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Nesin Cultural Arts Programs Spring 2022



The Nesin Cultural Arts Young Children's Chorus rehearses in the Eugene D. Nesin Theatre for the Performing Arts on St. John St. in Monticello

(Monticello, NY) Nesin Cultural Arts (NCA) has announced that registration for Performing & Fine Arts programs for the spring 2022 Semester is now open. The Semester runs February 25th through May 14th. NCA programs will be operating on-site in Monticello, NY following COVID safety protocols. Virtual options are available by request to ensure the safety of families and artists. NCA provides professional and affordable arts programs for students of all ages. (Contd. Pg. 7)

FCSD Recognizes Senior Athletes



Boys Varsity Basketball Team are left to right, Coach Lionel White, Akinde Bryan, JonCarlos Reyes and Clayton Doolittle.

On Friday, January 28, 2022, Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) honored senior members of the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team and Cheerleading Team before the Boys' Basketball game with James O'Neill High School.

After Athletic Director Suzanne Lenzian welcomed the fans at the game, she introduced Boys' Varsity Basketball Team Coach Lionel White. He acknowledged three seniors for their contributions on and off the court over the past several years. He presented each with a single rose that is a customary gift to recognize senior scholar athletes. The seniors were Akinde Bryan, JonCarlos Reyes and Clayton Doolittle.

Next, A.D. Lenzian introduced Kiffanie Rodgers-Sanchez, Cheerleader Team Coach. She had one senior on the squad. Emily Collura had been on the team since Junior High School. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.
Psalm 25:1-2

OBITUARY

Our beloved **Anna Marie Scott** departed us on February 2, 2022 peacefully at home with her family by her side. She was 89 years old.

Ann was born on October 17, 1932 to Rosario Clemente and Chiara Frascati in Morristown, New Jersey. She attended Morristown High School where she met and later married the love of her life, Robert Edward Scott. Their love of camping led Ann and Rob to Parksville, NY in 1977 where they pursued their dream by building Hunter Lake Campground and running it together for over 30 years.

Ann was an avid baker, loved to cook, sew, and spend time with her family. Ann had a personality like no other. She welcomed others into her home and always had cookies and coffee ready for her company.

Ann is survived by her children; Jeff and Corrine Scott (CA), Brenda and Ralph Downs (Parksville, NY), Brian Scott (Jeffersonville, NY), Wayne and Ellen Scott (Parksville, NY), and Keith and Noreen Scott (Parksville, NY); her grandchildren Marissa and Chad Burgio (Liberty, NY), Robert and Melissa Scott (CA), Chiara and Paul VanValkenburg (Grahamsville, NY), Ralph Downs (Parksville, NY), Michael Scott (CA), Garret Scott (CA), Kirsten Scott and Dimitri Voultepsis (NJ), Nicholas Scott (CA), Collin Scott (CA), Samantha and Andrew Cummings (Livingston Manor, NY), Christopher Scott (CA), Gregory Scott (Parksville, NY), and Brittany Scott (Jeffersonville, NY); and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her loving husband Robert E. Scott, son Randy Scott, and grandson Aaron Scott.

A memorial visitation was held from 2 to 4pm on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at Colonial Bryant Funeral Home in Livingston Manor, NY 12758. A memorial service was held at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Bryant Funeral Home, for further information call 845-439-4333 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

John E. Slegona Sr. of Ellenville, NY, passed away on February 2, 2022. He was 75 years old. John was born on November 23, 1946 in Livingston Manor, NY; he was the son of the late

Louis and Arretta (Davenport) Slegona

John had retired from VAW in Ellenville where he worked as a Casting Operator. In his down time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and putting around the house, always keeping busy. He will be deeply missed by his wife, Darlene (Gorr) Slegona whom he married in 2004; his children, John Slegona and his wife Lisa, Luther Slegona and his wife Michelle and Audrey Hammerl and her husband Steve; his stepchildren, Stella Sabatini, Darren Ward, Melissa Ross and Ryan Ward; his siblings, Theresa Slegona, Louis Slegona, Larry Slegona and Wayne Slegona as well as fourteen grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, John was predeceased by his first wife Brenda Slegona and his sister Dorothy Montalvo.

Personal condolences may be left for John's family by visiting www.loucksfh.com

DAYS OF YORE.....

Today's History

February 6, 1952

It was a housewarming Thursday evening when the Grahamsville Fire Company and the Ladies' Auxiliary celebrated the completion of the rooms upstairs in the Fire House with a baked ham dinner. The first public use of the rooms will be on February 14th when the Ladies' Auxiliary is having an Evening of Games for the benefit of the Fire Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Botsford of Grahamsville are the proud parents of an 8 lb. 15 oz. son who was born Thursday, January 31st at the Veteran's Memorial Hospital in Ellenville. The Botsfords have one other child. Grandparents are the Earl Botsfords and the Ralph Hornbecks. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hornbeck are the baby's great-grandparents.

John Amthor died at his home in Woodbourne on Monday, February 4th. He was born in Ellenville on April 20, 1865, the son of John C. and Rachel Gabriel Amthor. On February 11, 1891 he married Della Hornbeck who survives him. Also among the surviving relatives are two daughters, Mrs. Willie Huson of Curry and Mrs. George Gorton of Woodbourne.
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DAYS OF YORE.....**Today's History** (From Pg. 2)**February 7, 1962**

Miss Joan Elizabeth Gray, daughter of Mrs. Russell Grey and the late Mr. Grey, and Robert Clayton Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wood of Ellenville, N.Y. were married on Saturday, February 3, 1962 at St. Mary and St. Andrew's R.C. Church in Ellenville. Father John Cunningham performed the ceremony. The bride is a 1961 graduate of Tri Valley Central School and was attending N.Y.U. Ag and Tech College at Cobleskill. Her husband is a graduate of Ellenville Central School and is attending college at Morrisville, N.Y.

Miss Kathryn Moore, Woodbourne Road, was interviewed in the Middletown Times Herald Record in the Feb. 2nd issue. Miss Moore, director of elementary education for the Middletown school system, discussed her job and her ideas about education.

Mr. and Mrs. George Spann of Grahamsville announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Menard Spann to David Lincoln Morse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Morse of Rochester, N.Y. Miss Spann, who was a member of the class of 1956 at Tri Valley Central School, graduated from Swarthmore College in June, 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and is presently employed in the N.Y. office of Wullschleger and Co., Inc. Mr. Morse is enrolled in M.I.T. where he is pursuing graduate studies. They are planning a June wedding for this year.

February 9, 1972

Kathryn Herrman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Herrman of Grahamsville, has been notified of her acceptance at Sullivan County Community College where she will be enrolled in the liberal arts program.

Lynn Stratton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stratton, has received word of her acceptance at Sullivan County Community College. Lynn plans to major in business administration.

Services were held Tuesday for Mrs. Alpha E. Houghtaling, 91, of Liberty. She died Saturday. Mrs. Houghtaling was born November 22, 1880 in Claryville, the daughter of Ernest and Ellen Moore Townsend. She was married to Chester Houghtaling. Besides her husband of Parksville, she is survived by three sons, Emmett and Nial, both of Liberty and Clifford of Neversink; a daughter, Theda Loungrin of Kerhonkson.

February 11, 1982

Richard and Melissa Schmitz of the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado, are the proud parents of a daughter, Tiffany Rene Schmitz, born on January 22, 1982. She weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 inches long. The paternal grandparents are Lorence Schmitz of Humen Road, and June Schmitz of Hasbrouck Road, Woodbourne.

Kathi Marie Knox and Stephen Douglas Smith announce their engagement. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knox and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, Dwyer Ave., Liberty. Miss Knox is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and is a correspondence secretary at Community General Hospital. Her fiancé is a graduate of Liberty High School and Alfred State College with an associate degree. His is employed by Great American Food Store in Liberty.

Household Hint:**Still Having Trouble with that Holiday Feasting Appetite?**

Dampen your appetite. Sprinkle a little vinegar on prepared food to take the edge off your appetite.

Nature Column - A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have loved so much and lost... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry, Barbara Slater and Shirley Davis.

Chickadees Are Cold Weather Machines

Though any bird that survives winter in the Catskills amazes those of us that depend on furnaces and warm blankets, the black-capped chickadee may be the most incredible of all winter survivors.

This time of the year you will hear the Chickadees. They are one of our families favorite birds to visit the backyard during winter. Chickadees do not migrate and are equipped to survive harsh winter weather. Though chick-

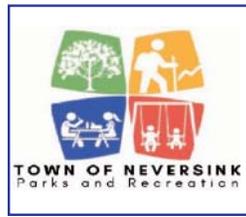


adees are regular visitors to our feeders, over 75% of their winter food supply still comes from natural sources. They store food and remember where they have hidden it.

The black-capped chickadee is easy to recognize with its black cap and throat contrasted by white cheeks. Its wings and back are gray and its sides are buff in color. It is about five inches long and weighs about 1/3 of an ounce, that's less than the weight of two quarters. It has two common and cheerful songs; chick-a-dee-dee-dee and fee-bee-ee with the first note higher. It is much easier to find this bird by its song as your walking through the woods than it is to try and locate it by sight.

This time of the year Chickadees have a dense winter coats, they diligently find excellent, well-insulated roosting cavities and most amazingly can perform a regulated hypothermia to conserve energy overnight. For years, scientists were intrigued by the ability of these tiny birds to survive and thrive during even the most frigid days. The chickadee's ability to go into regulated hypothermia enables it to actually lower its body temperature, in a controlled manner, to about 12 or 15 degrees F below its normal daytime temperature of 108 degrees F. This allows the bird to conserve almost 25 percent of its hourly metabolic expenditure when the outside temperature is at freezing. Scientist now know the lower the outside temperature, the more energy a Chickadee conserves. Chickadees seem to have a never-ending energy.

The Chickadee possesses many other interesting behavioral and survival traits that lend a bit more character to this little bird. You might want to explore them this winter while you watch the birds at your feeding station. There are several books and websites you can use to expand your knowledge during the remaining cold winter days while you sit inside and watch the cheerful chickadees flutter about and sing their song. The Chickadee's inquisitive nature make these birds fun to watch.



News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

It's been a while since our last update from your Parks & Rec team. Why is that? Well your P&R team has been working very hard on the Community Ice Rink and the upcoming Winterfest.

Let's give you the news on the Community Ice Rink first. The ice rink has been incredibly successful this year. The approval from our Town Board to expand the rink (it is now double in size from last year) is a major contributor to this success. We are seeing so many families that are new to our community coming out to enjoy the rink. We are seeing many of our teens coming to the rink to learn how to skate and spend time with their friends. We are seeing long-time community residents experiencing the rink for the first time-and LOVING it-coming back each week. And of course, we are seeing so many of the familiar faces from last year who continue to enjoy the rink. This year we have the concession open with our Tri-Valley School organizations selling hot cocoa and snacks during each session which is a positive addition to our ice rink! We have other towns reaching out to us for information on our Community Ice Rink because they are looking to do the same for their own communities. The Town of Neversink Community Ice Rink is a well-known success. We have set a precedence and we are darn proud of it!!!! What really surprises people about our rink is that it is managed, monitored and maintained 100% by volunteers in our community!! Our skates and helmets that we have available for use are all donated. Our volunteers open the rink; monitor the skating; and close the rink by cleaning the ice and spectator areas, sanitizing the equipment, and locking everything up until the next session. This is truly unbelievable! It is a testament to how successful we can be when we come together as a community for the community. I for one am very proud to be part of this Town of Neversink!

The ice rink is still looking for donations. We are in dire need of adult helmets (safety certified) and adult skates, especially the larger sizes. If you have any helmets or skates you no longer need we would great appreciate them at the rink. You can bring them to the rink during open hours or drop them off at Town Hall in the box located in the lobby area. As a reminder here are our current hours of operation:

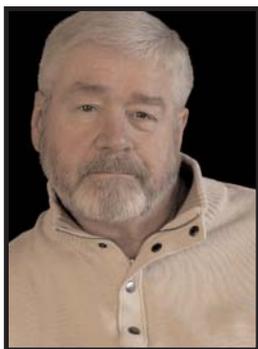
Tuesday, Thursdays & Fridays • 7 pm - 9 pm
Saturdays • 1 pm - 3 pm & 7 pm - 9 pm
Sundays • 1 pm - 5 pm

Make sure to check our Facebook page for changes to these hours of operation due to weather conditions and to see if we have any special events scheduled at the rink. And remember: ALL SKATERS, YOUNG AND OLD, MUST WEAR HELMETS ON THE ICE!

Now on to the second big event from your Parks and Rec Team---- THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK FIRST ANNUAL WINTERFEST! Our Winterfest is scheduled for SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 (blizzard date=February 19) from NOON until 7 p.m. at the GRAHAMSVILLE FAIRGROUNDS. We are so excited to have this event! And we are getting a tremendous response from folks within our community from other towns. So what is the Winterfest. It was the brainchild of your Parks & Rec team to provide something fun during the winter months and utilize the amazing fairgrounds we have here in our town. What started as a small idea has blossomed into a big fun event. We will have many winter activities, depending on snow availability, including Cross-Country Skiing, Snow Sledding, Snow Man Building and Snow Shoeing (bring your equipment). Our Ice Rink will be open during the event (but there will be some additional rules and requirements). We will have music with Jesse Noren performing from noon to 2 pm. We will have games such as Corn Hole, Can Jam, Jenga and Connect 4. We will have a craft tent filled with "fixens" for the kids to make their own Valentine's Day surprises for Mom & Dad. Our Tri-Valley PTO has sponsored the Party Painter Face Painting. The Roadhouse Rolling Bar will host our Beer Garden, selling not only beer but wine slushies, mulled wine and cider. And what is a Winterfest without food and vendors! Our Tri-Valley School organizations and our Little League & Bear Cub Basketball with be selling lots of food, including hot dogs, chili, nachos, chips, soft pretzels and chocolate covered pretzels and much more. What's Poppin Popcorn will be there with their infamous (and oh so delicious) kettle corn. Justus Ashthaler Maple Syrup Co. will be there with their maple cotton candy and other delights. And the list of our craft vendors is incredible. We have woodworking products, homemade leather products, jewelry, clothing, art, candles & soaps, hand woven wool yarn, stained glass, yummy baked goods and special Charcuterie Boards. And the list goes on. This is going to be a great event. And best of all---ITS FREE. There is no admission charge. We do suggest that you drive your 4-wheel drive cars as parking will be in the old ball fields. If all goes well, the ground will be frozen for us, and we shouldn't have any problems. So if you don't have any plans for the day before Super Bowl, come on out to our First Annual Winterfest! Help us make it a big success so that we can continue it from year to year.

Remember to check our Facebook page for additional information on our Ice Rink and Events. Any questions send them to cwparksandrec@gmail.com.

And as always, be safe, stay healthy, stay warm and most of all be happy.
 Cher (your Parks & Rec Director)



City of the Dead

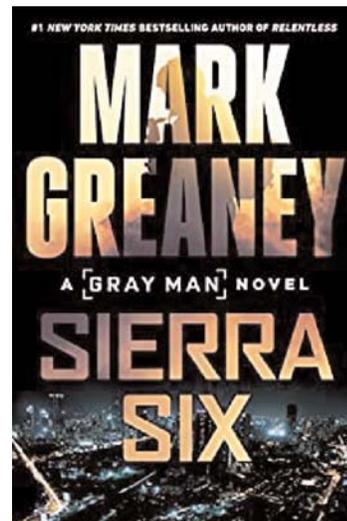
Mysterious Book Report No. 475

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

Best-selling author, and a favorite of ours, Mark Greaney, has hit it out of the park with his newest “Gray Man” novel. Number eleven in the series, it's a blockbuster in which the high octane action starts immediately and never stops.

Sierra Six, (Berkley Press, \$28.00, 528 pages, ISBN 978-0-593-098999-8), features Court Gentry, the aforementioned Gray Man –who's a principled assassin with a unique moral code –in two roles

of what is actually a double yarn in one novel. In the first story, which takes place in the present time, Court is on a lone wolf mission in Algeria that he contracted for on the dark web through a broker. It's supposed to be simple and easy, but like everything in his clandestine life, it doesn't go as planned, when he sees a someone who's been dead for a decade. The man's name is Murad Khan, and he's a terrorist mastermind. The incident kicks off a second story, which happened twelve years in the past, when Court Gentry, the lone wolf killer was assigned to a CIA paramilitary team known as Sierra Six. Their mission was to stop an attack by terrorists who planned to use a series of radioactive dirty bombs against American forces. But Gentry has problems integrating into such a tight knit military unit . . . causing major friction with the team. But he's deployed to Pakistan anyway, because of his ability to kill efficiently and effectively without conscience. Thereafter, the novel moves back and forth between past and present as Mr. Greaney uses those long ago events to explain Gentry's current mission of personal vengeance. If you're a fan of Clancy, Flynn, or Ludlum, Mark Greaney is gonna be your next MFA, most favorite author. Oh Yeah. He will!!



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Wild Wonders: Celebrating Native Plants of the Catskills

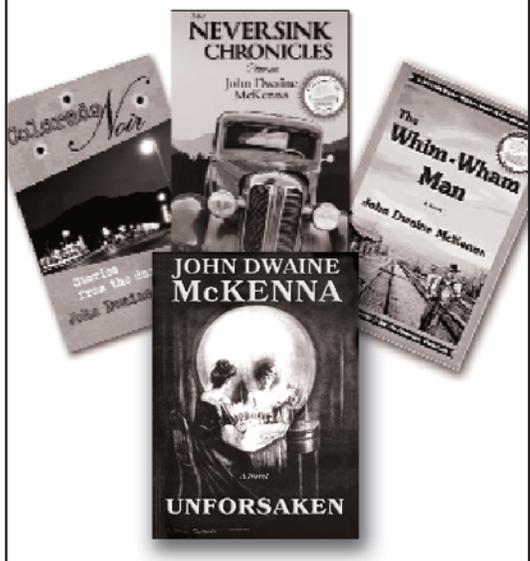
The Catskill region is defined as much by our abundant forests and diverse plant life as it is by our beautiful mountain ranges.

Mountainkeeper invites you to learn more about our region's unique native plants from a panel of experts at our upcoming 'Wild Wonders' webinar on February 15th, from 12 - 12:45pm. Hosted by Kate O'Connor (Catskill Mountainkeeper) and John Thompson (Catskill Center), the webinar will feature Marc Wolf, Director of the Mountain Top Arboretum, who will take the group on a virtual tour of some of the beautiful trees, flowers, and shrubs growing there. You'll learn how to incorporate native plants in your own garden to provide habitat for pollinators and wildlife, and where to buy locally-adapted native plants in your area. Whether you're planning a pollinator garden this spring, or just looking to expand your knowledge of the plants you encounter on local hikes or drives, this webinar will be a great place to start.

Stop and smell the mountain flowers! Native plants are beautiful to behold and provide important food and habitat for wildlife. We invite you to join us for a webinar on February 15th from 12pm to 12:45pm as we get to know a few of the stunning natives of the Catskills and explore ways to incorporate them into your own backyard. Hosts Kate O'Connor (Catskill Mountainkeeper) and John Thompson (Catskill Center) will feature Marc Wolf, director of the Mountain Top Arboretum, to take you on a virtual tour of some of the trees, flowers and shrubs growing there. Learn about selecting the right plants for different Catskill site types, how to use them for design and creating wildlife habitat, and where you can buy locally-adapted natives for your own space.

