surefire at Newburgh Brewing Company in Newburgh, 6pm.

The Tranchina Group at Hudson House in West Park, 6pm.

Trivia Night at RMV Cellars in West Park, 6pm.

Alessandra & Friends in the Garden at The Colony in Woodstock, 6pm.

Jaketown Road at Stonehouse Tavern in Accord, 6:30pm.

Blueberry w/ The Siblings at Pearl Moon in Woodstock, 6:30pm.

The Inner Core w/ Matthew Aucoin & William Socolof at Hudson Hall in Hudson, 7pm.

Dust Bowl Faeries at Backbar in Hudson, 7pm.

Pride! at the Disco: A Drag & Burlesque Variety Show at Park Theater in Hudson, 7pm.

Jerome Rose at Doctorow Center for the Arts in Hunter, 7pm.

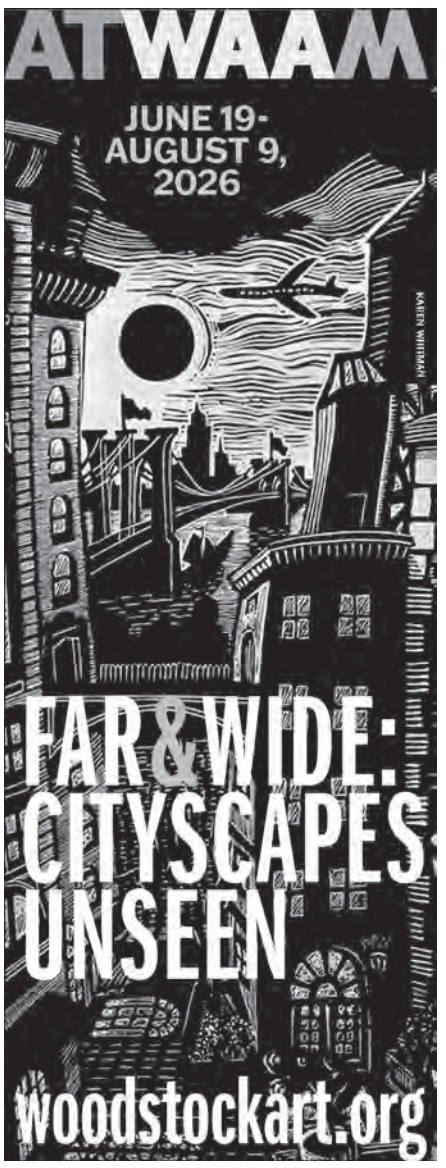
Ginger Geezus at Keegan Ales in Kingston, 7pm.

Enslaved Lives Through Senate House Archives Lecture at Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston, 7pm.

Fun Home at Phoenicia Playhouse in Phoenicia, 7pm.

Swing Dance Extravaganza w/ Danny Lipsitz and the Brass Tacks at Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie, 7pm.





Milagro Verde at Rosendale Theater in Rosendale, 7pm.

Roland Vazquez Band at Lydia's Cafe in Stone Ridge, 7pm.

Country Line Dancing at Angry Orchard in Walden, 7pm.

James Patrick at Di'Vine Wine Bar in Wappingers, 7pm.

Van Hayride w/ Alex Castle at The Colony in Woodstock, 7pm.

Ars Choralis presents Mozart's Requiem Independent Production at Maverick Concert Hall in Woodstock, 7pm.

Hudson Crossing at High Falls Cafe in High Falls, 7:30pm.

Legally Blonde at the Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck, 7:30pm.

Summer Solstice Desert Blues w/ Nour Harkati at Opus 40 in Saugerties, 7:30pm.

Newburgh Pride Afterparty at The Ellis in Newburgh, 8pm.

Rumors ATL: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute at Daryl's House in Pawling, 8pm.

Slam Allen Band / Bruce Katz Band at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 8:30pm.

Community Rave Network at Avalon Lounge in Catskill, 9pm.

Hudson Pride Disco at Return Brewing in Hudson, 9pm.

Bowie/Prince Dance Party w/ DJ Tryst at Pearl Moon in Woodstock, 9:30pm.

Late Night Major Mayhem Karaoke w/ Sabrina at The Colony in Woodstock, 10pm.

DJ Dookz at Station Bar & Curio in Woodstock, 10pm.

