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## CCE Sullivan Welcomes Patricia Avery, Caregiver Support Groups Continue

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY - Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County announces Patricia Avery, B.S. as its new Caregiver Resource Center Program Coordinator. Patricia brings with her many years of experience working with elders and families in both long-term care and community-based settings. Patricia will assume the role previously held by Bonnie Lewis, RN upon her retirement.

Caregiver Support Groups will continue each Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm beginning January 5, 2022. The free meetings remain virtual via Zoom or by phone. These support groups are designed to provide a forum, for anyone caring for a dependent adult, to meet others in similar situations and receive information, education, and support to assist them in their caregiving role.

Registration is required to participate in all support group meetings. To register, contact Patricia Avery at 845-292-6180 ext. 122 or register online at <http://sullivancece.org/events>. Meetings can be joined by computer or phone.

This co-partnered program between Cornell Cooperative Extension and Office for the Aging of Sullivan County is supported by a grant from the NYS Office for the Aging.

CCE prioritizes the health, safety, and well-being of the communities we serve. CCE offers technical assistance by appointment, email or phone, and many programs and meetings have transitioned to online or outdoor spaces. CCE phone and email lines of communication are OPEN, and offerings can be found online at [www.sullivancece.org](http://www.sullivancece.org).



## Sullivan County Continuing to Distribute KN95 Masks

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley and Public Safety Commissioner Thomas Farney today announced that the County has distributed more than 21,000 of the 34,500 KN95 masks it received from the State last week and will continue to do so this week.

"Our drive-thru days at the Transportation Building attracted hundreds of people, and we've been working with our local towns, libraries and housing complexes to keep sending out what we've got," explained Quigley. "I welcome more complexes to give our Community Assistance Center a call (845-807-0925) if they would like masks for their residents."



For the general public, the next drive-thru event will be held this Wednesday, January 5 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Transportation Building. Any Sullivan County resident is welcome to come there to pick up masks for themselves and their families. The building is located near the County Airport at 401 County Route 183 (Airport Road), Swan Lake, NY.

Residents should remain in their vehicles. Identification showing Sullivan County residency will be required, and drivers should be wearing a mask when conversing with staff and volunteers.

KN95 masks also continue to be available at the Government Center during normal business hours. Inquire at the Sheriff's desk in the lobby.

By Wednesday, every local library should have masks available as well. Due to limited supplies, call your library first before travelling to pick up masks.

For those unable to access these locations, contact the Community Assistance Center at 845-807-0925 for help.

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**More than ever, thank you for your continued support.**

**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.  
Psalm 72:4

**OBITUARY**

**Wilson Edward DeMyer** was born on July 16, 1931, the only child of Harry and Hazel DeMyer. On Sunday, December 26, 2021, he slipped his earthly bonds. He was 90 years old. Wilson is survived by his beloved wife of



51 years, Evelyn Anna DeMyer. Together they were long-time residents of Grahamsville, NY, before moving to Saratoga Springs. Wilson was much loved by his family. He is survived by his daughter Tanya DeMyer McLean, her husband, Jim McLean, and his granddaughters Sadie and Sydney of Arlington, MA; his daughter Kelly Thimineur and her husband Dean Thimineur of Mechanicville, NY; his granddaughter Jenny Thimineur and his great-grandchildren Alyssa and Gregory of Rome, NY; his grandson Phineas Graham and his wife, Elyse Graham, of Clifton Park, NY; his grandson Tyler Graham of Glenville, NY; his grandson John Gasko, his wife Laura Gasko, and his great-grandchildren Aviel and Maya of Dallas, TX; and his son-in-law George O'Neill of Schenectady, NY (husband to his late daughter, Bonnie O'Neill). Wilson was predeceased by his daughter Terry Keeler and son Randy Keeler. Wilson proudly served in the United States Army, and was stationed for a time in Japan. Back stateside, he graduated from Oneonta Teachers College. He was a long-time teacher with the Port Jervis School system, where he was a tireless advocate for fair wages for teachers. He taught sociology with a love of numbers, and he appreciated what data can tell us about a place and the people who live there. He loved history and genealogy, and NY sports. A soft-spoken man, Wilson was a passionate fan of the Jets and the Mets and never met an umpire or referee that he agreed with. Wilson served on the Tri-Valley Central School Board, and was active with the NY Rural Schools Association, believing that small settings could produce big results. A visitation was held on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at Colonial-Ramsay Funeral Home, 275 South Main Street, Liberty,