This webinar is free and will be closed captioned for greater accessibility, but you must register in advance here. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6516433096112/WN_ty0h5XImRB2LyZXwUbb2gA

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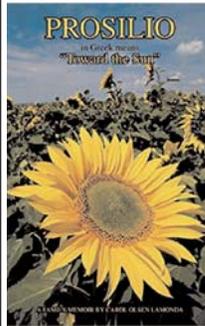
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Nesin Cultural Arts Programs Spring 2022

(From Pg. 1) Programs include: Young Children's Chorus for Grades Pre-K-1 (tuition: \$0) and Treble Makers Chorus (tuition: \$0) for Grades 2-5 directed by Emily McConnell. NCA Chorale for Grades 6-12 (tuition \$0) directed by Amy Phillips. Honors Chorus (tuition: \$90) for ages 8-18 directed by Amy Phillips. Students must audition to be accepted into Honors Chorus. Choirs are accompanied by Jeff Yeung. A Handbell Choir (tuition: included for AYM & Honors Chorus students; for all others \$60) for Grades 6-12 directed by Amy Phillips. Dance Programs include: First Steps for Pre-K-1 (tuition: \$0), Tiny Dancers (tuition: \$0) for Grades 2-5, Dance Company (tuition: \$0) for Grades 6-12, and Ballet for ages 8-18(tuition: \$90). The NCA Theatre Program is directed by Alexis Costa: Little Actors (tuition: \$90) for Grades 2-5, and Play Production Practicum (tuition: \$90) for Grades 6-12. The Visual Arts Programs include: Children's Art & Crafts (tuition: \$90) for Grades K-5 directed by Fiona Feltman, and Drawing, Painting, and Mixed Media (tuition: \$90) for Grades 6-12 directed by Laurie Kilgore. SCCO Educates - Aspiring Young Musicians (AYM): Private lessons and ensembles, (AYM Orchestra included). AYM Orchestra: Open to all, enrollment in AYM private lessons is not required. Contact akiko@sccoplayers.org for AYM program information.

NCA program costs are as indicated under each program description. AYM tuition is \$105/month, September-June. Discounts are available when you register for multiple classes. Scholarships are available for students and instruments. Scholarships are distributed on a first come first serve basis. For Scholarship information contact: akiko@sccoplayers.org. To register or inquire about any NCA Chorus, Handbells, Dance, Theatre, or Visual Art programs, contact fiona@nesinculturalarts.org or call (845) 798-9006.

Funding for NCA programs is provided by: The New York State Council on the Arts - Governor Kathleen Hochul, Episcopal Charities, St. John's Episcopal Church, Sullivan County Youth Bureau, New York Life, Laura Jane Musser Fund, Sullivan County Catskills, Stewart's Shops, M&T Bank, and the Associated Chamber Music Players.

FCSD Recognizes Senior Athletes



Mom Karen Collura, Cheerleading Team Coach Kiffanie Rodgers-Sanchez, Senior Emily Collura, sister Rachel Collura, and dad Joe Collura.

(From Pg. 1) She followed in the footsteps of her older sister Rachel. So, it would be the end of an era of Colluras. Dad, Joe, is a member of the FCSD Board of Education and mom, Karen, is a teacher at Monticello High School. The whole family was present to celebrate the evening.

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Preparation of tax returns, both Federal and NY State, will begin on Monday, February 7 and continue through Thursday, April 14.

Contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension office, Ferndale-Loomis Road, in Liberty, 292-6180, or the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello, 794-4660, for additional information and to make an appointment.

A limited number of appointments in March will also be available at the Liberty Public Library, 292-6070; the Sunshine Hall Free Library in Eldred, 557-6258; and the Mamakating Library in Wurtsboro, 888-8004.

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What does a groundhog know anyway?

We all know spring arrives on March 20. Until then, we're very happily embracing winter in the Sullivan Catskills.

Come stay a while and enjoy some cold weather fun. Outside or in, there's always something fun to do. Get started at Sunshine Colony, a communal Sullivan Catskills bar where February promises quite a bit of sunshine and oysters every Thursday with Chef Eric.

If you're a winter sports enthusiast, may I suggest a hike? Do it on snowshoes, cross-country skis, or just in your best winter hiking boots. (You can rent snowshoes from our friends at Fortress Bikes or Morgan Outdoors). The downhill slopes at Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center and Holiday Mountain are perfect for families who want to schuss down the mountain together. Inspired by talented Olympic figure skaters? Sharpen up your skates and head over to Morningside Park, Grahamsville Fairgrounds, or the winter park across from Roscoe Beer Company.

You say February is for the birds? We couldn't agree more- eagles, doves, and woodpeckers to be sure. This Saturday at 1 pm the Mamakating Environmental Education Center presents Woodpeckers of NY, a great opportunity for bird watchers to learn to identify- by sight and sound- the seven species of these handsome, well dressed birds common to New York. Bonus: you get to make your own batch of peanut butter suet to take home. It's primetime to go eagle watching too. Come see our nesting and migrating bald eagle population. And don't forget about the oh-so-beautiful flock of 60 dove sculptures on the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail.

Try your hand at painting Saturday from 10 am - 3 pm when Zane Gray Plein Air presents Winter Studio:

FALL Into Winter Workshops: Outdoor Landscapes + Studio STILL, LIFE at the Blue Fox Motel in Narrowsburg. Work independently or with instruction inside or out and choose your preferred medium: pastels/charcoal, oil/acrylic, or watercolor/gouache.

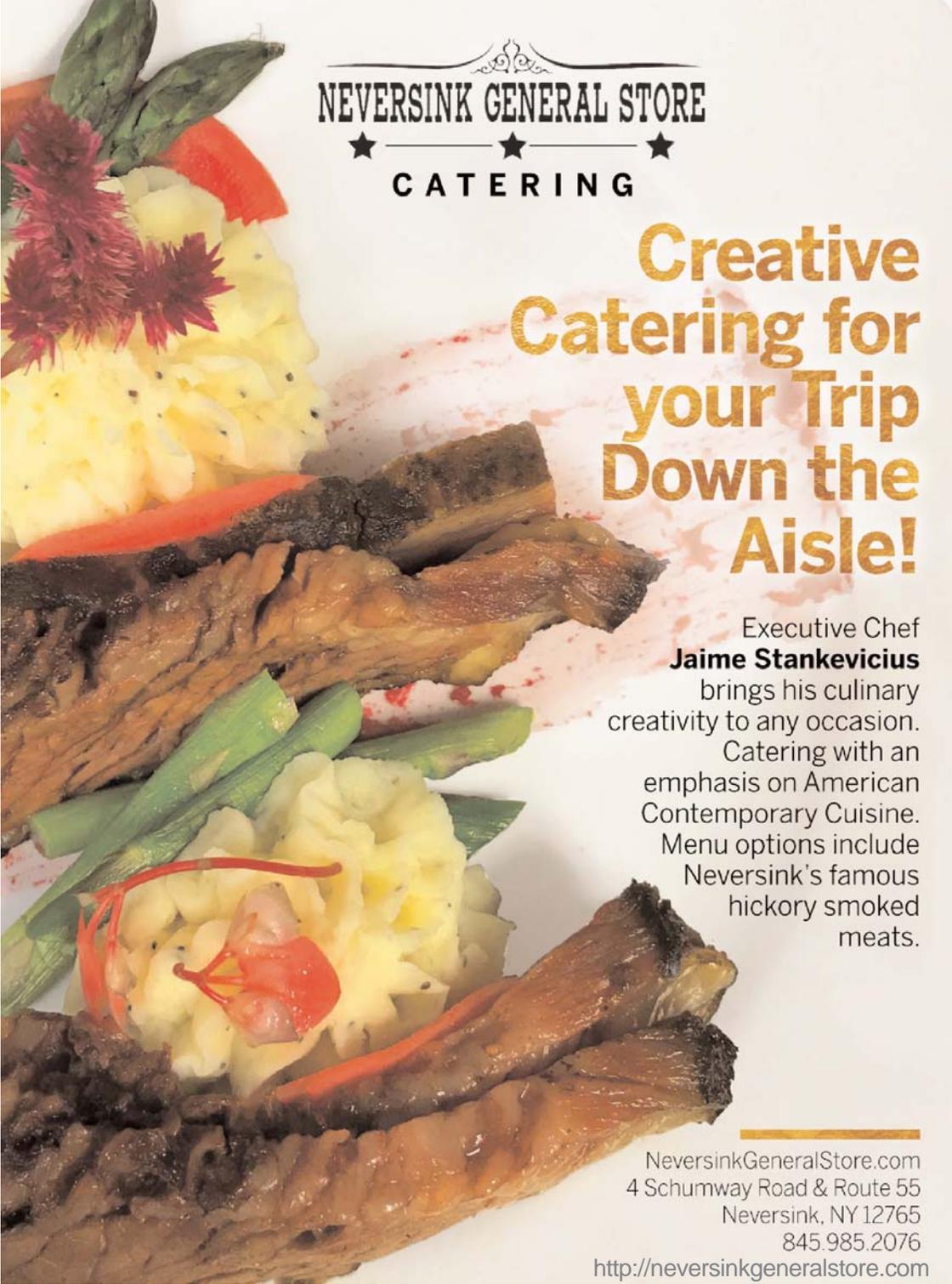
Our Good Taste Beverage Trail is a fun way to spend an afternoon. Our brewers, vintners, cider makers, and distillers have some award-winning libations for you to sample. Please drink responsibly, though. Truth is, there are over a dozen to visit, so consider staying awhile. Our hoteliers have some nice Winter Specials you should check out. And of course that will give you time to sample the talents of our Catskill-icious chefs and go shopping afterwards (or before). Whatever floats your boat!

There's still time to book a Valentine's Day stay. Check out some of the offerings including: Valentine's Weekend at Eldred Preserve, Valentines' Day Dinner at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant, Conover Club at Callicoon Hills, The Arnold House, or Kenoza Hall. Be sure to check SullivanCatskills.com, Instagram and Facebook feeds, too, for the most up-to-date happenings!

Pack your bags and your facemask. You'll feel safe and confident when you come because we're following our Catskills Confidence program to keep us all healthy.

We're just a 90-minute drive from Manhattan. Close. Clean. Confident. Whether spring is around the corner or not, no winter lasts forever- but it's fun here, anyway!

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(Enter Through The "Think Tank" Entrance - Hudson Ballroom)

Attendees Must Wear A Mask Regardless Of Their Vaccination Status

The IRS is hosting Zoom meetings for small business organizations and owners in February and March, especially those that conduct business in languages other than English. These 2-hour events will include presentations from IRS leadership from Examination, Collection and Taxpayer Advocacy covering the top tax issues affecting small business owners regarding income, deductions, employment taxes and recordkeeping. We'll also cover getting ready for the 2022 filing season, tax scams targeting small businesses and how the IRS is reorganizing to better serve small business taxpayers. We also want to hear from you! So, these events will include a listening session to hear your concerns, feedback and suggestions. How can we improve your IRS experience as a small business owner?

Please join us and our sponsoring small business organizations on one of the dates below for what is sure to be an informative and worthwhile meeting!

To register. go to: <https://irs.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsd-isrzwuEjxeruw0-UbsNNMCRI98cYQ>

The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

Another wonderful week over with! The groundhog Phil saw his shadow (oh joy!). An ice storm that wasn't nearly as bad as our neighbors just a few miles East. Yet another single digit night and one more below zero. And this week, into the near 40's. And that virus thing aside, I'd have to say this is pneumonia weather.

My need to get tested last week, never quite happened. It seemed the universe was throwing anything and everything at me...and fast! Everything from my temporary tooth popping off with no provocation to unnecessary drama around my pet sitting duties along with my regular work. By Saturday, I was so 'done' I was asleep by 7pm! The good news is I had no symptoms.

Have you ordered your free CoVid tests from covidtests.gov yet? I did. Piece of cake. Two things to be aware of: 1) make sure the website you're on is the exact one I've listed. There are apparently fake ones cropping up. 2) Go directly to the order button. There was a glitch early on where users got lost in the site and could not find where to order. The postal service sent me an email as to when to expect delivery...and there they were. I am negative.

My friend JESSE P POLLACK was looking for ghost stories, the true experience type. And why? After producing a documentary of his 2nd book THE ACID KING, auditioning and being chosen to narrate his 1st book DEATH ON DEVIL'S TEETH, and rewriting that 1st book to include a lot more material, a lot that when he was researching initially, was told 'was lost in a flood'. After all of this and being on the mending side of CoVid with his wife and child (all fully vaccinated and boosted), he's starting a magazine. So, do you think I had one for him? His will not be a main stream magazine, as you probably have guessed, but I expect it will have a professional aire about it (unlike some) and a cult following. I say "Bravo!!".

I really haven't worked on my socks this last week but I did start a prototype of the mittens I'm knitting for distribution in November to kids in need. I have knit hats for children before, but not mittens so I wanted to see how this free pattern I found on line would look. Someone had given me a fair amount 'Home Décor' yarn so I decided to use that. When a yarn tells you what it's for in the name, believe it. This would make good throw pillow covers, or a pet bed but definitely not garments. For the prototype, it's fine, since I'll be unraveling them and making this yarn into hanging baskets.

Why a prototype? Because ever since I discovered circular knitting needles and that I could make both socks at the same time, making one of anything, then the other seemed illogical. If I could work out how to make both at the same time, then when they are done, they are done! And I can go on to the next pair. I've made all my notes and will show you my handiwork next week.

With the milder weather this week, I'm hoping to get out to see (something! Anything!!) some live music. I've been out of touch for so long, I'll have to see what's out there!!!

Super Bowl next Sunday! Hope the team of your choice hits a lot of home runs!!

Stay safe, stay well and please stay masked.
Until next time.....

Governor Hochul and NYS Dept of Health Announce an Expert Consortium to Address Long COVID

Educational Symposium Brings Together Public Health Experts and Patient Advocates to Inform the State's Response to Identifying and Treating Long COVID

Governor Kathy Hochul announced New York State, led by the State's Department of Health, hosted an expert panel on long COVID on Thursday, February 3. The event was hosted by State Health Commissioner, Dr. Mary T. Bassett, and consist of three panels featuring the research, clinical, and functional aspects of this critical public health challenge.

"As New York continues its battle against COVID-19, we are taking action to address the impacts of Long COVID, which include a wide range of symptoms that continue to adversely affect the health and wellbeing of New Yorkers," Governor Hochul said. "New York State is convening a panel of the foremost experts in public health - the first event of its kind for the State - to gather information, pinpoint challenges and create solutions to provide New Yorkers with the treatment, support and resources they need to recover. I applaud our partners at the Department of Health and NYC Health + Hospitals for their continued efforts to help ensure we are leading the nation in our fight against Long COVID."

The forum will included specialists, clinicians, social scientists, advocates, and other stakeholders to share their experience, expertise, and insights. The discussion and findings will inform the State's response to long COVID-including policy, regulatory, and program considerations-to support impacted New Yorkers as well as the healthcare providers who care for them.

State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said, "Analyzing the challenges brought by COVID-19 today enables us to create solutions for New Yorkers tomorrow. In the first event of its kind for the State, the Department is bringing together public health leaders, survivors, and advocates to address long COVID for patients and providers alike. Since this novel virus first arrived in the United States, with New York being one of its first and hardest-hitting stops, the State Department of Health has been committed to identifying and developing a comprehensive response to long COVID."

A proportion of New Yorkers who have previously been infected with COVID-19 continue to experience a wide range of physical, mental, emotional, and psychological symptoms that affect their daily lives. Symptoms associated with long COVID can vary widely, from cardiovascular symptoms like heart palpitations to difficulty breathing and excessive fatigue and can include difficulty concentrating or other psychological symptoms.

Long COVID symptoms can also occur even if the initial COVID illness is not severe and can last for months or even a year. While scientists are still working to understand long COVID, the State is committed to bringing together a wide range of health specialists and scientists to formulate a meaningful response to address this phenomena. On Jan. 26, Governor Hochul announced New York State is offering new, online educational opportunities to help workers who believe they contracted COVID-19 due to an exposure at work, especially those suffering from ongoing long-haul symptoms. This new event builds on these efforts.

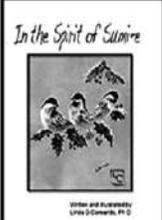


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It's Almost Here... Catskill Park Day

As part of the Catskill Park Coalition, we'll advocate and educate during (virtual) Catskill Park Day, Feb 15.

Our priorities are Catskill Park Coalition Priorities for the SFY 2022-23 Public Safety and Catskill Park Management- Given the exponential growth of visitors and the subsequently increasing pressure on the Catskill Park's infrastructure, natural resources, and management, the Catskill Park Coalition calls for increased staffing at the NYSDEC's Division of Lands and Forests in Region 3 and 4 to better manage the Catskill Park and its more than 1.7 million annual visitors; continued annual Forest Ranger Academies to maintain and increase ranger staff to provide a safe experience for all who visit the Catskill Park; and proper support of the newly created Catskill Park Coordinator position within the NYSDEC with adequate resources.

Environmental Protection Fund Priorities to Enhance and Protect the Catskills

The Environmental Protection Fund should be funded at \$500 million to adequately protect New York's Environment and specifically for the responsible protection and management of natural and recreational resources in the Catskill Park. Within the EPF, the the Catskill Park Coalition calls for the following funding:

Continued inclusion of the \$150,000 line, directed to the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development for the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Visitor Center's management, operations and facilities maintenance to support a world-class experience for visitors;

Continued inclusion of the \$150,000 line, directed to the Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies to support the Catskill Science Collaborative's research on topics of importance in the Catskills;

Continued inclusion of the \$750,000 line directed to Cornell University for the "Save the Hemlocks" initiative to fight the invasive Hemlock Woolly Adelgid;

Continued inclusion of funding of at least \$300,000 for Smart Growth Grants dedicated annually to help Catskill communities and nonprofits sustainably improve the Park;

Continued inclusion of funding for continued upgrades and improvements to the state-owned Belleayre Ski Center;

A new line containing at least \$200,000 for Catskill Stewards, directed to the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development and Catskill Mountainkeeper, to support the existing education and stewardship program to address increasing numbers of visitors across the Park; and

At least \$10 million in stewardship funding to support Catskill Park education efforts, improvements and infrastructure maintenance in light of continued exponential visitor growth. The Catskill Park Coalition supports the \$4 billion environmental bond act. This funding would provide additional resources to construct new and maintain existing Park infrastructure.

Catskill Park Day features two free webinars.

One with our John Thompson at 12 noon. Register here
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Legislative webinar at 6:15 pm. Register here
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SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

By: Chris Mathews, Town of Neversink Supervisor



It has been some time since my last column and many things have happened in town. First I would like to start by saying Thank you! This past November I was re-elected to the position of Town Supervisor. Once again I am humbly honored by the overwhelming support I have received. I would like to thank my opponent Jerry Stevens for running a clean and friendly campaign. I would like to congratulate my fellow Town Board members Ric Coombe and Scott Grey, Town Clerk Lisa Garigliano, and Highway Superintendent Preston Kelly on their re-elections.

Also, a special welcome to our new Town Justice Mike Scagnelli.

The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was fantastic! Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived on time thanks to the Grahamsville Fire Department and Ambulance Squad who were led by the Tri Valley Cheerleaders. The event was flawless thanks to the planning and hard work of Cher and the Parks and Rec Advisory Board. The Town Hall staff, the Town Board, the Girl Scouts, AYSO Soccer helped with food, cocoa, and cookies. The Tri-Valley Band was on hand to provide music. And our friend Walt Z provided the amazing lighting. All and all it was a great night and one of my favorite events of the year. Again, many thanks to all who made it a success.