Sunday 6/21

Hudson River Music Festival at Croton Point Park in Croton, 10am.

The Peter Einhorn Quartet at Pearl Moon in Woodstock, 11am.

Judith Tulloch Band on the Salon Stage at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 11:30am.

Downstate Duo at Angry Orchard in Walden, 11:30am.

Celtic Music & Poetry of the Bards at Rail Trail Cafe in New Paltz, 12pm.

David Powers at Daryl's House in Pawling, 12pm.

Make Music Day in Troy at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall in Troy, 12pm.

Adam Fitch at Twin Star Orchards in New Paltz, 1pm.

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Around the World in 80 Days at Shadowland Stages in Ellenville, 2pm.

Mike Leary at Union Street Brewing in Hudson, 2pm.

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The Bobby Lees

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Gurewitz moved quickly, signing not only The Bobby Lees to the Los Angeles-based label, but also snatching up Quartin's side project, Lady Boy. This double-signing signaled a massive vote of confidence from a punk rock institution, validating the years of grueling indie hustle the band had endured.

While *New Self* marks their transition into the big leagues, The Bobby Lees remain inextricably linked to the historic, mystically charged soil of Woodstock, New York.

Sam Quartin originally fled the concrete sprawl of Los Angeles in 2016, seeking creative solitude and a place to clear her head in the dense woods of Upstate New York.

Bowman and Wind grew up in Woodstock, cutting their musical teeth at the renowned Rock Academy. The band met through the music school, being introduced by a mutual friend.

When they aren't writing or touring with The Bobby Lees, the duo keeps busy backing Jon Spencer.

Quartin, meanwhile, has continued to expand her formidable artistic reach far beyond the confines of the traditional rock band. Also an actress, her recent film Cotton Fever, a gritty, visceral piece of independent cinema, just screened at the Tribeca Film Festival.

Her husband, filmmaker John Swab, continues in the director's chair for the band's striking and provocative videos. Sam called from Tulsa, Oklahoma, which prompted a chat about Larry Clark's photography book from the '70s of young speed addicts and their daily lives, shot in black and white, and Sam said her husband was from Tulsa and just finished writing a book, which had included a foreword by Larry Clark.

The flip phone philosophy: Emerson, rest, and radical introspection

Given the high-octane energy of their live sets, one might expect *New Self* to be a record fueled by external chaos. Instead, the emotional and lyrical core of the album was heavily influenced by a sharp, deliberate turn toward quiet introspection.

At the center of this thematic shift was a radical lifestyle choice made by Quartin: she chose to drop out of the modern digital landscape. Tired of the endless scroll of social media and the constant accessibility of the modern smartphone, Quartin replaced a smartphone with a rudimentary, low-tech flip phone. Similarly, she described living in Woodstock and deciding to not hang mirrors anywhere in the home, for several years.

"It changed everything," Quartin reflects. "Suddenly, I had hours of my life back every single day." With her newly reclaimed time and mental clarity, Quartin found herself diving into the classic literature of American Transcendentalism, specifically Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay "Spiritual Laws."

The essay's core philosophy, that we must make time for the soul to rest and that true power comes from a quiet, centered knowledge of oneself, became the solid bedrock of the album.

The triumphant return to Bearsville Theater

The release of *New Self* is a victory for the entire Hudson Valley music scene. And local fans will finally get to celebrate that victory in the flesh this autumn.

At the absolute height of the global lockdowns, The Bobby Lees performed a crowdless, eerie virtual gig at the historic Bearsville Theater. Standing on that stage, playing their hearts out to a sea of empty red velvet seats and cold camera lenses, was a stark reminder of the communal connection that live music had lost.

On October 10, that circle will be beautifully, loudly closed.

The Bobby Lees are scheduled to make their triumphant, full-capacity, no-holds-barred return. It promises to be a sweat-drenched, high-voltage homecoming. For a town steeped in rich musical folklore, this concert represents a passing of the torch to a new generation of local legends. Fans will finally have the opportunity to experience the raw, reimagined material of New Self live, in person, and at maximum volume, surrounded by the community that fostered the band's initial spark.

New Self releases worldwide on June 12 via Epitaph Records. Tickets for the show on October 10 at the Bearsville Theater are expected to sell out rapidly and are currently available for purchase directly through the venue's official website.