NY 12754. A graveside service was held at Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery with full military honors. Flower arrangements in Wilson's honor was greatly appreciated by the immediate family. Arrangements under the care of Colonial-Ramsay Funeral Home, for further information call 845-292-7160 or visit [www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com)

**DAYS OF YORE... Today's History****January 2, 1952**

Mrs. Mary Addie Dull of this village, passed away on January 1, 1952 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Van Keuren. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Van Keuren of Grahamsville and Mrs. W.B. McManaway of Lone Fountain, Virginia and two sons, Alec and Lee of Churchill, Virginia.

Frank Sagendorf, age 76, died January 1, 1952 about a half hour after midnight at his home on Red Hill. He was the son of Theodore and Augusta Crawford Sagendorf. Mr. Sagendorf was a farmer and a carpenter and he spent most of his life in the Town of Denning. He was postmaster at Ladleton for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Slater and son moved into their new home, the former Evans' property.

Miss Patsy Ann Banta entertained Jack and Dale Buswell, Barbara and Jim Krum and Brooke Anderson at dinner Wednesday evening in honor of her 11th birthday.

**January 3, 1962**

Miss Joan Curry, daughter of the late James V. Curry and Mrs. Blanche M. Curry, was married on Wednesday, December 27, 1961 to Mr. Lloyd Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Haakon Gilbert of Briscoe at the Grahamsville Methodist Church. A reception followed at the Neversink Memorial Hall. After a wedding trip, the bride will return to Skidmore College where she is a senior majoring in Nursing. The groom will report to Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mickelson of Woodbourne are the parents of a son born last Wednesday at Maimonides Hospital in Liberty. Mr. and Mrs. William Schulte Jr. of Pepacton Hollow Rd. are the parents of a daughter, Julie. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Terwilliger of Lackawack Hill are the parents of a son, Mark Donald, born at Liberty Loomis Hospital on December 19.  
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## DAYS OF YORE...

### Today's History

January 3, 1962 (From Pg. 2)

Confirmation and Communion was held at the Sundown Methodist Church this past Sunday. It was with great pleasure that Linda VanWagner, Ronald VanValkenburg and Mrs. Martha VanWagner were welcomed into the church.

Christopher DuBois, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dubois Jr. was christened at the Methodist Church on Sunday by Dr. John McCombe. Godparents were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Smith of Hasbrouck.

January 5, 1972

Mr. Frank VanKeuren, 88, of Grahamsville, died January 4th at Liberty, NY, after a long illness. Born October 22, 1883 at Neversink, he was the son of Elisha VanKeuren and Mary E. Gillette. He was married in Neversink to the late Adelia Dice who died in 1930. He was married again in 1944 to the late Julia Charter who died in 1958. Mr. VanKeuren was a retired carpenter and a member of the Grahamsville Methodist Church and a lifetime resident of Grahamsville.

Fernald DuBois, Harold Hinkledire and Edward O'Brian were drawn for trial jurors for the January Supreme Court term.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Misner, married 16 years on the 7th of January.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of the late William H. Many of Bradenton, Florida who died December 26th. He is the brother of Robert Many of Grahamsville.

January 7, 1982

Wayne A. Barringer, son of Ross and Janice Barringer of Grahamsville, graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Wayne will work for IBM in Manassas, Virginia in the Special Programs/Analysis section and continue college part-time at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Helen C. Davidson of Hasbrouck Drive, Woodbourne, a lifelong resident of the area, died Monday, Dec. 28 1981 at Horton Memorial Hospital, Middletown after a short illness. She was 35, the daughter of Harold and Catherine Winters Burns, she was born May 15, 1946 in N.Y.C. She was a member of the Reformed Church of Woodbourne.

A freezing rain that began about 10:30 a.m. Sunday made roads especially slippery by mid-afternoon, bringing out highway crews who spread TONS of sand to alleviate the hazardous conditions. The most dramatic mishap of the day occurred in Sullivan County when 15 cars piled into each other near Exit 109 at Rock Hill. No serious injuries resulted.