In December I attended Dylan Poley's Eagle Scout Ceremony. Dylan recently completed a project at the Pond Hill Cemetery for the Town. He removed the old fence and installed a brand new split rail fence. During his time in the Scouts he earned an amazing 41 Merit Badges. It was truly inspiring to attend the ceremony which focuses on values such as Honor, Loyalty to family, friends, and Country, Courage, and Service to community and those in need. It was a pleasure getting to know Dylan and the Town is thankful for his hard work.

The Ice Rink is open and is bigger and better than ever. Check the hours based on weather. Regular hours are Tues, Thurs, & Fri 7-9 PM. Sat 1-3 PM & 7-9 PM. Sun 1-5 PM.

Winterfest is on the way! Saturday February 12th. Vendors and organizations will be selling food, snacks, and crafts. There will be music, ice carving, sledding, and a Beer Garden. See you there.

Transfer Station Attendant Joe Barkley has announced his retirement and will now be spending his winters in Florida. Good luck Joe and Patti!

There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right." - Martin Luther King Jr.

The following statement is my personal view of The Mandates and of moving forward living with the Virus. I am not speaking for the Town Board as a whole, but I am speaking from my position as Town Supervisor. I have spoken to many of our local County officials and several School Board members from different districts about the Governor's Mask Mandate. Almost every one of them expressed a view that was against the Mask Mandate, but were not willing to make a public statement. One prominent County official stated that "I believe in masks, they save lives", while not wearing one at a meeting and not being able to produce one to wear. Some of these same officials accused me of being afraid to make a statement on this, so here goes.

People paying attention are aware and I am sure many are not, that on January 24th the State's Mask Mandate was ruled illegal and unconstitutional. The Governor's Emergency Powers are not in effect, mandates are not laws, laws are established by the Legislative branch of government, not the Executive. Of course the State Appellate Court ruled that the mandate could stay in place while it is being appealed. Once again regular folks are pawns caught in the middle of a political power play.

In my opinion it is wrong to ask businesses and their employees to enforce a mandate that at this time has become purely about political control and not about health. Many of these businesses are already suffering from the results of lockdowns, lack of willing employees and skyrocketing inflation. It is not right to set them up to police their fellow citizens and potential customers. We are now into year number three and it is obvious that Politicians cannot stop the spread of this virus. It is up to individual people to protect themselves as they see fit. If you want to wear a mask, then wear a mask. If you want a vaccine, get a vaccine, but by all means leave your fellow citizens alone. Personal medical decisions are not a one size fits all decision. Politicians and unelected bureaucrats should not bully, coerce, threaten, or fire anyone over their personal medical choices.

Regarding the kids, we should remember that an abundance of caution can still be cruel. Children are the least at risk but are living with the most restrictions. Kids need to see and make facial expressions. It is dehumanizing and will cause long term physiological damage. Wearing a mask all day reduces oxygen intake and causes pain behind the ears.

I am constantly disappointed at all levels of Government and Public Health, especially local that only push Masks and Vaccines as the only path forward. There are therapeutics available that help speed recovery time. I have yet to hear our local officials speak of the importance of exercise, good diet, fresh air, ventilation, sunlight, Vitamin D, Zinc, etc. I have been accused of saying the threat is not real. This is not true. I have had the Virus. It is very real and should be respected, but by all means, do not live in fear. Go on with life, see your family, and embrace your neighbor's hand. And, most important of all, if you are sick stay home. This goes to all of you who believe you only have a cold and have tested negative. Nobody wants the Common Cold or the Flu either, just stay home for a few days. The bottom line is the Virus is here to stay, risk in life is real, and the New Normal is not normal.

I welcome all comments and discussions. You all know how to reach me. My office door is open to all and I will call you back.



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On Saturday, February 12th

(blizzard date-February 19th)

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And we will have lots of fun things to do. If there is snow, bring your sleds, saucers and tubes for sledding. If there is no-snow, don't worry we have lots of other things to do.

The ICE RINK WILL BE OPEN FOR THE EVENT.

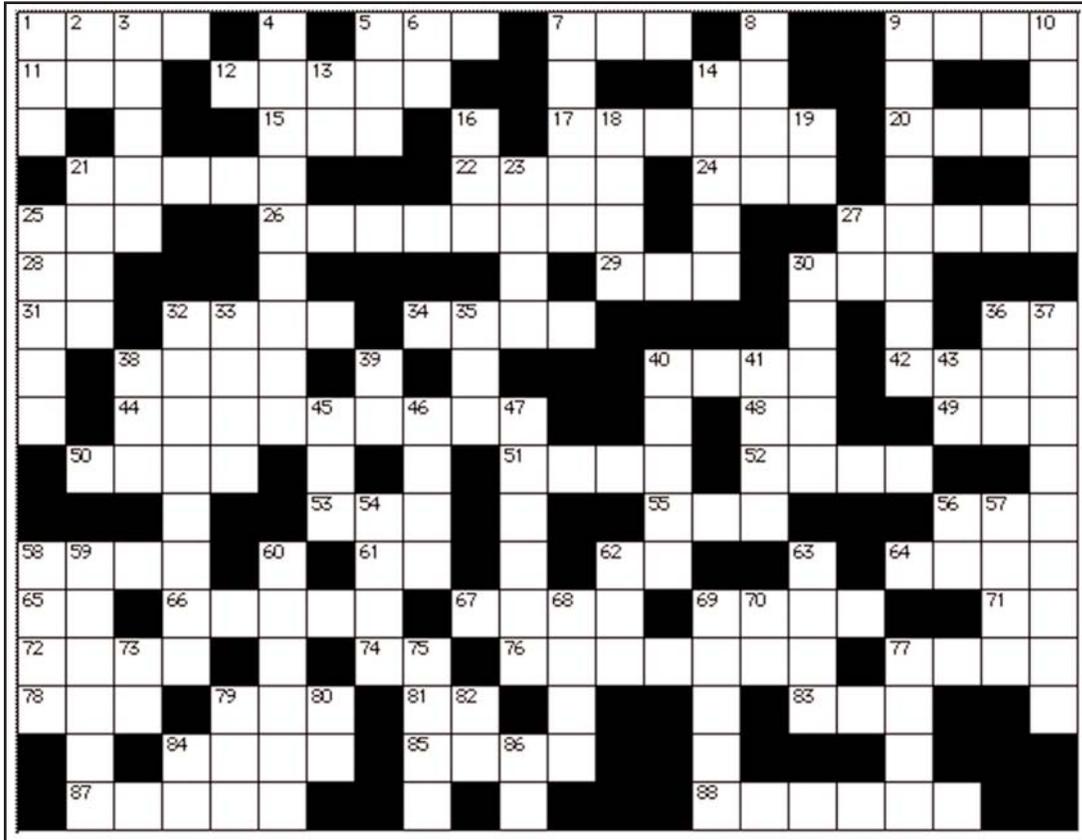
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*Check our Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Facebook page for updates.
Any questions please contact Parks and Recreation at cwparksandrec@gmail.com*



Put a Little Love in Your Life - L. Comando

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Vintage Valentine Linzer Heart Cookie

- 1-1/4 cups butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking cocoa
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 cups ground almonds
- Raspberry jam
- Confectioners' sugar

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine the flour, cocoa, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves; gradually add to the creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in almonds. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until easy to handle.

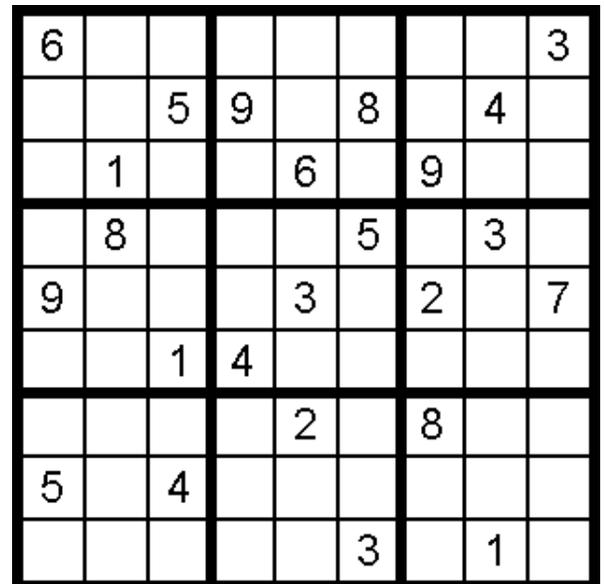
On a lightly floured surface, roll out dough to 1/8-in. thickness. Cut with a 3-in. heart-shaped cookie cutter. From the center of half the cookies, cut out a 1-1/2-in. heart or round shape.

Place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Remove to wire racks to cool.

Spread 1/2 teaspoon jam over the bottom of the solid cookies. Sprinkle cutout cookies with confectioners' sugar; carefully place over jam.

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 - look at and comprehend words
 - 9 Valentine's month
 - 10 Tramp
 - 13 North America
 - 14 Progeny
 - 16 For each
 - 18 Shelter
 - 19 First person singular pronoun
 - 21 Practical joke
 - 23 Intense feeling of affection
 - 25 Melodic sound
 - 27 Common Era
 - 30 Pervading idea
 - 32 Expression of good will
 - 33 Rotate
 - 35 A rodent
 - 36 Barrier
 - 37 Sparkling wine
 - 38 Frozen water
 - 39 Man's title before his
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 - 40 Source of illumination
 - 41 Paper greeting
 - 43 Executive Order
 - 45 Tied knot with two loops
 - 46 Assistant
 - 47 Person who prepares material for publication
 - 54 Too
 - 56 Autoexposure
 - 57 Fixed luminous point in the sky
 - 58 Person's emotional state (informal)
 - 59 Shot from a bow
 - 60 Human beings
 - 62 Allow
 - 63 A favorite Valentine flower
 - 68 Exist
 - 69 Mend
 - 70 Rugby League (abbrev)
 - 73 Indefinite
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Kids' Winter Fun Page - L. Comando

Valentine Cryptogram

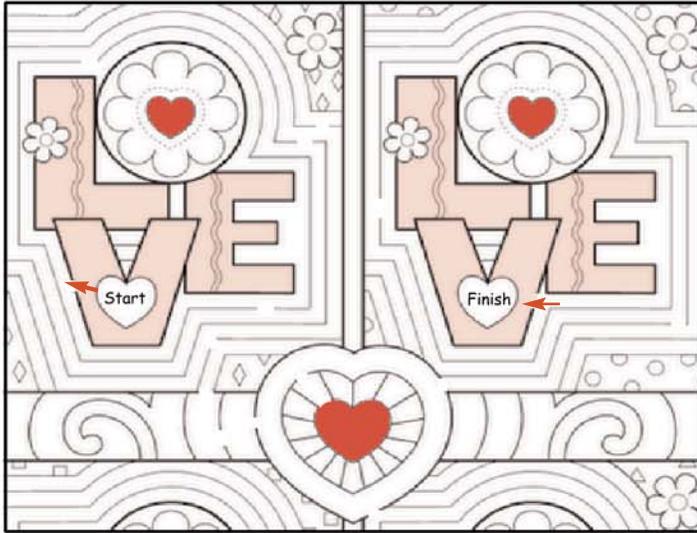
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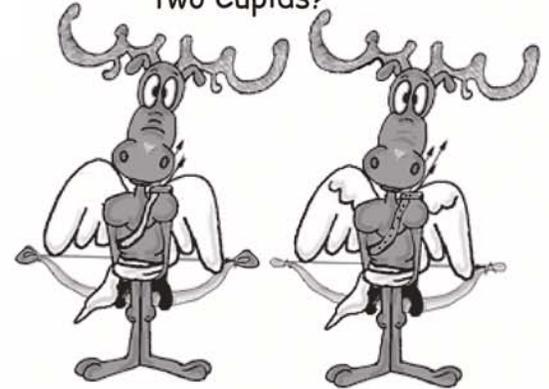
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-St. Augustine



Connect the two hearts in LOVE.

The Peek-a-Moose Cupids have been seen around the Sundown area. What are 5 differences between the two Cupids?



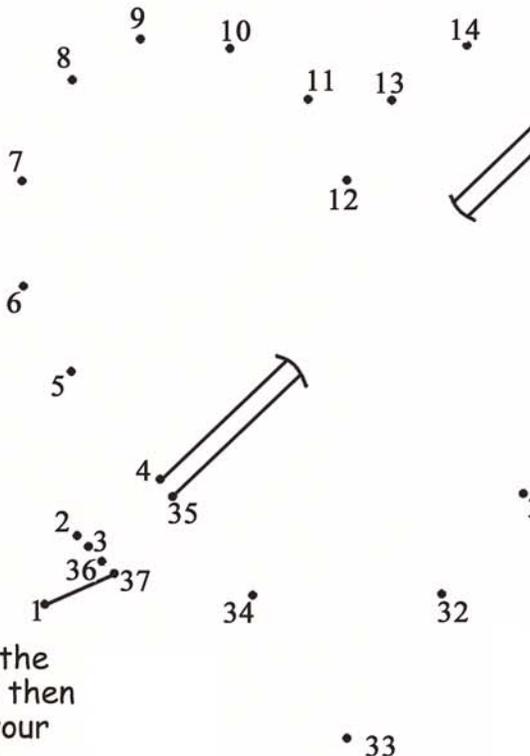
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Follow the dots and then write your own Valentine's greeting in the heart.

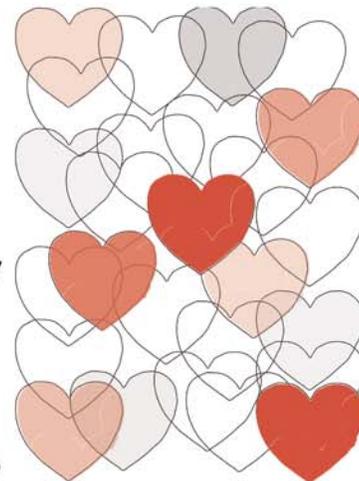
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How many hearts can you find on the Fun Page?



Cryptogram Key

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

The **Fallsburg Central School District Board of Education** is accepting letters of interest and resumes for the vacancy on the Board of Education created by the resignation of Katherine Rappaport. This term of office will expire on May 17, 2022.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a letter of interest and resume to:

Fallsburg Central School District
Sarah Satz, School District Clerk
115 Brickman Rd
PO Box 124
Fallsburg NY 12733

Letters of interest and resumes must be submitted by February 11, 2022; interviews will be conducted at a special meeting of the Board of Education on February 24, 2022. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Satz at the District Office. (845) 434-6800 x 1215.

Please Take Notice:
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Fallsburg CSD Board of Education

February Meeting

February 16, 2022

March Meetings

March 2, 2022

March 16, 2022

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Meeting Opening Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level,
Anticipated Proposed Executive Session - 6:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Upper Level,
Regular Meeting #16 resumes approximately 7:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Thursday, March 3, 2022,

Meeting Opening Call to Order - 6:00 p.m., Secondary School
Library Lower Level,
Anticipated Proposed Executive Session - 6:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Upper Level, Regular Meeting #17
resumes approximately 7:00 p.m., Secondary School Library
Lower Level

All Board Meetings will be broadcast on our
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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWhR6NVa024w/live>

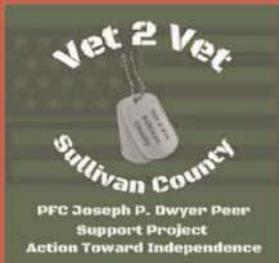
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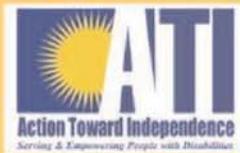


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Complete the Survey, Get a Gift Card, Help Make Sullivan County Healthier

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County residents may have recently received - or shortly will receive - a health survey from the NYU School of Medicine to complete.

This is phase two of a multi-year project, and many recipients may recall getting a survey in 2021. Sullivan County Public Health Services and the NYU School of Medicine partnered last year to perform a health survey sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to better understand the health and dietary patterns of residents in Sullivan County and the prevalence of diabetes. The project is titled "The Impact of the Food Environment and Other Environmental Exposures on the Risk of Diabetes in Rural Settings."

Surveys were recently mailed to approximately 4,000 individuals who participated in phase one of the study and returned their surveys. In the first round, participants were randomly selected households throughout Sullivan County.

The survey takes approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete, and those who reply will receive a \$50 Visa gift card by mail. It is completely voluntary, and responses will be kept confidential. No information will be collected or used to identify anyone who participates in the survey, although respondents must be a Sullivan County resident to be eligible.

"This will be a key tool in improving our understanding of food insecurity, environmental health issues and the risk of diabetes in Sullivan County," Public Health Director Nancy McGraw affirmed. "We hope that the findings from the research will allow us to develop and invest in targeted community health initiatives where it is most needed, and to make Sullivan County a healthier place to live, work and visit."

Questions regarding the surveys or the project can be directed to Public Health at 845-292-5910.

Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association Announces New App: *Sullivan Catskills Go*

February 3, 2022 - The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) is excited to announce the launch of its brand-new app, called Sullivan Catskills Go. The app features the best of the best that all of the Sullivan Catskills has to offer, from lodging to restaurants to things to do.

"This app brings us into the modern era and is truly an asset to our visitors," remarked SCVA President/CEO Roberta Byron-Lockwood. "As more and more travelers discover the Sullivan Catskills, this app will give them the best experience possible."

The user-friendly interface guides people to find just what they are looking for. Menu options include "Stay," "Catskill-icious," "Explore," "Places," and "Events." Under each tab are different categories. For instance, Catskill-icious features: Restaurants; Cafes and Bakeries; Breweries, Distilleries, and Wineries; and Farm to Table.

"We've cultivated our member businesses into one place, so it's easy to find recommendations," Byron-Lockwood stated. "Think of this as your guide to the Sullivan Catskills."

The Sullivan Catskills are a legendary vacationland just 90 minutes from New York City. Since the 19th century visitors have flocked here to stay, fish, and relax. In 1969, half a million people came to Bethel, NY for the Woodstock Music and Arts Fair. Today, families, couples and friends of all ages come to enjoy all-season outdoor adventure, a lively arts scene, and farm-to-table cuisine.

The SCVA office and visitors center is located in Liberty, NY where you can stop by to pick up brochures, maps, and travel guides. Or check out the website at www.sullivancatskills.com. But say you're out on the road looking for something to do, or a bite to eat. The app now makes it better and more convenient than ever. Using your location, the technology guides you to nearby attractions. It's really as simple as opening the app and choosing what you want to find.

"We spent a long time creating an app that would enhance our visitors' experience," said Byron-Lockwood. "Whether someone is coming for a weekend getaway, a longer vacation, or even just a day trip, this will make travel easy and enjoyable."

The Sullivan Catskills Go app is free to use and can be downloaded through Apple and Google; just search for "**Sullivan Catskills Go**."

COVID-19 Testing Site at SUNY Sullivan Resumed Testing Feb 1

Loch Sheldrake, NY -Quadrant Biosciences will reopened the community COVID-19 testing site on the SUNY Sullivan campus on Tuesday, February 1. The site was closed temporarily due to a Quadrant staffing issue that was UNRELATED to COVID cases. The College apologizes for any inconvenience to the community.

Located in The Paul Gerry Field House Upper Lobby, the free public testing site is open Monday through Friday, and resumed its normal 8:30 am-4:00 pm schedule on Wednesday, February 2. The PCR test is an oral, saliva-based test. Appointments are strongly encouraged. Limited walk-in appointments are available. Appointments can be scheduled here. - <https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=24841628&calendarID=6488204>

For more information, call 315-614-2325. SUNY Sullivan is located at 112 College Road, Loch Sheldrake NY 12579.

Opened in coordination with the Governor's Office, the SUNY Sullivan testing site is one of numerous testing sites open on SUNY and community college campuses across New York State.