Psychedelic Poetry Reading at Station Bar & Curio in Woodstock, 2pm.

Legally Blonde at the Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck, 2:30pm.

***The Godfather* (1972)** at Rosendale Theater in Rosendale, 3pm.

Cruise Control at Angry Orchard in Walden, 3pm.

Gratefully Yours at Gardiner Brewing Company in Gardiner, 3:30pm.

National Theatre Live: *The Audience* Encore at Time and Space Limited in Hudson, 4pm.

Ars Choralis presents Mozart's Requiem Independent Production at Maverick Concert Hall in Woodstock, 4pm.

Brian Silber at Del's Farmhouse Creamery in Rhinebeck, 5pm.

Pride Dance Party at Buttonhall Barn in Hudson, 6pm.

The Woodsmen in the Garden at The Colony in Woodstock, 6pm.

Robert Tellefsen on the Salon Stage at Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, 6:30pm.

Rumors ATL: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute at Daryl's House in Pawling, 7pm.

Eugene Tyler Band w/ Lily of the Valley at The Colony in Woodstock, 7pm.

Trivia Night & Boozy Bee at Station Bar & Curio in Woodstock, 7pm.















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Monday 6/22

Exhibition Reception: New Paltz High School APStudio Art Show at Gardiner Library in Gardiner, 5pm.

Writing for Wellness: Pride Month & Fathers' Day at Elting Memorial Library in New Paltz, 6pm.

Trivia Night at Union Street Brewing in Hudson, 6:30pm.

Open Mic Night at The Colony in Woodstock, 8pm.

Tuesday 6/23

Phoenicia Walk-in Clinic at the United Methodist Church in Phoenicia, 4pm.

Trivia Night at Keegan Ales in Kingston, 5:30pm.

Martha Elizabeth Miller at Athens Cultural Center in Athens, 6pm.

Open Mic Night at Gunks Gaming Guild in New Paltz, 6pm.

Jasper Craven's God Forgives, Brothers Don't: The Long March of Military Education and the Making of American Brotherhood in Conversation w/ Matt Gordon at Oblong Books in Rhinebeck, 6pm.

Eddie 9V at Daryl's House in Pawling, 7pm.

Max Richter at Palace Theater in Albany, 8pm.

Deer Tick w/ Jobi Riccio at Bearsville Theater in Woodstock, 8pm.

Wednesday 6/24

Pride Party w/ Songs, Stories & Crafts at Town of Esopus Library in Port Ewen, 11am.

***Yankee Doodle Dandy* (1942)** at FDR Presidential Library & Museum in Hyde Park, 2pm.

Open Mic Night at RMV Cellars in West Park, 5pm.

Doug Marcus on the Patio at The Colony in Woodstock, 5:30pm.

Twilight Music in the Parks: Jim Popsipil at Walkway Over the Hudson in Highland, 6pm.

Erin Harpe & Countryman Jim at Keegan Ales in Kingston, 6pm.

Trivia Night at Hudson House in West Park, 6pm.

Open Mic Night at Stonehouse Tavern in Accord, 6:30pm.

Reptile Show at Saugerties Public Library in Saugerties, 6:30pm.

The Hardwoods at Pearl Moon in Woodstock, 6:30pm.

Carl Mateo Band at The Pines in Mt Tremper, 7pm.

Trivia Night at Newburgh Brewing Company in Newburgh, 7pm.

Shot Down at Daryl's House in Pawling, 7pm.

Tina Romero's *Queens of the Dead* Screening & Live Drag Show at Rosendale Theater in Rosendale, 7pm.

Dead Last Wednesday w/ Dead Meat at The Colony in Woodstock, 8pm.

Dance Dance Revolution at Avalon Lounge in Catskill, 8pm.