## Household Hint:

### Wash store-bought produce

You can't be too careful these days when it comes to handling the foods you eat. Before serving your fruits and vegetables, a great way to eliminate the hidden dirt, pesticides, and even insects, is to rinse them in 4 tablespoons apple cider vinegar dissolved in 1 gallon = cold water.

**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.*

## Canada Geese - Real Traffic Stoppers!

If you are driving along the Sundown Road, near the eagle watch, don't be surprised if you are stopped by a flock of Canada geese crossing the road.



Canada geese (*Branta canadensis*), a/k/a the big "Honkers" typically formed V formations as they found their way south in fall and north in spring, symbolizing the changing of seasons. However, in recent years, we are seeing an increasing number of Canada geese year round. These geese are referred to as "resident" Canada geese. Generally, resident Canada geese are sedentary and only

migrate southward if winter weather is severe enough to limit food and open water. Resident geese are descended from captive populations. Until the 1930s, waterfowl hunters often kept tame flocks of geese and ducks to act as live decoys. When that practice was outlawed in 1935, some of those geese, which had no natural inclination to migrate, ended up living as wild birds.

Canada geese are large birds, 20 to 50 inches long with a wingspan of 50-68 inches and generally have plenty of fat reserves to survive harsh winters. Resident birds have little reason to migrate during winter as it is not about the temperature, it's about the food supply. As long as they have a food supply, they will weather the winter storms.

Canada geese have long black heads and necks, with a distinct white mark near their chin. Their plumage includes brown-grey feathers on their back and cream or white feathers on their belly and rump. They have a short black tail and black legs with webbed feet.

Canada Geese are known to maintain a life-long mate; however a widowed goose will usually choose another mate. As soon as there is open water for mating and snow-free nest sites, a clutch of eggs will be laid. The mother goose incubates them with her warm body for about 26 days while the gander (male) guards the nest. Should you accidentally wander into a nesting male's territory, he'll come after you hissing with wings spread.

At the end of the incubation period, the baby geese peck at their shells with the 'egg tooth' found at the end of their bill. It will take the baby gosling 1 to 2 days to free themselves from the egg. After the babies have hatched, the family will move away from the nesting site on foot toward a more favorable feeding area. The newly hatched goslings are able to swim immediately. The young are tended by both parents, but feed themselves. Their first flight varies, usually between 7-9 weeks. Five weeks after the goslings hatch, the adult females begin moulting. The males begin right after mating. During this time, the adults are unable to fly until they regrow their new flight feathers which is about the same time as the nine week old baby goslings are learning to fly.

Both the male and female goose accompany the babies during their swims. Goslings can dive and swim 30-40 feet underwater and they eat almost continuously. Their diet is almost entirely plant material including stems and shoots of grasses, sedges, aquatic plants, also seeds and berries. They will consume many cultivated grains and on occasion will eat some insects, mollusks, crustaceans, and even small fish.

Once considered a symbol of wilderness, Canada Geese have become quite a common sight in city parks. Today many geese in urban areas are permanent residents. Canada geese can pose human health and safety risks in a number of ways. At airports, large numbers of geese can create a serious threat to aircraft landing and taking off; excessive goose droppings can also pose a health risk to humans when fecal coliform counts reach unsafe levels in water used for swimming and drinking. On the other hand, Canada geese add beauty and diversity to the environment and increase recreational opportunities wherever they are found. These majestic birds provide us with a connection to the wild even in urban and suburban settings. Locally – they have become iconic 'traffic stoppers'!

## UC Executive Pat Ryan Extends State of Emergency Due to Continued Rise in Cases of COVID-19

*The State of Emergency will be in effect for at least a n additional 30 days, the Emergency Order has allowed Ulster County to rapidly procure over 50,000 at-home kits and secure a second school specialist from the State to assist with contact tracing*

*In the last thirty days, driven by the Omicron variant, active cases in Ulster County have more than doubled to its highest number since February*

*County Executive Pat Ryan urges the public to get vaccinated, get their booster shot, and continue to socially distance and wear masks when indoors*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced that this week he has signed a thirty-day extension to the State of Emergency order originally enacted on November 28th. The extension of the order comes as cases of COVID-19 in Ulster County, driven by the Omicron variant, have more than doubled in the last month. The order, now in effect for an additional thirty days, has allowed Ulster County to rapidly procure over 50,000 at-home kits and secure a second school specialist from the State to assist with contact tracing. County Executive Pat Ryan has continued to emphasize his goal of responding to the pandemic rapidly in order to keep our schools and local businesses open safely while protecting the community at-large.