For more information on COVID-19 testing sites in Sullivan County and the surrounding region, please visit <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing>.

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Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
(845) 434-7643

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sales will reopen in the Spring
See you then



Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches
House Worship Plan
Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740

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The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.
If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

Grahamsville Reformed Church

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Worship Service 9:30 am
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Claryville, NY 12725
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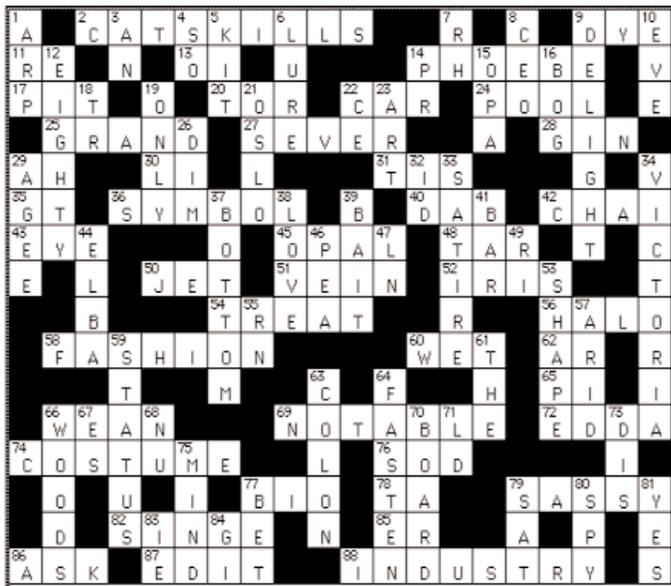
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Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

The GUMC held their final 2021 Thrift Sale on November 6th. Even when we are closed we want the community to know that, by appointment, our Thrift items are always available to anyone in case of an emergency by calling 845-985-2283. Because of storage space we are **NOT ABLE** to receive items again until next spring. Please help us by storing your treasures at your house until then.

Tri-Valley Little League Registration Dates

All Registration dates will be at the Grahamsville First Aid/Ambulance Building

Feb. 16, 5 pm- 8pm
Feb. 19, 11am -3pm
Feb. 26, 11am -3pm

Volunteer and Opening Day Informational meeting immediately following the last registration.

Cost Tball - \$25
Minor/Major 1 child \$75
2 children \$100
3 children \$125

You can also register online at tvleague.org
All minor and major registrations include raffle tickets. If you register online please make sure you contact us to get your tickets.
Questions or concerns send us an email trivalleyleague@gmail.com
or call Larry Whipple at 914-799-1490

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Celebrate at Daniel Pierce Library

MARDI GRAS DONUTS coming March 1, 2022!
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Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

VETERANS always Free search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurlayville, NY.
For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/9/22	Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
2/15/22	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
2/20/22	Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
2/27/22	Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
3/1/22	Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
3/2/22	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
3/8/22	Denning Town Board Meetings 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

To all Local Municipalities, Civic Organizations, Churches, etc.

Please remember to send us your **Events Calendar for 2022** so that we may continue to post your meetings and events thru out the coming year. You may email them to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com or USPS Mail - The Townsman, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or Drop them in the Drop Box at the Grahamsville 1st Aid Building

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm.** Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday.**

Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month.** Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

During these uncertain times - PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION for updates & changes

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>
Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update February 7 - February 11, 2022

Monday, February 7

- o No Meetings

Tuesday, February 8

- o 2:00 PM - Recycling Oversight Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 890 7731 4495, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 3:30 PM - Workforce Development Board, By Zoom, to register contact repu@co.ulster.ny.us, or call (845) 340-3170
- o 4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 884 5131 2784, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 860 9418 2245, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means Committee) - Caucus: Democrats, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 881 8040 6105, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

Wednesday, February 9

- o 3:30 PM - Special Meeting of the Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 810 5915 1360,, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 5:30 PM - American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 897 2177 035, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM - Commission on Reapportionment, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 820 4911 2461, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

Thursday, February 10

- o 5:30 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 898 5051 5613, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 7:00 PM (or immediately following Laws, Rules, and Government Services Committee) - Caucus: Republicans, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 824 0912 0506, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

Friday, February 11

- o No Meetings

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After Securing \$3 Billion in Funding to Establish a National Public Health Workforce, Gillibrand Announces Push for \$55 Billion in Biden's Budget Proposal to Establish a Health Force in Every Community

- *Researchers Project That By 2030, NYS Could Be Short As Many As 39,000 Nurses, Leaving Hospitals, Nursing Homes, And Patients In Jeopardy; Health Force Simultaneously Tackles Health and Employment Crises;*
- *The Inaugural New York City Public Health Corps - New York City's New Local Health Force - Received \$35 Million in Federal Health Force Funding to Help Kickstart Their Efforts*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is calling for \$55 billion to be included in President Biden's budget request to establish and replicate a Health Force in every community. In early 2021, Senator Gillibrand introduced the Health Force, Resilience Force, and Jobs to Fight COVID-19 Act, a public health jobs program to help the nation recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, and successfully negotiated its inclusion in the American Rescue Plan. The American Rescue Plan included \$3 billion for a new public health workforce based on Gillibrand's Health Force legislation to expand the nation's public health jobs and infrastructure and aid the country's vaccine distribution campaign. Senator Gillibrand is now encouraging local governments across New York State to form similar health corps that would benefit from this federal funding and strengthen community health by empowering a knowledgeable workforce that has the trust of local residents, as workers are often from the same neighborhood they serve.

"Over the past two years, our health care system and our health care providers have been under historic levels of stress and are in desperate need of reinforcement. That's why I fought hard to pass measures from my Health Force, Resilience Force, and Jobs to Fight COVID-19 Act in the American Rescue Plan to meet these rising demands and keep our fellow New Yorkers safe and healthy," said Senator Gillibrand. "This past week, I visited with some of the more than 500 Health Force workers that make up the inaugural New York City Public Health Corps who are making a difference in equitable and sustainable care in their own communities. Now, we need to ensure every American has the same access to this quality care, which is why I'm calling on President Biden to include \$55 billion in his budget request to create a Health Force in every community across the nation."

Gillibrand continues to champion the implementation of Health Force: her landmark, multibillion-dollar public health legislation passed in the American Rescue Plan. Gillibrand successfully secured nearly \$8 billion for a public health workforce investment to create a robust public health workforce to aid vac-

cine distribution and mobilize community leaders to improve health outcomes in their communities. Over the last decade, the nation's public health workforce lost nearly 40,000 jobs, while state and local budgets were slashed by 16% and 18%, respectively. It is imperative that vulnerable communities and health leaders impacted by this strain have the resources and capability to distribute vaccines equitably and efficiently, and trusted messengers with whom they can talk through their concerns. Last year, Gillibrand sent a letter to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) pushing to ensure implementation of her ARP-passed provisions behind Health Force in Section 2501, aligned with its original intent, including the implementation of labor standards and wages no less than \$15 an hour plus benefits, and targeted hiring in underserved communities.

Last week, Gillibrand visited members of the inaugural NYC Public Health Corps (PHC), New York City's new local Health Force, to see this request come to fruition. Members of the NYC Public Health Corps carry out initiatives that target a broad spectrum of public health needs—from helping people get vaccinated to counseling residents about diabetes and depression. The NYC PHC received \$35 million to help establish the inaugural Health Force based on Gillibrand's efforts during passage of the American Rescue Plan.

Attorney General James Reminds New Yorkers About Increased Protections from Surprise Medical Bills

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today continued her efforts to protect consumers from unexpected and often devastating medical bills by reminding New Yorkers of new safeguards against surprise bills. The federal No Surprises Act, which went into effect on January 1, 2022, builds upon existing New York law to shield New Yorkers from many unexpected medical bills. The new law prohibits hospitals and health care providers from billing patients for more than their in-network co-payment or deductible on many unexpected out-of-network bills.

"Unexpected medical bills can be a devastating blow for individuals and families and take years to recover from," said Attorney General James. "New Yorkers should be able to seek necessary medical treatment without worrying about unanticipated financial hardship, but they first must know about the protections available to them. This additional support from the federal government will allow New Yorkers to focus on what's really important: getting the care they need."

Under both the No Surprises Act and New York law, hospitals and health care providers are prohibited from billing a patient for more than the in-network co-payment, co-insurance, or deductible costs for certain "surprise" out-of-network bills. These surprise bills include bills for:

Emergency services provided at emergency rooms or free-standing emergency departments. Emergency care includes screening and stabilizing treatment sought by patients who believe they are experiencing a medical emergency or are in active childbirth labor.

Non-emergency services provided at in-network facilities. Treatment by an out-of-network health care provider at an in-network hospital, hospital outpatient department, or ambulatory surgery center is covered under the law. (Contd. Pg. 26)

Attorney General James Reminds NY'rs About Increased Protections from Surprise Medical Bills

(From Pg. 25)

Air ambulance services

Additionally, the No Surprises Act has provisions that further protect consumers from getting entangled in billing disputes, including the required disclosure of all surprise billing protections directly to all patients and on the health care provider's websites. Providers also now need to submit surprise out-of-network bills directly to patients' health plan, so the health plan can send a payment to the provider and send the patient an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) indicating the amount the patient owes the out-of-network provider.

If a health plan applies out-of-network coverage to a surprise bill, patients have the right to appeal. Consumers may appeal the determination to the health plan and then, if the plan upholds its decision, to an independent external reviewer. The new guidelines apply to uninsured New Yorkers as well, for whom health care providers must provide good faith estimates of expected charges. If the amount charged is more than \$400 over the estimate, the uninsured may elect to submit their bill for review.

In 2014, New York passed groundbreaking legislation to protect consumers from surprise medical bills. The "Surprise Bill" was the first of its kind in the nation and provides transparency to consumers to protect them from excessive bills when a patient unknowingly receives services from a physician who is not part of their health care plan's network of providers.

Additional information regarding surprise billing can be found on the Office of the Attorney General website. Please contact the Attorney General's Health Care Helpline at 1-800-428-9071, or visit the online portal if you believe that you have been improperly charged for a surprise bill by a health care provider, or that a health plan has improperly assessed cost-sharing for a surprise bill.

Following Push, Gillibrand Announces Medicare will Provide Free Rapid Covid Tests for Beneficiaries Starting this Spring Expanded Federal Guidance Will Ensure Access to Rapid COVID-19 Tests for 3.7 Million New Yorkers Enrolled in Medicare

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is announcing that 3.7 million New Yorkers enrolled in Medicare will have rapid COVID-19 tests covered through their insurance. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services today announced that people in either Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage will be able to get up to eight over-the-counter COVID-19 tests per month at no cost and without need for reimbursement. This announcement follows a successful push from Gillibrand and her colleagues urging the Biden administration to require Medicare to cover this cost for beneficiaries. Now, an additional 61 million Americans enrolled in Medicare and Medicare Advantage and 3.7 million New Yorkers, including those at highest risk of

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severe illness, have equal access to testing amidst a surge in Omicron cases and hospitalizations across the country. Until benefits start this spring, people with Medicare can access free tests through a number of channels, including requesting free over-the-counter tests for home delivery at covidtests.gov.

"This announcement is great news for the nearly 4 million New Yorkers enrolled in Medicare who are set to be covered for rapid COVID-19 tests," said Senator Gillibrand. "As cities and towns across the state continue grappling with the impacts of this pandemic, it's vital that everyone has free and easy access to testing - not just those with private insurance. Today, we are one step closer to reaching this goal and I am thrilled the Biden administration has expanded its guidance to require Medicare to cover the cost of over-the-counter COVID tests for all beneficiaries."

In addition to Senator Gillibrand, the January letter to Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Becerra and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Brooks-LaSure was also signed by Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Jack Reed (D-RI), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Michael Bennet (D-CO), Bob Casey (D-PA), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Angus King (I-ME), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Mark Warner (D-VA), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Tina Smith (D-MN), and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN).

As chair of the Senate Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee, Gillibrand is also pushing to expand TRICARE coverage of at-home COVID-19 tests for service members and their families. Currently, TRICARE beneficiaries can only receive coverage for at-home tests if they have an order or referral from a TRICARE-authorized provider.



Medicare 101

Live Zoom Webinar

Saturday, March 5th, 2022
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Presented by:
James Farnham, MBA, MS
Licensed Agent

Will you be turning 65 soon? Are you eligible for Medicare?

Please join us for this live webinar as we learn about Medicare basics including, Prescription Drug Plans, Medicare Supplement Plans, and Medicare Advantage Plans (HMOs and PPOs). This program will simplify the choices you need to make, help you make well-informed decisions and explain what Medicare means to you!

Advanced online registration at danielpiercelibrary.org is required. Those who register will receive an email prior to the event with a link and instructions on how to join.

Senator Martucci Introduces Billy's Law –Legislation Aimed at Protecting Volunteer Firefighters Honors Death of Local Hero

Forestburgh, NY (2/5/2022) - New York State Senator Mike Martucci (R,C-Hudson Valley/Catskills) today at the Forestburgh Fire Company in Sullivan County announced the introduction of legislation in the state Senate that authorizes bail and pre-trial detention for all felony arson charges. This after Assistant Chief Billy Steinberg of the Forestburgh Fire Company died in the line of duty responding to a structure fire on January 15th that was intentionally set by a serial felon arsonist. For previous suspected felony arson charges, the individual was arrested and released on his own recognizance in accordance with the state's bail reform law. The release occurred just one day prior to the fatal fire, on January 14th. The legislation (S.8181) is being dubbed "Billy's Law," after the deceased.

"Assistant Chief Billy Steinberg's death was completely preventable. Due to the repeat criminal actions of a serial arsonist, a local hero's life was cut tragically short," said Senator Mike Martucci. "Our state leaders should not need any more evidence that bail reform is a failed policy. Before one more innocent life is lost, action must be taken. Billy's Law is a practical step with a broad and bipartisan consensus to address the dangerousness of repeat offenders and protect our volunteer firefighters."

The idea for the legislation hatched from a conversation between Senator Martucci and Billy's father Jim Steinberg, an ex-chief of the Forestburgh Fire Company and a sitting fire commissioner, who contacted the senator for help. Its aim is to help protect volunteer firefighters by addressing a hole in the bail elimination act of 2019 which prevents law enforcement from keeping felony arson third- and fourth-degree suspects in custody.

"If New York's bail reform law was not in place, this individual would have been retained in the Sullivan County Jail the first time he was arrested, but unfortunately because of the bail reform, he was released allowing him to set yet one more fire that ultimately took Billy's life. The system has failed our community, my family, and Billy," said Jim Steinberg. "At this time, my family and I are pleading to the New York State Senate and Assembly to change bail reform to protect our firefighters and the citizens of New York, so they never have to endure this type of tragedy themselves."

During the introductory press conference, Senator Martucci was flanked by members of Billy Steinberg's family - including his mother Laura and father Jim, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D-Forestburgh) - who is co-sponsoring the bill in the state Assembly, Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff (R), Sullivan County District Attorney Meagan Galligan (D), volunteer firefighters of Sullivan County, officials from the Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY), and community members from every corner of Sullivan County.

"Arson is the willful or malicious burning of property especially with criminal or fraudulent intent. In instances where a person sets multiple dangerous fires in consecutive days we must allow for judicial discretion. For the safety of our firefighters, our community members and our property, we need to empower judges to have this discretion," said Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther. "The lack of this ability led to the death of a young man, who I have known his whole life, Mr. Billy Steinberg. We cannot let this go without a solution. I am happy to be introducing a bill

into the Assembly to make sure that this never happens again."

"This commonsense legislation is necessary to protect our firefighters and the citizens of New York State," said Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff.

"This law is a step in the right direction toward commonsense bail laws that provide prosecutors the discretion to recommend and judges the authority to set bail whenever appropriate, considering the circumstances of an offense and the circumstances of the accused. My law enforcement partners and I are mindful, every day, of the loss of a dedicated fireman and lifelong Sullivan County resident during a fire we allege was intentionally set by a man mandatorily released without bail in connection with allegations that he had already recklessly burned two other buildings. We will not stop advocating to regain the authority stripped from us by the bail reform statute, and we will continue to use every tool at our disposal to fight for public safety," said Sullivan County District Attorney Meagan Galligan.

"I personally knew Billy and saw his dedication to service. Billy always put his family and others first, and now, with the help of the community, we are going to honor Billy's legacy and make sure this kind of tragedy never happens again," concluded Senator Martucci.

Senator Martucci has consistently been an outspoken critic of New York State's bail reform since it was first enacted and sponsors legislation to repeal it entirely. He is encouraging everyone to visit his website - martucci.nysenate.gov - where there is an online petition available to sign and support passing Billy's Law.

A criminal charge is merely an allegation that a defendant has committed a violation of the criminal law, and is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and are entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the State of New York's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Mike Martucci is serving as the Senator for New York's 42nd State Senate District which comprises all of Sullivan County and parts of Orange, Ulster, and Delaware counties. He is the ranking member of the Senate Standing Committees on Disabilities and Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business.



Town of Neversink Parks & Rec
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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	7pm-9pm
Saturday	1pm-3pm
	&
	7pm-9pm
Sunday	1pm-5pm

NOTE: Hours may change during the season based on weather, volunteer availability or usage.

Oh Deer!

Commonplace in many of our communities, large white-tailed deer populations can have extraordinary impacts on our natural landscape. In our upcoming "Oh Deer" webinar on February 16th at 7pm, Mountainkeeper is partnering with the Cary Institute and the Catskill Science Collaborative to take a look at how our region's white-tailed deer population has changed in recent years, and consider what that means for our forests and ecosystems.

As we explore this complex subject, you'll hear from ecologists Dr. Charles Canham of the Cary Institute and Dr. Lynn Christenson of Vassar College, and deer biologist Dr. Brendan Quirion of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. This panel of experts will explain how white-tailed deer diets and 'browsing' behaviors impact forests and wildlife, share actions that landowners can take to promote healthy forest regeneration, and explore effective ways to manage deer populations in our region. The webinar will include a moderated Q&A session, so please come ready with your questions about white-tailed deer and how they impact our ecosystem.

The 'Oh Deer' webinar is free to attend, and will take place on February 16th from 7pm to 8pm. You must register in advance in order to participate.

To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oh-deer-how-deer-shape-forests-in-the-catskills-beyond-tickets-244043620037?aff=CMK>

Olive Free Library News

INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY?

The Olive Free Library is looking for members of the community to serve on its **Board of Trustees!**

The Board is one important way that the magic of the library reaches the community.



Want to learn more? Email director@olivefreelibrary.org

We are looking for several individuals who are passionate about the Library and its mission!

Board Members are required to:

- commit 2-3 hours per month on average to the Library
- attend monthly board meetings
- participate in two sub-committees

Qualifications that are preferred but not required are:

- previous board experience
- knowledge and/or experience with a non-profit organization

Want to learn more? Email director@olivefreelibrary.org

Throughout February, the Olive Free Library will be collecting food and other supplies for the Ulster County SPCA. Please drop off your new, unopened items here at the library. The SPCA is asking for: wet/dry cat and dog food; small & large garbage bags; hand sanitizer; dish detergent; training treats, peanut butter; dog toys; 6_ leashes (1_ width); slip leads; dog bones (femur bones, deer antlers); dish sponges, mop heads; latex-free gloves (any size); lightweight blankets; medical gloves (all sizes); large heating pads; gauze

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WITH CHRISSY LAWLOR

Saturday, February 26th at 11am



Join us to:

- learn a new skill
- have fun
- work on an unfinished project
- be part of a community of people who want to sew together

We are here for it all!



Come sew with us!

Our first project will be the Market Tote Bag!




OFL Director and sewing enthusiast Chrissy Lawlor will lead this monthly group on Saturday, February 26th at 11am.