***Ginger Snaps* (2000)** at Orpheum Theater in Saugerties, 8pm.









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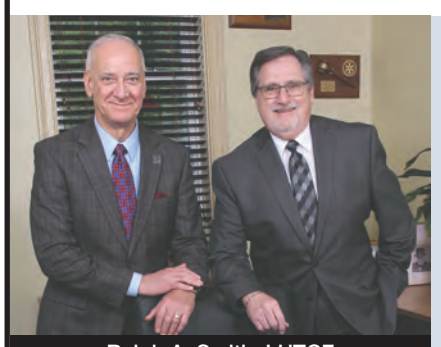


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SAUGERTIES ANIMAL SHELTER...IT'S PRE-SUMMER! Yes. It's that time of year where the temperatures can be a daily surprise. What is a constant, is the love you'll have in your home when you adopt a shelter animal. How lovely would it be to experience this season, with your new family member? If you adopt a cat, or a dog, they will look out your windows, and marvel at the beauty, and the animals that the beauty brings. Let's welcome the season by giving a shelter animal a loving home. It's a perfect time to adopt a homeless animal, or two, for comfort; physical and emotional. Adopting a shelter animal could be one of the most joyful things you can do. If you adopt an adult/senior cat, you know you've given them a second (or maybe third) chance at love and kindness. **TWO NEW KITTEN/CAT ANGELS HAVE BEEN ADDED THIS WEEK!** Listen to the description of this amazing cat girl: **KINGSLEY;** 1-year-old little shy, and oh so very sweet orange cat girl. As if being orange, and a girl, weren't enough: Kingsley has extra toes!!! A polydactyl orange cat girl: I can barely breathe!! **AND EVIE;** 15-week-old torbie (tortie/tabby) outgoing, social, and sweet kitten girl. **LET'S RE-VISIT THESE ANGELS: TANGERINE**; beautiful 1-year-old, medium hair calico cat girl. Although she's shy at the shelter, she will open her heart in a loving home. **WONDERFUL NEWS!! TESSA WAS ADOPTED!!!** Couldn't be more excited that Tessa's story has a happy ending. (Tessa is a a 9-year-old cat whose person just died.) **WE HAVE A DILUTE CALICO CAT GIRL; COCO;** 3-year-old short hair opinionated lady & wants to be your one & only; all to herself! **If you're looking to adopt 2**, Elly & her staff know the animals very well & can make recommendations. **We STILL have lots of kittens longing to be your new best friend,** and more coming in weekly. In case you were wondering: Black kittens grow up to be elegant, beautiful, intelligent, loving adult cats. Living w/them (and all cats!) is pure happiness! We have more than 50 kittens in foster. They will be trickling in over this next month!! **We have BARN CATS, too. We call them "Working Girls".** If you'd like to give a cat(s) food and shelter and in return, they'll help to keep your rodent population under control, consider adopting a barn cat. They're ready for a barn, workshop, garage, winery/distillery. One such working girl is **MILLIE**; 3-year-old grey cat girl w/short hair. Get your applications in and approved, so when we welcome more kittens & puppies, which we often do, well call you! We welcome a new group of puppies every month! In order to meet them, you'll need an approved application and appointment. (We very rarely get small dogs.) Most are in the 40-50lb. range; short-hair southern mixes. **WE THINK YOU'LL WANT TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THESE SWEETHEART ADULT DOGS & PUPPIES! MYA** is not only a dog girl; but she's a snowbird, too! Mya just returned, w/her foster dad, from a sunny winter in Florida. She's an adorable, 4.5-year-old mixed breed dog girl. If you're looking for a dog who has a passion for people, and playfulness, this charming girl is for you! **JUNO**; 2-3 year old large breed mixed girl w/short black hair. She is oh so sweet!! Also, new this week, is **HAZEL "2":** 9-year-old, very sweet, energetic, Old English Bulldog girl. This loving animal will need eye drops for the rest of her life; but she takes them like a champ! Through no fault of her own, Hazel "2" was surrendered to our shelter. **IF YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TO LOVE A SMALL DOG; ANDY;** 1.5 year old Chihuahua mix, sweet & sassy boy & is a great dog. He's featherweight; at only 11 pounds. **FINN**; big, very sweet, and active 1-year-old, black Shepherd dog boy. Finn is a big, playful mush! **ELSIE**; sweet 4-month-old, blue/brown eyed, tan mix breed puppy girl; probably about 50 pounds full grown. She's a beauty! The shelter is open by appointment on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays. Please call 845-679-0339 to make an appointment to meet your new love! Saugerties Animal Shelter- (located behind the transfer station); 1765 NY-212, Saugerties, NY 12477. Here in this house... I will never be a substitute for anything I am not. I will never be used to improve peoples' images of themselves. I will be loved because I am who I am, not someone's idea of who I should be. I will never suffer for someone's anger, impatience, or stupidity. I will be taught all the things I need to know to be loved by all. If I do not learn my lessons well, they will look to my teacher for blame. ~Author Unknown~ ... If you'd like your home to be like the home described, please see the wonderful animals we have at SAS.