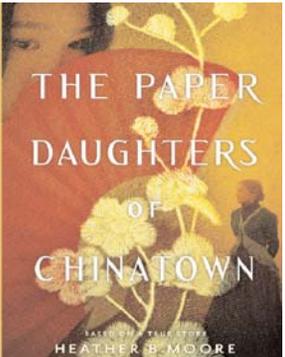
Please call 657-2482 to register for this session, where participants will make a Market Tote Bag.

The next beekeeping support group will meet at the library on Tuesday, February 15th at 5:45pm. Sign up for the HV Hives newsletter for the most up-to-date meeting information!

The Olive Free Library book club meets the third Saturday of the month-join us in person at the library, or via Zoom.

FEBRUARY
BOOK CLUB

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 19TH
AT 4PM



THE PAPER
DAUGHTERS
OF
CHINATOWN
BASED ON THE TRUE STORY
HEATHER B. MOORE

Statement by Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill on Reapportionment: A More Representative State, Not Perfect, But A Significant Improvement

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill issued the following statement regarding the proposed redistricting maps released by the Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment:

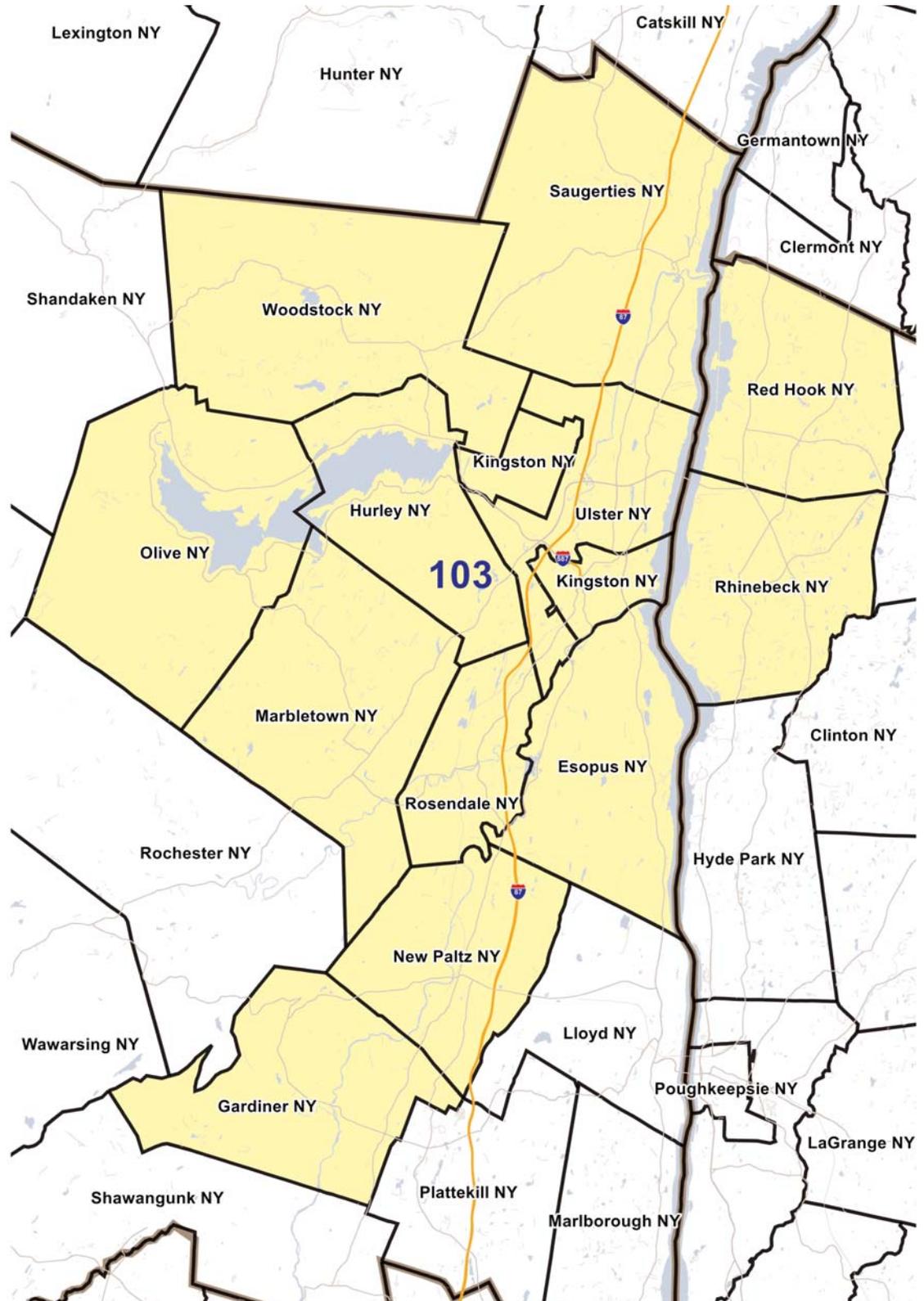
Ten years ago, I voted against a redistricting plan and increased my advocacy to turn the responsibility for creating Congressional, State Senate and Assembly lines over to an independent body. A short time later, the voters of New York State agreed and the Independent Redistricting Commission was created. Last week, that body disbanded without providing final district maps and thrust the obligation back on the State Legislature. Today, the Legislative Task Force on Demographic Studies and Reapportionment released the last of the maps that will likely define representation in Albany and Washington for the next decade.

Locally, I am excited about the reunification of the Town and Village of Saugerties with the rest of this upper Mid-Hudson district. Saugerties has much in common with their neighbors in Ulster County like Woodstock, Ulster and Kingston and the river towns of Red Hook and Rhinebeck in Dutchess. Previously Saugerties, the largest town in Ulster County, was combined with towns in counties to the north and far northwest. Under this plan it is reunited with its Ulster and Dutchess neighbors.

Because each Assembly District must represent approximately 135,000 people, that means several residents will no longer be in the 103rd. I am grateful to the

people of the Towns of Rochester, Plattekill and Shandaken for graciously allowing me to serve and represent their communities. I assure them that their needs and priorities will still be close to my heart.

The process was far from perfect, and it would have better served the public faith if the independent commission did not conclude their business deadlocked. Still, the new districts comport with constitutional requirements, correct some of the issues of the past and provide all New Yorkers with a more representative state. It is now up to the State Legislature to exercise our constitutional duty and finalize the plans.



Governor Hochul Announces New #VAXFORKIDS Pop-up Sites New Sites Will be Announced Weekly to Support State's Vaccination Goals for Children 5 Years and Older

**129 Sites Established to Date; Program Will Run Over a 6-Week Period; Full List of Sites Updated Weekly Here
Parents and Guardians can Learn More at ny.gov/vaxforkids; Includes Resources for Organizations Hosting #VaxForKids Events**

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced 58 new #VaxForKids pop-up vaccination sites to increase vaccination rates among children and adolescents. The new sites support the state's goal of ensuring New York children 5 years and older get vaccinated and keep up with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses, including the booster. The State Department of Health is working with localities, community-based organizations, and healthcare centers on-the-ground to establish these sites in all regions of the state. Partners, host sites, and outreach efforts will be tailored to best meet the needs of the communities they serve.

"Vaccination is key to protecting our children's health from COVID-19," Governor Hochul said. "The vaccine is free, doctor-approved, and hundreds of thousands of parents have already gotten their children vaccinated. Through our #VaxForKids campaign, we are building on our ongoing efforts to bring the vaccine directly to New York families across every region of the state. There's simply no wait to vaccinate."

The State launched the #VaxForKids campaign to increase vaccination rates among New York children 5 - 11 and provide booster doses for eligible adolescents 12 - 17, furthering the Governor's commitment to making the health and well-being of children, families and school communities a top priority. To date, over 1.5 million children 5 - 17 have been vaccinated against COVID-19. As of Feb. 1, 36.7% of children 5 - 11 and 75.3% of adolescents 12 - 17 have received at least one dose and 27.9% of children 5 - 11 and 67.4% of adolescents 12 - 17 have completed their initial vaccine series.

State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said, "In partnership with community-based organizations, 58 new #VaxForKids sites are coming online this week, so getting children vaccinated is even easier for parents and guardians. Without protection from the COVID-19 vaccine, children remain at risk for severe disease and even hospitalization. We urge parents and guardians statewide to get their children fully vaccinated and boosted, when eligible. Vaccination is their best protection against the virus."

A community-based medical professional will be available at each site to answer any questions parents and guardians may have. Operational days for each of the #VaxForKids pop-up sites are below. New sites will be announced weekly over the 6-week period. In only the third week of the program, 129 sites have been established. The following sites are located in the Hudson Valley:

Sullivan County Public Health Services
50 Community Lane
Liberty, NY 12754
Open: Thursday, February 3; 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Vaccine Type: Pfizer-BioNTech
Event Partner: Sullivan County
Ages 12+

Hudson Valley Mall (Former Best Buy)
1300 Ulster Avenue
Kingston, NY 12401
Open: Friday, February 4; 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Vaccine Type: Pfizer-BioNTech

Please Wear
a Face Mask



Help Stop the Spread

Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

When you wear a mask you are saying,
I respect my neighbors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,
I respect nurses and doctors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,
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We all need to show respect to one another
in difficult times.

Wearing a face covering is a small inconvenience to protect others. We have gotten through this crisis by standing together and doing the right thing. The right thing - the respectful thing - is to wear a mask.

To register: www.vaccinateulster.com
Event Partner: Ulster County
Ages 5+

Hudson Valley Mall (Former Best Buy)
1300 Ulster Avenue
Kingston, NY 12401
Open: Saturday, February 5; 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Vaccine Type: Pfizer-BioNTech
To Register: www.vaccinateulster.com
Event Partner: Ulster County
Ages 5+

Walkill High School
90 Robinson Drive
Walkill, NY 12589
Open: Saturday, February 5; 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Vaccine Type: Pfizer-BioNTech
To Register: www.vaccinateulster.com
Event Partner: Ulster County
Ages 5+ (Contd. Pg. 32).

Governor Hochul Announces New #VAXFORKIDS Pop-up Sites New Sites Will be Announced Weekly to Support State's Vaccination Goals for Children 5 Years and Older

(From Pg. 31)

Mt. Marion Elementary School
744 Glasco Turnpike
Saugerties, NY 12477

Open: Monday, February 7; 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Vaccine Type: Pfizer-BioNTech

To Register: www.vaccinateulster.com

Event Partner: Ulster County

Ages 5+

Children five and older are eligible for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. As of Jan. 7, 2022, adolescents 12 and older are eligible for a booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine at least five months after completing their initial vaccine series. Additionally, children 5 - 11 with certain immunocompromising conditions are now eligible for an additional dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine at least 28 days after completing their initial vaccine series. Pediatric providers, parents, and guardians are encouraged to visit ny.gov/VaxForKids, ny.gov/Boosters, ny.gov/GetTheVaxFacts, or watch the Health Commissioner's new PSA here.

The COVID-19 vaccine is free and widely available statewide, including at over 2,000 locations administering the vaccine for children. All state mass vaccination sites are administering the vaccine for children five years and older, boosters for New Yorkers 12 years and older, and additional doses for immunocompromised children five years and older. In addition to the state's pop-up and mass vaccination sites, New Yorkers can visit vaccines.gov, text their ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find nearby locations. Parents and guardians can also contact their child's pediatrician, family physician, county health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), rural health centers, or pharmacies that may be administering the vaccine to this age group. Make sure that the provider offers the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to make sure their child is up to date on all recommended and required vaccinations, including the flu vaccine. Please visit the Department of Health website for more information on recommended childhood and adolescent immunizations.

Governor Hochul Announces \$100 Million for Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Centers

*\$100 Million Will Create
12 Centers Over Five Years*

*Facilities Provide Immediate Assistance to
People in Crisis*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced availability of more than \$100 million in funding over the next five years for 12 new Intensive Crisis Stabilization Centers across the State that will provide immediate care for people who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. The Office of Mental Health (OMH) and the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), have issued a joint Request for Proposals to fund development of the Centers.

"Every New Yorker deserves the dignity of having access to quality health care, especially during a public health crisis," Governor Hochul said. "These behavioral health centers will provide immediate assistance to people in crisis before their condition worsens. New York will continue to lead the way in making important investments to eliminate healthcare disparities and help ensure that behavioral health services are available to every New Yorker who needs it."

OMH Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, "Crisis Stabilization Centers serve adults, children and families who need an urgent response to critical situations. The Centers will be open all-day every day of the year and will provide help when it is needed most. Thanks to Governor Hochul's direction and leadership we have an opportunity to fund these proven and effective community-based services."

OASAS Commissioner Dr. Chinazo Cunningham said, "For those unable to access alcohol or substance use disorder treatment during normal business hours, Crisis Stabilization Centers will provide a 24/7 front door to address their addiction. After supporting a handful of these sites over the past few years, OASAS is proud to finally be able to promote the establishment of this model across New York State. (Contd. Pg.

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Governor Hochul Announces \$100 Million for Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Centers

(From Pg. 32) Now, people in more communities will have access to these vital services which are critical to help improve their health."

State contracts awarded through the RFP will provide more than \$100 million for the 12 Crisis Stabilization Centers over five years, including \$20 million for start-up costs and more than \$80 million in operating funds.

All crisis services are offered in a safe, welcoming, and therapeutic environment. Walk-in care is available to all individuals, including adults, children, adolescents, and families. The Centers will be open 24/7, 365 days per year and recipients may receive services for up to twenty-four hours.

The Centers will provide care, observation and urgent treatment to individuals experiencing a mental health and/or substance use crisis. These services will be provided right in the community and will divert individuals away from unnecessary emergency room visits. The Centers will provide peer and recovery-oriented support services, in addition to referral and follow-up services to ensure people continue to receive the support they need after discharge.

The Crisis Stabilization Centers are part of a comprehensive crisis response system that includes mobile crisis teams, crisis residential programs, and other community services and supports.

The RFP calls for development of three Crisis Stabilization Centers in New York City and nine across the remainder of the State. The Centers are to be jointly certified by OMH and OASAS and developed in collaboration with the communities they serve, including Local Mental Hygiene Directors, schools, community providers, law enforcement agencies and other identified programs to provide a comprehensive continuum of care for referrals and follow-up.

Assemblymember Aileen M. Gunther said, "Mental Health care is vital to all our communities. During my time in the Assembly I have seen firsthand the struggle to provide adequate care. I applaud Governor Kathy Hochul on the addition of 12 new crisis stabilization centers in New York State. These centers are for individuals with known or suspected mental health issues. As a nurse and as an Assemblywoman I have always fought for what was best for my constituents, and I look forward to working with Governor Hochul."

This RFP can be found on both the OMH website under Procurement Opportunities at: <https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/> and the OASAS website under Procurement at: <https://oasas.ny.gov/procurement>.

A bidders' conference, open to all interested individuals, will be held on February 28, 2022, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Refer to RFP for additional information on the conference.

Responses to the RFP are due 5/19/2022.

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For information, contact Bingo Chair and Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell at (845) 701-0695.



VET 2 VET

Vet 2 Vet is a peer networking program for veterans, by Veterans in Sullivan County. Vet 2 Vet offers Veterans an opportunity to participate in programs in a safe, anonymous, and non-judgmental environment. We also offer advocacy and assistance with navigating the VA System and other services.

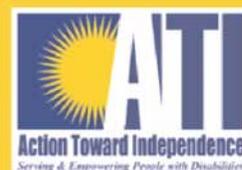
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For more information, call our **Veteran Advocates** at **(845) 794-4228**

Or email us at **vet2vet@atitoday.org**

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NICK NEEDS KIDNEY -TYPE 0 (IN SOME CASES TYPE A BLOOD COULD WORK)

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progresses in stages and, if untreated, can lead to complete loss of kidney function. At CKD stage 5, when both kidneys fail completely, the only options for survival are dialysis or a kidney transplant. Nick is at stage 5.

If interested in donating please contact Westchester Medical Center and speak with a Living Donor Coordinator at 914.493.1990

More about our warrior Nick....

Nick was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) at birth. TSC is a neurological disorder that produces seizures, tumors, and lesions that effect the organs of the body and can cause Autism. Nick has been battling with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys. Since then Nick has had multiple surgeries so he could get the proper dialysis preformed. Nick goes in center for 4 hours 3 times a week. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 31 year old should be going through.

Nick has such a big heart and is loved by so many in our community. We all want Nick to have the best quality of life and going through dialysis does not provide that quality. We hope and pray a kidney comes to us and that Nick will be able to live a happy and healthy life doing what he loves and that is to bicycle all throughout our town making people smile. Nick is a big part of the community, he takes pride with his volunteer work with the EMS and is the Honorary member of the Monticello Fire Department.

Lets all band together for Nick and help him find a kidney so he can live life to the fullest!

For any other questions
845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

 Follow Nick
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Second Annual Sno&W Fun Run/Walk Set for Liberty O&W Rail Trail -Saturday, February 26th

This free, family-friendly event will take place along the historic O&W Rail Trail in Liberty - SNOW or shine

[FERNDALE] - Celebrate winter and come out to the 2nd Annual SnO&W Fun Run/Walk on the O&W Rail Trail in Liberty on Saturday February 26th at 10:30 a.m. - all ages are welcome!

Registration check-in begins at 10:00 a.m. at Bridge & Tunnel Brewery on Lake Street, followed by the start of the race at 10:30 a.m. Healthy refreshments will be served by Liberty Middle School students to help support their 8th grade class fundraiser. Also, Fortress Bikes will have snowshoes available on-site to try and use.

The starting line will be at the Liberty O&W trailhead on Hill Street & State Street in Liberty and participants can enjoy an approximate 3-mile walk or run on flat, dirt terrain along the beautiful O&W Rail Trail (1.5 miles in and 1.5 miles back to the starting point). There will also be a shorter "Fun Run" of approximately 1-mile from the State Street trailhead to Carrier Street and back! Dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Registration is requested, so please visit www.Sullivan180.org to register or learn more.

This healthy community event is made possible by Sullivan 180, Sullivan Renaissance, the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance, Sullivan County Planning, the Town and Village of Liberty, and Fortress Bikes.

Sullivan 180's mission is to build a healthy, vibrant Sullivan County where everyone has a sense of purpose, connection to family and community and access to fresh foods and an active lifestyle.

“Monti Elks Help Kids, Vets and the Homeless



Pictured are Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell, Exalted Ruler Mike Brennan and Queen of Hearts Chair Maggie Sheerer

(Monticello) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 has been busy assisting those in need in the community. 1544 utilized a \$3500 Elks National Foundation grant to purchase over one hundred winter coats for kids in the Monticello and Fallsburg School Districts. The Elks Lodge also used a \$2500 grant to supply 50 local veterans with boxes of food. The Lodge also made a \$2000 donation to the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless. The Monticello Elks Lodge currently has 317 Members. For information contact Exalted Ruler Mike Brennan at (914) 799-5129.

UC NOW TRENDING...

February 2022

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2022

Kingston. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

New Opening TBD New Paltz Black History Museum and Cultural Center: Saved from demolition. 1885. Built by Jacob Wynkoop, a black carpenter. Ann Oliver House, 5 Broadhead Avenue, New Paltz.

Ongoing ONLINE EXHIBITION - "Never was a Slave: Jacob Wynkoop, Free and Black in 19th-Century New Paltz:" Jacob Wynkoop was born in the rural community of New Paltz in 1829, two years after slavery was legally abolished in the state. Jacob was among the first African Americans to buy land in the community, Wynkoop built a series of homes that today still define a neighborhood in New Paltz. Exhibition: omeka.hrvh.org/exhibits/show/jacob-wynkoop/introduction Historic Huguenot Street, 845-255-1660; huguenotstreet.org

Ongoing "Jacob Wynkoop: Building a Free Black Neighborhood:" Walking tour narrated by Chaundre Hall-Broomfield, a performer known for his dual roles as Hercules Mulligan and James Madison in the national tour of "Hamilton." This new addition to the Historic Huguenot Street app takes visitors on a guided tour of the Broadhead-Church-Mulberry neighborhood of New Paltz, highlighting the houses built by 19th-century Black carpenter and Civil War veteran Jacob Wynkoop. Historic Huguenot Street, 81 Huguenot Street, New Paltz. 845-255-1660; huguenotstreet.org

Ongoing ONLINE EVENT - Jane Deyo Wynkoop: Born to an enslaved woman and one of the first African Americans to buy land in New Paltz.. Despite harsh beginnings, Jane's diligence and determination resulted in a productive, inspiring life that included marriage and raising a family. As a result of her hard work and planning, Jane's purchase of land was the first step toward opening the door for her sons' acquiring the right to vote. Through original archival documents, the exhibit Jane Deyo Wynkoop explores her story from birth in 1803 to death in 1876, at age 73. Historic Huguenot Street, 845-255-1660; huguenotstreet.org

1-28 Ulster County Sojourner Truth Exhibit: In collaboration with the Ulster County Clerk's Office, the Ulster County Surrogate's Court unveils a new exhibit celebrating the life of the iconic abolitionist and feminist, Sojourner Truth. Ground floor of the Ulster County Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 845-340-3288; clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives

Jan. 1-Dec. 31 2022 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge:

Experienced hikers are encouraged to visit the region's six fire towers. Hike to all six Catskill Fire Towers between January 1 and December 31, 2022. Fill out the log of completed hikes along with one favorite photo. Download the Catskills Fire Tower Challenge log (PDF) and email it to catskillschallenge@dec.ny.gov or mail to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Outdoor Recreation, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-1010. Entries must be postmarked by January 7, 2023. Limit one entry per person. Participants will receive a commemorative patch and will be entered to win great outdoor prizes including hiking accessories. Catskills Visitor Center, 5096 Route 28, Mt. Tremper. 845-688-3369; catskillsvisitorcenter.org

Feb. 5-July 17 The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz - "Mary Frank: The Observing Heart:" A retro-

spective exhibition of Mary Frank's powerful artwork that spans her career of more than six decades. Centered on the twin themes of social justice and the preservation of the natural world. "Museum hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Anderson Gallery and Howard Greenberg Family Gallery, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

Feb. 8 Watergrasshill Workshops: Hands-On Cooking Class: One Pot Wonders-These one pot meals will become your week-night dinner favorites. 6-8:30 p.m. 105 Phillies Bridge Road, New Paltz. 845-419-2661; watergrasshillny.com

Feb. 9 Inaugural Ulster County Black Business Achievement Awards and Mixer: In recognition of Black History Month, the Ulster Chamber, in partnership with Ulster County Tourism, is hosting this inaugural event. 5-8 p.m. Complimentary refreshments provided by several Black-owned Ulster County restaurants and caterers. Public is invited to attend. Admission is free; space is limited. Advance registration is recommended. Ulster Savings Bank, 180 Schwenk Drive, Kingston. 845-338-5200; business.ulsterchamber.org DATE January and February 2022 Calendar of Events ulstercountyalive.com

Feb. 12 Red-K Reading Lounge w/ Kingston Ceramics: MyKingstonKids and Kingston Ceramics will be reading "In Her Hands: The story of Sculptor Augusta Savage" by Alan Schroeder. After the reading there will be time to discuss the book. Children will participate in a pottery workshop with an item they can take home along with a Red-K Apparel t-shirt and a copy of the book in their Red-K swag bag. Only 20 spots available. Free. 1-2:30 p.m. Visit BHMK website. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 16 ONLINE EVENT - 8X8: Black Culture in American Cinema: Join us for a fun evening at the movies. Filmmaker and historian Stephen Blauweiss will present a wide range of scenes from important lesser-known feature films, prefaced with a brief description of each. DATE February 2022 Calendar of Events - Celebrating the Legacy: Black History Month Anyone who enjoys movies will be happy to discover these unique films. Visit BHMK website for link. Free. 7-8:30 p.m. RSVP. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 17 ONLINE EVENT - "Deeper than the Skin:" Performance and discussion on race with musicians Greg Greenway and Reggie Harris. 7- 8:30 p.m. Contact: megan@huguenotstreet.org. General Admission \$8; Discounted Admission \$5. 845-255-1660; huguenotstreet.org/calendar-of-events/deeper-skin

Feb. 19 Third Annual Sojourner Truth Life Walk: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Port Ewen to Ulster County Courthouse. Relive the life highlights of legendary abolitionist as we acknowledge parts of her life including her escape route to freedom. Includes brief stops along the way. Free bus will be available at Dietz Stadium for pick-up. Visit BHMK website for details. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 18-21 Presidents Day Weekend: With our cross-country ski trails, ice skating rink, snow tube run, and snowshoe trails (weather permitting) your family will experience an idyllic winter weekend. Ice fishing on Lake Cole, broomball on Reflection Pond, and guided nature hikes to High Falls and other scenic vistas. Indoors: climbing gym, archery range or arts and crafts programs. Snow tubes, snowshoes, and cross-country skis are provided. Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. 845-985-2291 x450; frostvalley.org

Feb. 19 Sojourner Truth Life Walk 2022: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sponsored by Black History Month Kingston. Details forthcoming. This event is produced by My Kingston Kids. Contact Frank Waters: fwaters@mykingstonkids.com blackhistorymonthkingston.org

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Feb. 19, 20 Hot Chocolate Holiday at Nancy's Artisanal Creamery: Artisanal ice cream/coffee shop and café with homemade ice cream, decadent coffee drinks and pastries. Vegan options, pies and cakes too. Enjoy hot chocolate creations, hot chocolate bombs, Italian hot chocolate and more. (closed December 20-Jan 6.) 297 Tinker Street. 845-684-5329; nancysartisanal.com

Feb. 20 O+ BHMK Mural Tour: 10-11:30 a.m. Free guided walking tour highlighting O+ murals in celebration of Black History Month. Learn about the artists and explore the imagery behind a selection of O+ murals found around Midtown Kingston. Visit BHMK website or download the app for details. Meet at Black Lives Matter Mural located at 695 Broadway at Liberty St. in Kingston. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 22 Maple Sugaring: A Hands on Demonstration and Discussion: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Join us in celebrating the sugar maple tree: learn to identify a maple tree, participate in tapping a tree, sample sap and syrup and learn the cultural history of this regional forest phenomenon. Visit BHMK website for details. African Roots Center, 43 Gill St, Kingston. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 22 Breaking the Cycle with Antwan Wakely: 6-7 p.m. Free. Participate in this very special event and learn about how an at-risk youth turned his life around. Antwan was in and out of prison, caught up in the recidivism cycle. He currently serves as a mentor to at-risk youth and is excited to share his story with our Kingston community. In person or Zoom. Visit BHMK website or download the app for details and registration. Restorative Justice Center, 733 Broadway Kingston. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 23 ONLINE EVENT - Turning the Tables Healthy Cooking Class: 6-7 p.m. RSVP. Free. Turning the Tables means making easy, delicious homemade food from scratch using the Turning the Tables Creamy Soup Master Recipe. Forrest Lahens will show us how he uses the same technique to make his Haitian-inflected spicy winter squash soup. Learn new dishes using ingredients on hand - hearty, healthy and inexpensive. Visit BHMK website or download the app for details and registration. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 24 ONLINE EVENT - Black Cultural History of Ulster County: 7-8:30 p.m. A Multimedia Presentation with the Ellenville Library. Filmmaker and historian Stephen Blauweiss will present an evening about the lesser-known history of Ulster County through a wide range of short films and rare photographs about the arts, music, dance and broader black culture, including some never-before-seen interviews. Visit BHMK website for details and registration. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 25 SUNY Ulster Celebrates Black History Month: Expo-style drop-in event that showcases Black history and culture in Kingston and beyond. Visit BHMK website for details and registration. SUNY Ulster, 94 Mary's Ave, Kingston. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 25 Bernard McClinton's Gospel Celebration: 7 p.m. Special Guests: The Fabulous Rainbow Singers. Other guests to be announced. The Falcon, 1348 Route 9W, Marlboro. 845-

236-7970; liveatthefalcon.com

Feb. 25 "Akeelah and the Bee:" Film. A girl strives to become a spelling champ. 7:30 p.m. Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC), 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org

Feb. 26 First Annual Stephen Jones Awards: Includes 10 Hudson Valley Artists, five visual artists and five performing artists. Artists will present short clips of their work that night while the audience votes. Two artists will be selected, one from each discipline with a winning check of \$500. Visit BHMK website for details and ticket info. Mariner's Harbor, 1 Broadway, Kingston. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

Feb. 26 25th Annual Chili Bowl Fest: Women's Studio Workshop in Rosendale upcoming annual Chili Bowl Fest, a fundraiser which is scheduled to take place online and in-person in the dining hall at SUNY Ulster, 91 Cottekill Road, Stone Ridge. 845-658-9133; wsworkshop.org

Feb. 26 Bearsville Theater Presents comedian Pete Correale: Pete Correale is a professional stand-up comedian originally from New York. His comedy is reflective of his life and the experiences he's been through. Being married for almost twenty years and having a young daughter, Pete's never at a loss for material. 291 Tinker Street, Woodstock. 845-684-7133; bearsvilletheater.com

Feb. 27 Third Annual Black Experience: In honor and celebration of Black History, Center for Creative Education (CCE) presents "The Black Experience." Singing, dancing, spoken word, comedy and more. Limited in-person seating available; unlimited virtual access. Visit BHMK website for details and registration. CCE, 16 Cedar St, Kingston. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

SAVE THE DATE: April 16 Harambee presents The Fifth Annual Black History Month Kingston Gala: Join us in the celebration of five years of tribute to the African-American heritage of the Kingston area. Engage in a night of musical performances, dancing and more. You can also participate in our auction including a variety of amazing community gifts. Theme: "Coming To America," in which we ask that you consider arriving in African garb or accessory. Visit BHMK website for details and ticket info. La Mirage Restaurant & Catering, 423 Broadway, Ulster Park. 845-282-0182; BlackHistoryMonthKingston.org

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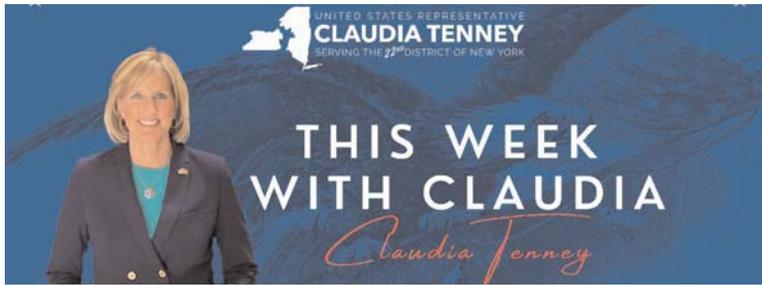
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 - Snowshoes will be on-site (weather/snow permitting)
 - Cozy refreshments will be served
 - Registration is requested

Saturday February 26, 2022
Fun Run/Walk Starts at 10:30 am
Hill Street & State Street Trailhead— Liberty
Register at: www.Sullivan180.org

Sullivan 180, Inc. | PO Box 311 Liberty, NY 12754 | (845) 295-2680
info@sullivan180.org | www.Sullivan180.org



My Push for Accountability Continues: Biden's Midnight Flights Must End

You may have seen the recent video of illegal immigrants being flown into New York under the cover of darkness. This week, I am continuing my push to hold the Biden Administration accountable and ensure these covert missions stop.

First, I joined other members of the New York congressional delegation in sending a letter to President Biden urging him to stop the flights from the Southern Border to New York immediately. I then cosponsored the Stop the Betrayal Act in Congress to ensure federal agencies and contractors are prohibited from transporting illegal immigrants throughout the country.

From day one, the Biden Administration has failed in its most basic duties, like enforcing the law and protecting our homeland. The President has shown more interest in catering to far-left special interests than he has in protecting our national security and upholding our immigration laws. As I've said before, every state is now becoming a border state. I continue to call for accountability, starting with a full congressional investigation into these recently uncovered flights.

Legislation Passes Committee to Support Women-Owned Small Businesses • Tenney Speaks About Women's Business Centers Improvement Act in HSBC Markup

On Thursday, the House Small Business Committee unanimously passed the bipartisan Women's Business Centers Improvement Act, which I co-led with Congresswoman Sharice Davids of Kansas. This bill reauthorizes and strengthens the Women's Business Centers (WBC) program, which is a national network of entrepreneurship centers for low-cost counseling and training for women interested in starting, growing, and expanding small businesses.

This legislation will better the lives of women and small business owners across America and help the program expand into areas like ours. As a long-time small business owner myself, it was a privilege to support this bill to bolster the WBC program, with additional oversight and good governance measures. I look forward to this important bill now passing the full House of Representatives.

America COMPETES Act Failed to Counter China

House Democrats this week took an area of bipartisan agreement and urgent national need - countering China - and used it as leverage to cynically push forth unrelated liberal priorities and poison pills. Despite being branded as legislation to compete with a rising China, the so-called America COMPETES Act failed to address the full range of threats and national security concerns posed by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). It faced bipartisan opposition in Congress.

Instead of addressing critical needs, such as security assistance, export controls, and supporting allies that are facing CCP aggression, the America COMPETES Act is full of wasteful spending and new left-wing programs that will make America less competitive on the world stage. The bill was written entirely behind closed doors without any input from Republican members of Congress.

I worked on your behalf to introduce 10 amendments that would have fixed many of this bill's worst provisions. They would have eliminated nonessential spending, added bipartisan language to support America's small manufacturers, and secured our supply chains for critical goods. However, every single one of these commonsense amendments was rejected by House Democrats, along with many other good amendments submitted by Republicans.

Dangerous provisions of America COMPETES Act include:

Authorizes \$8 billion for the Green Climate Fund, a U.N. slush fund that has already sent \$100 million to the Chinese Communist Party and fails to include guardrails to prohibit this money from being used for Chinese solar panels, batteries, and other supply chains tainted by forced labor and genocide against the Uyghurs.

- o Creates "Climate Change Officers" within the Foreign Service, weakening our diplomats' focus on core U.S. national interests.

- o Calls for elevating climate issues in U.S.-China bilateral relations when our focus should be on confronting the military, economic, and diplomatic threats China poses.

Omits core national security tools in the Foreign Affairs' Committee jurisdiction, including security assistance and export controls, abandoning U.S. allies facing CCP aggression and failing to curtail CCP military modernization and weapons development including hypersonics.

Includes a \$45 billion slush fund prioritizing labor unions and other political allies of the Biden administration.

Led Call for U.S. Special Envoy to Iran to Testify in Front of Congress

On Friday, I led several of my colleagues in a letter to Secretary of State Antony Blinken requesting that Robert Malley, U.S. Special Envoy for Iran, testify before the House Foreign Affairs Committee to provide long-overdue updates on nuclear negotiations with Iran and other pressing matters.

Since being appointed U.S. Special Envoy for Iran on January 28, 2021, Malley has failed to appear for a single oversight hearing before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Recent reports about the disarray within the State Department's Iran team have increased the urgency for his testimony, especially given the unanswered questions about nuclear talks with the Iranian regime, American hostages remaining in Iran, the regime's ongoing regional aggression, and its destabilizing missile program.

Introduced Bipartisan Resolution on One-Year Anniversary of Coup in Burma

This week, I joined a bipartisan group to introduce a resolution on the one-year anniversary of the coup in Burma. The resolution condemned the coup orchestrated and executed by the Burmese military and denounced the military junta's brutal human rights violations.

The Utica-area is home to thousands of Burmese refugees and new Burmese-American citizens; many have family in Burma who continue to suffer under the military regime. I will continue to stand with the Burmese people and support all diplomatic efforts to ensure an immediate return to democratic, civilian rule.

My Votes Explained

I'm committed to restoring transparency to government, which is why I explain every vote I take on the House floor. While we may not always agree, you will always know where I stand on the issues and how I vote in Congress. To read more about my votes, please click here: <https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained> (Contd. Pg. 41)

This Week with Claudia Tenney

MyVotes Explained

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I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5577, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Crown Road Southwest in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "John R. Lewis Post Office Building." Lewis was a lifelong civil rights activist and spent 33 years representing his community in the United States House of Representatives. Congressman Lewis was instrumental in organizing the 1963 March on Washington with Martin Luther King Jr. and was a key figure throughout the Civil Rights Movement and in the push to end racial segregation in the South. I was proud to support this bill as a cosponsor. This legislation passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 421 - 0.

I voted "No" on H.R. 4521, the misnamed and partisan America COMPETES Act. House Democrats, following the lead of Speaker Pelosi, took an area of bipartisan agreement and urgent national need and used it as leverage to cynically push forth unrelated liberal priorities and poison pills. Despite being branded as legislation to compete with a rising China, the bill fails to address the full range of threats and national security concerns posed by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Instead of addressing critical needs, such as security assistance, export controls, and supporting our allies facing CCP aggression, the America COMPETES Act is full of wasteful spending and new left-wing programs that will only make America less competitive on the world stage. This bill passed the House by a vote of 222-210.

Olive Free Library Events

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Begins February 5th!
Pick up your game board at the library

KEEPING YOUR LOVED ONES AT HOME
Saturday Feb. 19 at 11 a.m.

Christopher Grant MS OTR/L will discuss what help is needed, what equipment works best, basic home modifications and strategies to **avoid caregiver burnout**



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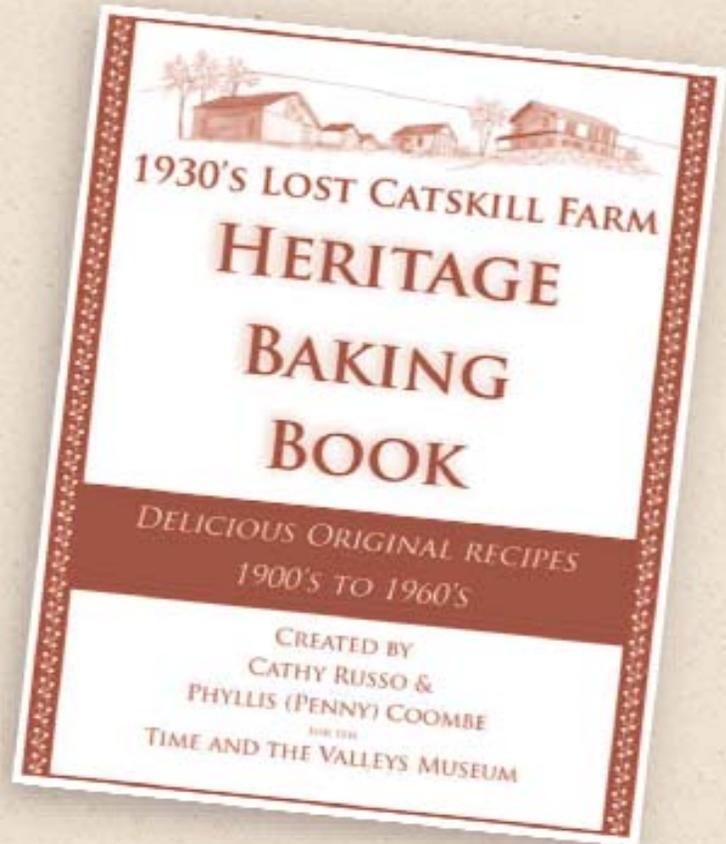
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ANTONIO DELGADO

NY-19

After another week of work, I wanted to give you an update on how I've been serving you.