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legal notices

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Hungry Heart Bakery LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 4/21/2026. 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 the process to the LLC, 99 W Chestnut st Kingston NY 12401. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE
COUNTY OF ULSTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE PERIODIC COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Periodic Compensation
Review Committee of Ulster County, in the Ulster County Office Building, K.L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York, on the 25th day of June, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. to receive comments on Ulster County's elected officials' salaries. Pursuant to the Ulster County Charter, the Periodic Compensation Review Committee is responsible to review the current salaries of all Ulster County elected officials and to provide recommendations for future salaries, and the rationale for them, to the County Executive and the Legislature. The review includes the salaries of the County Executive, the Comptroller, the Sheriff, the County Clerk and the Legislators. The District Attorney is exempt from this review because this salary is set by New York State law.
The draft proposed recommendations of the Periodic Compensation Committee can be viewed at DRAFT 2026 PCRC Recommendations or can be requested via email at
PCRC@ulstercountyny.gov
All interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard at the time and place aforesaid.
DATED: June 15, 2026 Richard Gerentine, Chair
Kingston, New York Periodic Compensation Review Committee

LEGAL NOTICE
VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ, NEW YORK AND TOWN OF NEW PALTZ, NEW YORK
NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ AND TOWN OF NEW PALTZ PROPOSED JOINT CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of New Paltz Board of Trustees and the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz have called for joint public hearings on a Proposed Joint Consolidation Agreement for the following dates, times, and locations:
Joint Village and Town Public Hearing Dates
Date, Time, Location
Tuesday July 7, 2026, 6 pm, New Paltz Middle School, 96 Main Street, New Paltz, New York, 12561
Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 7 pm, New Paltz Village Hall, 25 Plattekill Ave., New Paltz, New York, 12561
Wednesday, July 29, 2026, 7 pm, New Paltz Village Hall, 25 Plattekill Ave., New Paltz, New York, 12561
The purpose of the hearings is to provide the public the opportunity to provide comments on the Proposed Joint Consolidation Agreement. After the public hearings, the Village Board of Trustees and the Town Board may amend and adopt a final version of the Joint Consolidation Agreement or may opt to stop the process. If a final version of the Joint Consolidation Agreement is adopted, the Village Board of Trustees and the Town Board shall contemporaneously set a date for a referendum. The referendum question shall be in a form reading substantially as follows: "Should the Village of New Paltz be consolidated with the Town of New Paltz? Yes No." In order for consolidation to occur, it must be supported by a majority of the votes cast in the Village and a majority of the votes cast in the Town-Outside-Village.
Public comments may be made in person on the above dates, times and locations. Public comments may also be submitted in writing to the New Paltz Village Clerk, New Paltz Village Hall, 25 Plattekill Ave., New Paltz, New York, 12561, emailed to the Village Clerk at clerk@villageofnewpaltz.gov, submitted in writing to the Town of New Paltz Town Clerk, 52 Clearwater Road, PO Box 550, New Paltz, New York 12561 and/or emailed to the Town Clerk at clerk@townofnewpaltzny.gov by 5pm on August 3, 2026.
SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED JOINT CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT. The Village of New Paltz
Board of Trustees and the Town Board of the Town of New Platz endorsed a Proposed Joint Consolidation Agreement ("Proposed JCA") at a joint meeting of the boards on June 1, 2026. This Proposed JCA is available for the public to view at the Village Clerk's Office located at 25 Plattekill Avenue, New Paltz, New York 12561, the Village website https://www.villageofnewpaltz.gov/, the Town Clerk's Office located at 52 Clearwater Rd. PO Box 550, New Paltz, NY 12561, the Town's website located at https://www.townofnewpaltzny.gov/ and the project website located at: newpaltz-consolidation.com.
The Village Board of Trustees and the Town Board agree that consolidation of the Village and Town should be placed before the residents for consideration because it is their shared judgement that a consolidated Town can more effectively and efficiently deliver services, plan for the future and be more accountable to residents. The Village and Town have initiated a process pursuant to NYS General Municipal Law (GML) Article 17-A which authorizes the consolidation of a town and a village located wholly within the town into a consolidated town government.
The Proposed JCA is a required document, which upon adoption by the Village Board of Trustees and the Town Board, lays out the intended terms and information regarding the consolidation of the Village and the Town. The proposed date of consolidation is January 1, 2028 and the name of the consolidated Town is the Town of New Paltz having the same boundaries as the existing Town of New Paltz. The Proposed JCA addresses additional matters specifically required by law, including post-consolidation governance structures as it concerns elected and appointed officials and public employees, the rights, duties and obligations of the consolidated Town, detail of Village and Town assets, the disposition of those assets and liabilities, the treatment of Town and Village employees, the continuation of services, the terms for the common administration and uniform enforcement of local laws, codes and the like, the estimated one time transition costs, the estimated fiscal impact of consolidation on taxpayers and the dates, times and places for the public hearings on the Proposed JCA.
Dated: June 15, 2026
By Order of the Town and Village Boards of New Paltz
Rosanna Rosenkranse, Town Clerk, Town of New Paltz