Voting to grow American manufacturing

This week, the House passed the America Creating Opportunities for Manufacturing Pre-Eminence in Technology and Economic Strength (America COMPETES) Act of 2022, including my amendment to establish local manufacturing and innovation hubs.

My amendment establishes a program at the Department of Commerce responsible for creating regional technology and innovation hubs that enable U.S. leadership in manufacturing and technology, support regional economic development and job growth, promote technological developments and investments in underserved communities, and accelerate the commercialization of innovative research. This amendment is based on my bipartisan MADE HERE Act.

During my time in Congress, I have focused on rebuilding American manufacturing. In 2021, I unveiled my 4x4 Plan - a comprehensive roadmap with four fixes to four parts of our economy - energy, transportation, manufacturing, and shipping- fixes that will lower costs for families in New York's 19th District and across America.

My plan included a call to make more semiconductors here in the United States, and the America COMPETES Act delivers.

Small Business bill passes through committee

I am also proud to announce that my One Stop Shop for Small Business Compliance Act passed through the House Committee on Small Business. This bipartisan legislation would create a centralized website for small business owners in NY-19 and across the country to access user-friendly compliance guides and assistance for regulations across all federal agencies.

As upstate small businesses continue to navigate the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, they should be able to easily access the resources available to help them. Our common-sense, bipartisan legislation will create a centralized, online resource to support small businesses and self-owned employers. I will keep pushing to pass our bill through the House of Representatives and to get it to the President's desk.

COVID-19 Test & Mask Distribution Events

Handing out tests

Before heading to DC earlier this week, I joined Assembly Member Didi Barrett for a fifth COVID-19 test kit and mask distribution event. In the past two weeks, I've worked with state and local government officials across our district to distribute 1000 masks and nearly 1,500 test-kits at events in Dutchess, Sullivan, Montgomery, Greene, and Columbia



Counties.

It's been incredible to see our communities step up and help each other out during this global health crisis. Recently, it has been difficult for folks to find at-home tests and masks, so I was glad to work with local officials and get out in the district to help distribute these essential supplies.

Winter Storm Resources To Track and Report Power Outages:

Central Hudson: <https://cenhud.com/en/outages/> or call 845-452-2700

National Grid: <https://www1.nationalgridus.com/outages> or call 1-800-867-5222

NYSEG: <https://ebiz1.nyseg.com/cusweb/outagenotification.aspx> or call 1-800-572-1131

Warming Centers:

Sullivan County

Liberty

United Methodist Church

170 North Main Street, Liberty 12754

Monticello

Ted Stroebele Recreation Center

2 Jefferson Street, Monticello 12701

Ulster County

Kingston

Andy Murphy Center

467 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401

2nda Iglesia La Mision Church

80 Elmendorf St, Kingston NY 12401

New Paltz

SUNY New Paltz Elting Gymnasium

1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz, NY 12561

Saugerties

Frank D. Greco Memorial Senior Citizen Recreation Center

207 Market St, Saugerties, NY 12477

Valentines for Veterans

Reminder that my Valentines for Veterans program is currently going on. I invite all NY-19 residents to mail Valentines in an unsealed envelope to my Kingston office, care of "Valentines for Veterans," 256 Clinton Ave, Kingston, NY 12401.



These are some of the awesome valentines my office has already received!

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Antonio Delgado

(From Pg. 43) Valentines will be accepted until February 11th, then distributed to local Veterans.

Please call 845-443-2930 with any questions.

These are some of the awesome valentines my office has already received!

Mobile Office Hours

This week, I announced that my district office will be hosting mobile office hours during the month of February where residents can meet with the my staff to get assistance resolving issues with federal agencies including the IRS, Social Security and VA or for help with identifying federal grant opportunities.

Mobile office hours are a great opportunity for my team to connect directly with the people I represent and hear about the issues they are facing. I am glad to bring the services and resources my office offers closer to constituents. We are looking forward to working with you to find solutions and get your questions answered.

Date, Time, & Location:

Monday, February 7th - 10:00am - 12:00pm
New Lisbon Town Hall
908 County Rd 16
Garrattsville, NY 13342

Monday, February 7th - 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Fort Plains Free Library
19 Willett Street
Fort Plain, NY 13339

Resources for Residents

IRS Child Tax Credit Letters

Did you receive advanced Child Tax Credit payments in 2021? If so, look out for a letter from the IRS.

The IRS started issuing information letters to advance child tax credit recipients in December. Recipients of the third round of the Economic Impact Payments will begin receiving information letters at the end of January. Using the information in these letters when preparing a tax return can reduce errors and delays in processing.

People receiving these letters should keep them. Do not throw them away. These letters can help taxpayers, or their tax professional prepare their 2021 federal tax return. Learn more [HERE](#).

Covid booster infographic COVID-19 Vaccine Information:

Kids ages 5 - 11 are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Additionally, children 5 - 11 with certain immunocompromising conditions who received their Pfizer-BioNTech initial vaccine series at least 28 days ago are eligible for an additional dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

New Yorkers 12 years and older who received their Pfizer-BioNTech initial vaccine series at least five months ago are eligible for the Pfizer-BioNTech booster.

The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective, and will protect New York's children and adolescents from the virus.

COVID-19 Booster Information:

If you received Pfizer-BioNTech: Everyone 12 years and older can get their booster at least 5 months after completing their primary COVID-19 vaccination series. Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations. Teens 12-17 years old may only get a Pfizer-

BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster.

If you received Moderna: Adults 18 years and older can get their booster shot at least 6 months after completing their primary COVID-19 vaccination series. Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations

If you received Johnson & Johnson's Janssen*: Adults 18 years and older can get their booster at least 2 months after receiving your J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccination. Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations

*Although mRNA vaccines are preferred, J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine may be considered in some situations.

Learn more at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or [COVID-19 Vaccine | COVID-19 Vaccine \(ny.gov\)](https://www.health.ny.gov)

Staying Healthy & Safe

Cold and flu season is upon us, make sure you keep yourself and your loved ones safe by getting your flu shot. Find out more about where to get the shot and what you should know about the flu in New York State below.

<https://www.health.ny.gov/>

As always, it's an honor to represent you in Congress.

Sincerely,
Antonio

Connect With Us

I hope you'll connect with us soon. We're always here to help, and you can get in touch with us in the following ways:

Call 845-443-2930

Reach out online: <https://delgado.house.gov/contact>

Come to one of my town halls or public events

Office Locations

WASHINGTON, DC OFFICE
1007 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515
Phone: (202) 225-5614

DELHI OFFICE
111 Main Street
Delhi, NY 13753

HUDSON OFFICE
420 Warren St.
Hudson, NY 12534

KINGSTON OFFICE
256 Clinton Ave
Kingston, NY 12401
Phone: 845-443-2930

LIBERTY OFFICE
59 North Main St. #301
Liberty, NY 12754

ONEONTA OFFICE
189 Main Street #500
Oneonta, NY 13820

Important Announcement from OverDrive



The OverDrive App is going away in February!



But that's okay!



The Libby App will replace the OverDrive app.

Get the Libby app today!

In February 2022, the OverDrive app will be removed from the Apple App Store, Google Play, and Microsoft Store. Then, only the Libby app will be available for download.

The OverDrive website will still be available; just not the mobile app.

- Kindle Fire Users -

Until OverDrive and Amazon reach an agreement about Libby and Kindle Fire tablets, only the OverDrive app will be available at the Amazon App store.

Scan the QR code to go to your App Store



Download Libby today!

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<http://help.libbyapp.com>

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WINTER READING "AlphaBOOKbet" CHALLENGE

December 1st - March 1st

Read (or listen) to a book--26 actually--with titles that start with every letter of the alphabet. Fill in the reading log provided after each book, return the completed log to the library by March 1st, and receive a book to keep!

Visit the library to pickup a reading log
or go to our website to print it.

<https://danielpiercelibrary.org>



WIN PRIZE BOOKS | ALL AGES WELCOME TO READ

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE



DRIVE THRU TAKEOUT ONLY

\$14.00

FOOD PROVIDED BY TASTEFULLY BRITISH

FISH OR CHICKEN & CHIPS DINNER

MAY 21st

4:30pm to 6:30pm

Grahamsville Fairgrounds • Rt. 55

**Each single serve meal ticket includes:
Fish OR Chicken and Chips, Dessert.**

For advanced tickets contact:

Neil Terwilliger at (845) 798-3328

Bernie Lange at (845) 532-7607

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ADULT EDUCATION SURVEY

The start of another semester means that it is also time for the Tri-Valley Adult Education Survey. If you are interested in participating in the Adult Education Program, please take some time to complete this survey and return it. The classes listed below are perennial favorites and will be offered again, if enough people register (and attend weekly) for the class. **There is a required minimum of 10 participants per activity. Attendance will be monitored weekly.** If you are interested in a class that is not listed or would be willing to instruct a class, please be sure to include all information below. Unless otherwise noted, **Adult Education Spring Session** classes will begin the week of February 14, 2022 and will end April 17, 2022.

Hall Walking (7:00-8:00PM, Monday through Thursday) – Meet at front desk in Main Lobby
 Weight Room (5:30-8:30PM, Tuesday and Thursday)
 Men's Basketball (7:00-9:00PM, Mondays) –Lower Gym Secondary School
 Woodworking (6:00-8:00PM, Mondays) – Room #14, Secondary School
 Quilting (7:00-9:00PM, Tuesdays) – Lower Level Library Secondary School
 Stamping and Paper Crafts (6:00-8:00PM, Wednesdays) –Lower Level Library Secondary School
 Yoga (6:00-7:15PM, Wednesdays) – Secondary School Media Center
 Zumba (6:00-7:00PM, Thursdays) – Secondary School Cafeteria

.....
 NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

I am interested in taking the following Adult Education course/courses at Tri-Valley:

I am interested in teaching the following Adult Education course/courses at Tri-Valley. My qualifications are as follows:

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All Adult Education courses must have a minimum of ten (10) participants before we can start a class. If you have not expressed your interest in attending one or more of the courses, please do so no later than February 10, 2022. Once classes have begun, all are welcome to join those classes simply by coming to the class whenever it is held.

****MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING****

All Adult Education participants must be out of school and at least 18 years of age. For residents or graduates of the Tri-Valley Central District, there is no charge. The only cost to participate will be for supplies and materials. However, there will be a \$15.00 per session charge for out-of-district attendees. If school is not in session, Adult Education classes **will not** be held. If due to inclement weather, all student after school activities have been cancelled, Adult Education classes **will not** be held. All survey forms should be sent to the address or email below.

• Lori Thayer

Tri-Valley CSD 34 Moore Hill Road Grahamsville, NY 12740 985-2296
 Extension #5534 to enroll or email at: lorithayer@trivalleycsd.org

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, February 20th

Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$9

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs are available 985-7270

\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed
Church Food Pantry



Daniel Pierce Library Mardi Gras Donuts

Same delicious Pumpkin Party Donuts!



Tuesday, March 1st
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Donuts available:
Cinnamon Sugar and Plain
\$6.00 per dozen

Orders must be received by February 22, 2022.
Please order online or call 985-7233.

Thank you for your continued support!



Daniel Pierce Library

328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268
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www.danielpiercelibrary.org



Want to make your heart smile too?

Valentine's Day Card Event

for ALL ages

You can, by making homemade cards along with the Daniel Pierce Library for our local nursing home residents at the Care Center!

Our goal is
150
cards!

DIY Valentine's Day cards will be available (while supplies last) at the library for pick-up starting Friday, February 4th through Thursday, February 10th during current operating hours.

Please return cards to the **red box** in the library foyer by 3 p.m. Friday, February 11th for our special delivery.



Thank You!



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Wanted: People Who Can HelpGuide RSVP in SC Advisory Committee Seeks New Members 18+

Monticello, NY - Looking for an opportunity to put your experiences to work? Whether you're a young person just starting out, a stay-at-home spouse, or the leader of a business, join the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) Advisory Committee and help shape the success of Sullivan County's RSVP Program!

"The RSVP Advisory Committee is a group of individuals - ages 18 and up - representing the interests of our RSVP volunteers, volunteer stations and the community at large," explains RSVP Coordinator Martha Tully. "Advisory committee members advise, assist and advocate for effective project operations of the RSVP of Sullivan County AmeriCorps Seniors. They support constructive changes within the program, generate new ideas, and serve as ambassadors to the wider Sullivan County community."

Primarily, RSVP Advisory Committee members are committed to the following six (6) goals:

1. Promote RSVP to potential members in order to help the program meet the volunteer recruitment requirements.
2. Assist with planning and executing a successful Recognition Event each year to celebrate the contributions of RSVP volunteers.
3. Coordinate and assist with fund-raising events.
4. Collaborate with other community organizations by using existing assessments, assess the needs of the community, and develop strategies to respond to identified needs using RSVP volunteers.
5. Capture the remarkable stories of RSVP volunteers in order to communicate these stories to local and national service communities.
6. Actively engage in an on-going effort to assess changing community needs and help the project meet the identified needs.

Minimum qualifications for RSVP Advisory Council Members:

- o At least 18 years of age
- o Willingness to commit to full term of service and attend monthly meetings;
- o Willingness to commit to attending project monitoring, recognition, recruitment, fundraising and promotional events;
- o Knowledge about human and social needs of the community, or a willingness to learn;
- o Capable of helping the sponsor satisfy its administrative and program responsibilities, including project assessment, fundraising, publicity, data reporting requirements, and meeting or exceeding performance measures;
- o Have an interest in, and knowledge of, the range of the capabilities of older adults;
- o Competence in the field of community service and volunteerism, or a willingness to learn;

To apply for membership, please complete the RSVP Advisory Council Membership application at <https://sullivan-ny.us/sites/default/files/departments/aging/rsvp/RSVP%20Advisory%20Council%20Membership%20Application.pdf>, or request one from the local RSVP office by calling 845-807-0255 or emailing Martha.Tully@sullivanny.us.

"Anyone interested in RSVP Advisory Council membership is warmly invited to sit in on a regular Advisory Council meeting to learn more about the group and its roles and responsibilities," affirms Tully.

SC Local Partners Work to Improve Children's Dental Health – Liberty NY February is National Children's Dental Health

Month, and the Sullivan County Rural Health Network and Sullivan County Public Health Services would like to emphasize the need for parents and caregivers to ensure the health of their children's oral health.

"Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease found in children. Each year, more than 51 million school hours are lost due to dental-related problems," notes Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "Fortunately, with good oral health care habits, tooth decay can be prevented."

According to the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 18 percent of children ages two to four have experienced tooth decay, and nearly one out of six have untreated tooth decay. By age 17, more than seven percent of children have lost at least one permanent tooth due to decay.

According to a Sullivan County Rural Health Network's Oral Health Needs Assessment in 2016, the most frequent oral health issue that school nurses observed among the students was dental cavities and pain. Almost 65% of the nurses surveyed said they had seen a student miss school due to dental problems. The pandemic also contributed to many children not receiving regular dental care during the past two years.

Here are some things you can do to ensure good oral health for your child:

- o Encourage your children to eat regular nutritious meals and avoid frequent between-meal snacking.
 - o Use a fluoride toothpaste. If your child is less than 7 years old, put only a pea-sized amount on their toothbrush.
 - o If your drinking water is not fluoridated, talk to a dentist or physician about the best way to protect your child's teeth.
 - o Just like adults, children should see the dentist at least every 6 months
 - o Do not put sugary drinks in your baby's bottle or put them to bed with a bottle. This contributes to tooth decay and bacteria in the child's mouth.
 - o If you are pregnant, seek early prenatal care, eat a healthy diet and visit a dentist during your pregnancy to limit dental problems.
- In Sullivan County, there are two organizations which serve underrepresented communities.

The PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program, an Article 28 mobile dental clinic and school-based health center (SBHC), conveniently visits County schools and is able to provide dental health education, preventive and restorative dental services without parents needing to take time off from work or to drive anywhere. PRASAD also has an office on Sullivan Avenue in Liberty and English-Spanish bilingual staff. <https://www.prasadcdhp.org/>

Sun River Healthcare, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) on Lakewood Avenue in Monticello, includes a dental clinic and will accept people of all ages regardless of ability to pay. Sun River has a robust Spanish-English bilingual staff. <https://www.sunriver.org/services/dental-care/>



Ice Rescue Training



Ice rescue training in Ulster County

On Jan. 29-30, ECO Grose completed a 16-hour ice/cold water rescue technician class. The training was completed in Ulster County and consisted of local fire departments and EMS volunteers.

DEC Releases Updated Strategic Plan for State Forest Management Public Comments Accepted through March 4, 2022

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the release of the 10-year update to the Strategic Plan for State Forest Management. The draft plan is available for public comment through March 4, 2022, and will help guide the management of all State Forests and the development of State Forest unit management plans.

"This 10-year update to the Strategic Plan for State Forest Management builds on New York's efforts to sustainably manage the more than 807,000 acres of State Forests under DEC's stewardship, while providing opportunities for recreation, economic benefits for local communities, and protection for sensitive wildlife habitats," said Commissioner Seggos. "Ensuring New York's forests remain strong in the face of our changing climate was a critical consideration when developing this update and I encourage New Yorkers to review and weigh in on the plan."

The Strategic Plan for State Forest Management was originally drafted by DEC's Division of Lands and Forests in 2010, as part of the process for certifying New York State's forests under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® and Forest Stewardship Council® standards. The plan is updated every decade, and is considered a best management practice among natural resource management organizations, serving as a document to guide forest management.

In addition to guiding management decisions on State Forests, the plan serves as the General Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for work done on State Forests, multiple use areas, and unique areas. The GEIS satisfies the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act to ensure no negative environmental impacts occur as a result of DEC management actions.

A presentation with more information about the draft plan is available on the SPSFM webpage. Comments can be submitted by mail to DEC's Bureau of Forest Resource Management, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233, or by email to 2021SPSFM@dec.ny.gov through March 4, 2022.

DEC Advises Backcountry Downhill Skiers, Snowboarders, and Outdoor Adventurers of Avalanche Risk in Adirondack High Peaks Region

Backcountry downhill skiers, snowboarders, and all outdoor adventurers who may traverse slides or steep, open terrain in the High Peaks region of the Adirondacks should be aware of and prepared for avalanche conditions, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos advised today.

"After a cold January, bluebird days and big snowfalls are attracting more recreational enthusiasts to the northern mountains to snowshoe, cross country ski, or simply enjoy the pristine surroundings," Commissioner Seggos said. "We encourage anyone planning to ski, board, or traverse backcountry slides and other avalanche-prone terrain in the Adirondack High Peaks to exercise caution and be prepared for avalanche conditions."

Avalanche danger increases during and immediately after major snowfalls and during thaws. Approximately three to four feet of snow has accumulated at high elevations in the High Peaks. Due to high winds, snow depths are deeper on leeward slopes or areas of snow deposits, such as gullies. As snow accumulates over time it develops distinct layers formed by rain and melt/freeze cycles. When new snow falls onto previous snowpack, it adds weight and downward pressure. Lower snow layers may be reactive to the added stresses of recent snows, creating conditions conducive to avalanches.

Avalanches can occur in any situation where snow, slope, and weather conditions combine to create the proper conditions. While the majority of steep, open terrain is found in the High Peaks region of the Adirondacks, avalanche-prone terrain is found on mountains throughout the Adirondacks, including Snowy Mountain in Hamilton County.

DEC reminds backcountry winter recreationists to take the following precautions when traveling in avalanche-prone terrain:

Cross-country skiers and snowshoers should stay on trails and away from steep slopes on summits;

Know the terrain, weather, and snow conditions;

Dig multiple snow pits to conduct stability tests. Do not rely on other people's data;

Practice safe route finding and safe travel techniques;

Never ski, board, or climb with someone above or below you - only one person on the slope at a time;

Ski and ride near trees, not in the center of slides or other open areas;

Always carry a shovel, probes, and transceiver with fresh batteries;

Ensure all members of the group know avalanche rescue techniques;

Never travel alone; and

Always inform someone about where you are going and when you expect to return home.

If you are planning a trip to avalanche-prone territory, research the route ahead of time and contact a local DEC Forest Ranger for specific safety and conditions information, or contact a local guide. Skiers and snowboarders should assess their own experience level before going into the backcountry and should be equipped with avalanche safety tools and knowledge, such as participation in an avalanche safety course.

Additional information on avalanche danger, preparedness, and safety precautions is available on the DEC website at <https://www.dec.ny.gov>

This Month at ASK

Art Society of Kingston

February 2022 Exhibitions are Available for Online Viewing only starting Saturday, Feb 5 at 1pm

Our online galleries opened on Saturday, February 5 for in-person viewing and an online opening reception. We discussed our Spotlight Exhibition: *Macrocosm*, featuring work by Brit Schmid, and our Members Exhibition: *Interiors*.

Spotlight Exhibition

Our Spotlight Solo Artist for the month of February is Brit Schmid, with her online installation titled *Macrocosm*. Brit Schmid is a Kingston-based creative with a portfolio of dances, sculptures, paintings, photographs, and graphic illustrations. Her work currently focuses on the development of a new textile series,

Macros, which aims to encourage viewers to take more time to appreciate the minutia in both art and nature. Using glass beads, felt and polymer clay, Brit Schmid stitches intricate representations of these often undiscovered and overlooked worlds.



Yokohama by Brit Schmid



My Room Across The Hall
by Emily Patzner

Join us on Saturday, February 12 at 4pm for an in-depth, online Artist Talk with Brit Schmid.

Macrocosm will be available to view online only starting Saturday, February 5, at 1pm at askforarts.org.

Members Exhibition

ASK's Members Exhibition this month is *Interiors*. Every month ASK provides a prompt for our members to respond to and this February the theme is *Interiors: cozy, dark, lamplit, or streaming in sunshine, comfortable or even uncomfortable*. Members are allowed to display up to three pieces each month, with no charge for the first piece.

Interiors became available to view online only starting Saturday, February 5

For information go to: <http://askforarts.org>.

Artist Happy Hour

Every Saturday at 4PM via Zoom join us for a casual Meet the Artist every Saturday at 4pm on Zoom. Artists represented in our two exhibitions will be present to discuss and answer questions about their work.

To register go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89766753280?pwd=cnY4MIE5MlVlVn0xMRzNmbkNTUXh6UT09#success>

Attorney General James Secures Reimbursements for Consumers Charged for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Fees

Embassy Pharmacy and Fulton Drugs Were Found to Have Improperly Charged Hundreds of COVID-19 Vaccine Recipients a Fee when Administering the Vaccine

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced that her office secured refunds for New Yorkers who were wrongfully charged administration fees from two pharmacies when they received their COVID-19 vaccine. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) found that Embassy Pharmacy, in Manhattan improperly charged a vaccine administration fee of \$25 to approximately 275 consumers that received a COVID-19 vaccination. Similarly, Fulton Drugs, in Brooklyn, charged a vaccine administration fee of \$20 or \$25 to approximately 175 consumers. In accordance with the agreements, the pharmacies have reimbursed all improperly charged vaccine recipients and will implement stronger training programs for staff.

"Make no mistake: COVID vaccines are free to all who seek them," said Attorney General James. "New Yorkers should not be charged fees to receive the vaccines. If they are, my office will work to ensure they are reimbursed for the charges."

The OAG first launched its investigation in March of 2021, following reports from New Yorkers who were charged for vaccines. While vaccination providers are allowed to seek appropriate reimbursement from a vaccine recipient's health plan or for those who are uninsured, from the Health Resources and Services Administration's COVID-19 Uninsured Program, providers are not allowed to charge a vaccine recipient. By imposing a vaccine administration fee directly to consumers, Embassy and Fulton engaged in deceptive acts and practices that violated Executive Law § 63(12) and General Business Law § 349. (Contd. Pg. 55)

Governor Hochul Updates NY'ers on State's Progress in Responding to Winter Storm Leaving Thousands of Ulster County Residents Without Power

Governor Hochul surveyed storm damage, visited a local warming center and provided an update to the residents of Ulster County, many of whom were without power throughout the weekend as a result of a historic winter storm late last week that brought nearly three-quarters of an inch of flat ice to the area. The storm toppled trees and power lines, creating power outages for 65,000 customers at its peak. Governor Hochul highlighted the efforts made by the State to help residents recover and get their power restored, including sending staff to embed with the Ulster County Emergency Operations Center, sending the National Guard to support warming center operations, providing State DOT and Parks assets to help clear roadways of downed trees and sending State Police to assist with wellness checks.

"While many in Ulster County have since had their power restored, we are working around the clock to help the thousands of households that haven't yet," Governor Hochul said. "Ulster County received the worst of last week's winter storm and our emergency management personnel have been working hard throughout the weekend to ensure the community has what it needs to get through this. We are bringing the full resources of the state to bear in our storm recovery efforts and we will continue to support Ulster County residents in any way we can."

New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Commissioner Jackie Bray said, "Under the direction of Governor Hochul, my team and I have been on the ground since Friday working with our partners in government to provide resources to the City of Kingston and Ulster County. I encourage any residents still without power today and tomorrow to visit a nearby warming center to stay safe. These warming centers were established with our support and will remain open as long as necessary."

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said, "I would like to thank Governor Hochul and her entire team for their rapid response and critical support as we respond to one of the most severe, high-impact winter storms Ulster County has experienced in at least a decade. We will continue to work together to ensure that service is quickly restored, that those still without service can stay warm and safe, and that we assist our residents in post-storm recovery."

Ulster County has set up 24/7 warming centers at the following locations until further notice:

- o Andy Murphy Center, 467 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401
- o 2nda Iglesia La Mision Church, 80 Elmendorf Street, Kingston NY 12401
- o SUNY New Paltz, Elting Gymnasium, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz, NY 12561
- o Frank D. Greco Memorial Senior Citizen Recreation Center, 207 Market St, Saugerties, NY 12477
- o Woodstock Community Center, 456 Rock City Road, Woodstock, NY, 12498

Additional New York State support to Ulster County in the aftermath of the severe winter storm includes 24 National Guard members to support warming center operations; cut-and-toss crews to support cleanup; one 500kw generator for the Andy Murphy overnight warming center in Kingston; and 180 cots and water from state stockpiles for the warming centers. DHSES also coordinated the transportation of Red Cross resources to the warming centers, including 75 cots and additional water and food.

As of Monday morning, more than 7,500 homes remained without power in Ulster County. Central Hudson indicates that 95% of the county will have power restored by 10 p.m. on Tuesday. The utility has more than 900 line and tree personnel working to clear roadways and restore power in the county.

New York State will continue to coordinate response activities on the ground in Ulster County and provide additional support to local governments, as needed.

The Ulster County Resource Center can be reached at (845)-443-8888.

Attorney General James Secures Reimbursements for Consumers Charged for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Fees

(From Pg. 54) The agreements reached by Attorney General James ensure that all who paid the vaccine administration fee have been reimbursed and the pharmacies have immediately changed their practices to eliminate the vaccine administration fee to consumers. Additionally, the pharmacies have agreed to institute new requirements that strengthen training for all staff involved with the administration of COVID-19 vaccines, as well as signage requirements associated with vaccine administration.

If New Yorkers are aware of providers improperly charging consumers a fee for administration of the COVID-19 vaccine, they should contact the Office of the Attorney General's Health Care Bureau online or call 1-800-428-9071.

"New York City's free vaccination program is a vital part of our city's response to the pandemic. We must eliminate every barrier to getting vaccinated against COVID-19, including misinformation that recipients will be charged for getting the vaccine," said Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine. "If you were wrongfully charged for a shot you are entitled to reimbursement. I applaud Attorney General James for investigating these wrongful charges and ensuring that New Yorkers who were responsible by getting vaccinated are fully and rightfully reimbursed."

"During these difficult times, we must continue encouraging people to get vaccinated to keep themselves and their communities safe," said State Assemblymember Al Taylor. "Falsely charging fees for a free, essential vaccine will only drive people away. I applaud Attorney General James for swiftly reaching an agreement with the pharmacies in question and for looking out for the people of New York."

"Today's announcement by Attorney General Letitia James illustrates New York state's commitment to consumer protection," said State Assemblymember Stefani L. Zinerman. "I applaud her quick response to recover the wrongfully charged administrative fees for the COVID-19 test kits sold by Embassy and Fulton pharmacies. The self-advocacy of the residents from the 56th Assembly District who reported these deceptive acts coupled with a responsive government agency is how we effectively prevent future fraud in our community."

"New Yorkers put a tremendous amount of trust in their local pharmacies to serve them with honesty and compassion. That's why it is so disturbing and damaging when these same businesses exploit our most vulnerable during a pandemic," said Council Member Shaun Abreu. "Thanks to Attorney General James, 275 of my constituents are getting restitution from Embassy Pharmacy. As a member of the Council's Consumer and Worker Protection Committee, I look forward to fighting fraud side by side with her."

"Cost barriers for vaccination are incredibly dangerous, even when applied by mistake," said Council Member Chi Ossé. "It is encouraging to see the Attorney General's Office securing these reimbursements, as well as to know that stronger training and other measures will prevent this mistake from being repeated in the future."



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday May 14, 2022

BBQ Chicken by the Neversink Fire Department
with lots of delicious sides

A True Community BBQ!

Time and the Valleys Museum

332 Main Street, Grahamsville

info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org

Monticello Rotary Blood Drive and 44th Annual Heart-a-thon Friday, February 11, 2022

Please **DONATE, SHARE, and/or SIGN-UP!**

A lot of littles make a lot of lots! Thank you for your help in spreading the word and actively participating. And remember - **#ServiceAbove Self!**

Heart-a-thon Link: <https://www.givegab.com/p2p/44th-annual-98-3-wsul-heart-a-thon/lori-orestano-james>
Blood Drive Link:

Direct sign up link - https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/300440

NYBC Phone number to call for appointments - 800-933-2566

NYBC phone number to call for donor eligibility questions- 800-688-0900

Link for eligibility questions - www.nybc.org/eligibility

Donation Facts - <https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/become-donor/donation-facts/>

RABIES CLINIC

**Town of Rockland
Livingston Manor Firehouse**

93 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY

Wednesday, April 13th 2022

6PM to 7:30PM

*Sullivan County Residents only -Proof of ID required

* Everyone must wear a mask while at clinic site

* Appointments are required

*Pre-registration of ALL animals is required

<https://tinyurl.com/yckmx6jm>

*Everyone must maintain social distancing guidelines and remain at least 6 feet apart.

*Bring prior rabies certificate, receive a 3-year vaccination.

* No vaccine history, receive a 1-year vaccination.

Dogs – Cats – Ferrets

All Pet owners must clean up after their pets.

All pets must be in a carrier or on a leash.

All pets must be at least 3 months old.

Aggressive dogs should be muzzled to prevent any biting incidents

**If you don't have access to a computer or have questions, please
call 845-292-5910**

Sullivan County Warming Centers Open Tonight

Monticello, NY -Sullivan County will open its two warming shelters tonight in Liberty and Monticello:

- United Methodist Church, 170 North Main Street, Liberty
- Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello

These facilities will be open to anyone from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. tonight, Tuesday, February 8. PLEASE NOTE: Masks are required due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

A comprehensive and interactive map of these locations is available on the County website at www.sullivanny.us/Departments/RealProperty/GISData. Click on the "Warming and Cooling Center Locator" app button at the bottom of the page.

In addition, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) - which can provide funds for fuel and heating system repair/replacement - continues Countywide, including aid for emergency heating situations. For more information, call 845-807-0142.

During the daytime hours (12-1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, except holidays), the Federation for the Homeless at 9 Monticello Street in Monticello offers takeout food, and after-hours emergency food requests can be made to the Federation at 845-798-8774. The Federation's pantry is open to all (no documentation required) from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. every Friday, as well.

Hochul Announces \$1 Million New York/Israel Smart Energy Challenge Now Accepting Submissions

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the launch of the 2022 New York Power Authority (NYPA) & Israel Smart Energy Challenge, which seeks start-up technologies from companies headquartered in Israel to help meet the needs of New York's utility operations and advance the State's clean energy transformation. The winner of the \$1 million competitive award will collaborate with NYPA, the nation's largest state utility, on smart energy innovation projects that may be deployed by NYPA or other large utilities to support the efficient delivery of affordable, clean and reliable electricity statewide.

"New York and Israel have a long history of collaboration and a common interest in developing new clean energy solutions that will address climate change and mutually benefit our power systems," said Governor Hochul. "The Smart Energy Challenge will give small start-up firms the opportunity to work with a large utility and allow New York State to maintain its lead as an innovator as it moves aggressively toward a 100 percent zero-emissions electric grid by 2040."

The competition was announced today during an international virtual webinar and panel discussion where attendees learned award details and heard from several Israeli companies that have partnered with NYPA.

NYPA is collaborating with EnergyCom and the Israel Smart Energy Association (ISEA) to launch this second competition among innovative firms headquartered in the State of Israel to support the next generation of the clean energy evolution. One or more innovative companies will be identified and given the opportunity to work with NYPA to scale up their technology in pilot demonstration projects to meet the specific needs of power utilities operations.

Applications will be accepted through April 11. Award selections are expected to be announced in June.

Interested companies can learn more about the challenge and submission details and deadlines on NYPA's website, or by emailing Manuel.Hamalian@nypa.gov, Director, NYPA Procurement

About NYPA

NYPA is the largest state public power organization in the nation, operating 16 generating facilities and more than 1,400 circuit-miles of transmission lines. More than 80 percent of the electricity NYPA produces is clean renewable hydropower. NYPA uses no tax money or state credit. It finances its operations through the sale of bonds and revenues earned in large part through sales of electricity. For more information visit www.nypa.gov and follow us on Twitter @NYPAenergy, Facebook, Instagram, Tumblr and LinkedIn.

Senators Skoufis and Martucci Host Bipartisan Budget Forum

Senators James Skoufis (D-Hudson Valley) and Mike Martucci (R,C-Hudson Valley/Catskills) gathered municipal, non-profit, and community leaders together for a virtual budget forum on February 4 to assess local funding needs ahead of statewide budget negotiations. The two legislators heard testimony from advocates in the disability/homecare space, union leaders, library directors, local business owners, educators, transportation planners, charities working to fight poverty and community health disparities, and many others.

"I am grateful to all who carved time out of their day to testify," said Senator Skoufis. "One of the most important parts of our jobs in the State Senate is to fight to bring your tax dollars right back home. Senator Martucci and I have often been able to find bipartisan common ground on local issues over the years, and that's because we both maintain direct lines of communication with the communities we represent. This forum is just one component of our listening as we gather our funding priorities, and I encourage any peers or neighbors who didn't have a chance to join in to reach out to either of our offices in coming weeks. Your feedback is immensely helpful."

"The state budget is an annual opportunity to address the most pressing priorities facing our communities. As Senators, it is our duty to go to the table with those interests in mind and fight for every available resource," said Senator Mike Martucci. "I am glad to have a partner like Senator Skoufis to work alongside through this process, starting with this forum. Every individual and organization who took the time to join us or submit testimony is not only helping us better represent our constituents but will have an exponential impact on our region by highlighting the areas of greatest need. I appreciate their advocacy, and I encourage more to participate before the budget is finalized."

The Governor released her Executive Budget Proposal for fiscal year 2023 in January, the first step in preparing a balanced budget for the state. Next, the Senate and Assembly will develop their own budget proposals and, after deliberation, bring a single agreement on statewide spending and revenue to a vote.

For their part, the Senators have been in touch with regional leadership across healthcare, education, and the business community in recent months. Both are eager to see enhanced investment in local infrastructure and schools, as well as new attention paid to fair pay for home care workers, a primary point of discussion during this forum.

A complete recording of this virtual budget forum is available at https://fb.watch/aZ4eqUgf_u/.



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ORIGINAL TITLE:
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 (1974 / R / 1h 54m / Adventure ComedyDrama)

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CLASSIC MOVIE OF THE WEEK II
ON AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX,
GANGS OF NEW YORK

Gangs of New York is a 2002 American epic historical crime film that was **directed by Martin Scorsese**, set in the New York City slums, and inspired by **Herbert Asbury's 1927 non-fiction book *The Gangs of New York***. The screenplay was written by Jay Cocks, Steven Zaillian, and Kenneth Lonergan.

The film stars **Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis, and Cameron Diaz**.



In 1863, a long-running Catholic-Protestant feud erupts into violence, just as an Irish immigrant group is protesting the low wages caused by an influx of freed slaves as well as the threat of conscription. Scorsese spent 20 years developing the project until Harvey Weinstein and his production company Miramax Films acquired it in 1999.



Made in Cinecittà, Rome, and in New York, the film was completed by 2001, but its release was delayed by the September 11 attacks. Released on December 20, 2002, the film grossed \$193 million worldwide against its \$100 million budget. Reviewers praised Day-Lewis' performance, Scorsese's directing, and the film's production and costume design, but criticized the story. The film received 10 Oscar nominations at the 75th Academy Awards.

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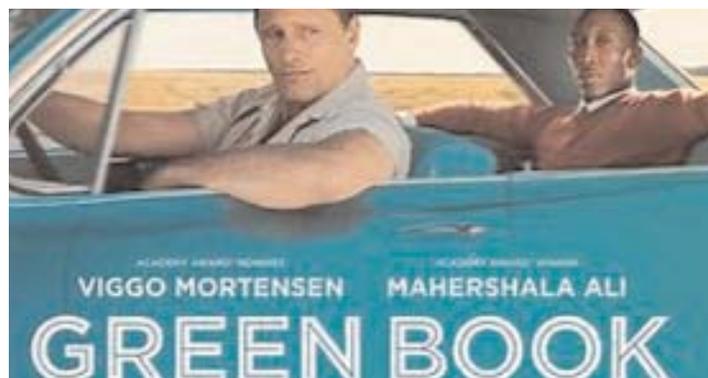
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GREEN BOOK

(PG-13 2018 Comedy Drama 2HR 15 min)

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The film is about part of the life of **Dr. Donald Walbridge Shirley (January 29, 1927 – April 6, 2013)** an American classical and jazz pianist and composer. He recorded many albums for Cadence Records during the 1950s and 1960s, experimenting with jazz with a classical influence. He wrote organ symphonies, piano concerti, a cello concerto, three string quartets, a one-act opera, works for organ, piano and violin, a symphonic tone poem based on the 1939 novel *Finnegans Wake* by James Joyce, and a set of "Variations" on the 1858 opera *Orpheus in the Underworld*. It's 1962 and Dr. Don Shirley, an African-American pianist, is going on tour in the Deep South. In need of a driver, he hires Tony Lip, an Italian-American who works as a bouncer. Armed only with the 'Negro Motorist Green Book,' an essential guide to safe travel for people of color during the Jim Crow era, the unlikely pair develop an understanding for one another and a surprising bond.

All who feel they have been wronged, take a lesson from the “Green Book,” and Mahatma Gandhi's peaceful protest –this is totally in order.

May God Bless.

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