LEGAL NOTICE
FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN
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 Application (CFA) Community Development Block Grant Public Infrastructure funding application in July 2026. The proposed project will occur throughout the Village's sanitary sewer collection system.
The Village of New Paltz's CDBG Small Cities CFA 2026 Public Infrastructure Application involves undertaking Consent Order Compliance Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation including (1) Replacement of 900 LF sanitary interceptor sewers and manholes along the access road to the Village Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF); (2) Replacement of 200 LF sanitary sewers to existing grit removal unit at the Village WWTF; (3) Replacement of entrance channel with integral screening equipment, and related piping at the Village WWTF; (4) Rehabilitation and/or replacement of 1,150 LF sanitary sewers and manholes on Huguenot Street (from Mulberry Street to its northern terminus); and (5) Rehabilitation and/or replacement of 400 LF sanitary sewers and manholes on Henry Court. Funding for this project is planned through New York State Community Development Block Grant Small Cities funds to be requested in July 2026. The total project cost is estimated to be $3,094,750. This project, if approved, will proceed in December 2026 and the Village expects to award a construction contract by June 2027.
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 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, the access road to the Village WWTF and the Villlage WWTF to be in the 100 year floodplain to be in the 100 year floodplain.
The Village of New Paltz has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: (1) the "No Project" alternative would avoid activity within the 100 year floodplain but was rejected as it would not address identified problems within the Village's sanitary sewer collection system and WWTF; (2) the "Different Site" alternative was considered and rejected as the Village's sewer collection system and WWTF are site specific within the floodplain and cannot be relocated without abandoning the existing sanitary sewer collection system and WWTF; and (3) the "Different Technology" alternative was considered and rejected as such facilities would still be located within the floodplain if the work is undertaken within the existing Village of New Paltz sewer collection system and WWTF. The Village of New Paltz will minimize adverse impacts and restore and preserve natural and beneficial values of the floodplain by operating within the footprint of the existing sanitary sewer collection system and WWTF. This proposed project is in compliance with New York State and Village of New Paltz floodplain protection procedures.
The Village of New Paltz has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990 are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons: The proposed activities will upgrade the existing sanitary sewer collection system and WWTF to address an ongoing NYS EFC Order on Consent requiring that the Village reduce Infiltration and Inflow into the wastewater collection system. The project will result in less than 5 acres of land disturbance and there will be no increase in impervious surface coverage. No new areas will receive sanitary sewer service. Instead only existing residents will receive improved service.
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 28, 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 awojcik@villageofnewpaltz.org.
June 17, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
We THRIVE Enterprises LLC. Filed with SSNY on 6/8/2026. Office: Ulster County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 427 Terrace Ave, KINGSTON, NY 12401. Purpose: Any Lawful.



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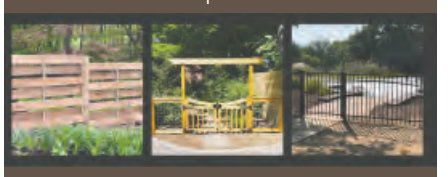
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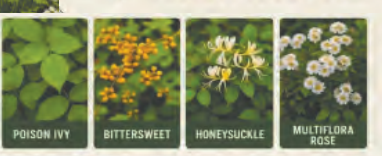


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