“This emergency order has proven to be critical in allowing us to rapidly respond to the changing public health situation,” County Executive Pat Ryan said. “Our ability as a County to partner with our schools, municipalities, and nonprofit partners, has allowed us to distribute over 50,000 free rapid at-home kits. We must do everything we can, individually and collectively, to prevent another difficult and deadly winter. I encourage all residents to get vaccinated, get your booster, and continue to socially distance and wear masks when indoors around others.”

Since the first declaration of an emergency order on November 28th, the active cases of COVID-19 have reached its highest point since February 11th. Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan is continuing to urge residents to get vaccinated if they have not already, and to get their booster shot if they received their last dose over six months ago. “The science is clear, with the emergence of the Omicron variant, it's even more urgent to get vaccinated and get your booster,” County Executive Pat Ryan said. “Vaccines remain our most effective tool to stop the virus and save lives.”

In addition to two county-run COVID-19 test drive-through distributions events held this week at TechCity and the Ulster County Fairgrounds, Ulster County has again partnered with all 24 municipalities to provide rapid at-home COVID-19 test kits at no cost to all cities, towns and villages. Residents are encouraged to contact their municipality for additional details on how to obtain kits. Please remember to call ahead to make arrangements for outside pick-up, if you are symptomatic, to stem the spread of COVID-19. Each at-home rapid kit contains two tests per-box. To date, Ulster County has acquired over 50,000 COVID-19 at-home rapid kits to distribute directly to fam-

## ... and a Happy Ending to this Story! “Girl” is Home in Time for the New Year!

*Someone has adopted “Girl” and she has a home!*



Thank you to all who helped find and give this adult female dog, who became known as “Girl”, a happy home in time for the New Year!

A special thank you to Danita, the Town of Neversink Dog Control Officer for all the love and care she gave this pooch while we were all waiting for that special person(s) to come forward and adopt her.

Let's hope 2022 has a lot more stories with a happy endings.

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ilies and residents in an effort to allow local schools and businesses to remain open safely while increasing testing capacity and access throughout the area.

Ulster County will continue to hold regular vaccination PODs for residents who need to receive their 1st dose, 2nd dose, or booster dose. Appointments are recommended for the County's vaccination PODs; although walk-ins will be accommodated as capacity allows. Sign up for an appointment at [VaccinateUlster.com](https://VaccinateUlster.com).

In addition, County Executive Ryan reiterated the continued need for residents to volunteer to staff and support the county's COVID-19 vaccination efforts. The Ulster County Department of Health is still accepting volunteers, particularly medical volunteers to be vaccinators, and screeners. Vaccinators need both an active license and current CPR certificate, or can be basic and advanced EMTs with current CPR certificate. Screeners create the record of vaccination for each patient, so they should be computer literate, have attention to detail, and good customer service and communication skills. Both of these medical volunteers will receive a stipend. Sign up to volunteer at <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/vaccine-volunteer/>.



# Anthem

## Mysterious Book Report No. 471

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

*Anthem*, (Grand Central Publishing, \$29.00, 448 pages, ISBN 978-1-5387-1151-4), by award-winning writer and TV producer Noah Hawley, is going to be one of the most talked about books of the new year. The novel is thought-provoking, controversial, compelling and dystopian, beginning with its opening sentence: “*The summer our children began to kill themselves was the hottest on record.*” And that's just the first of many thoughts that

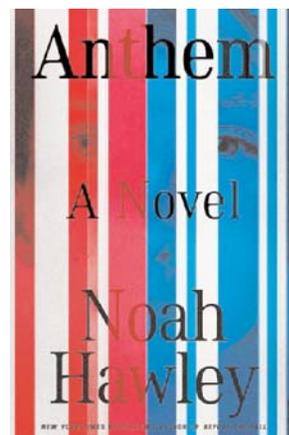
will make you sit up and take notice. You'll find yourself thinking, “*What's this guy about? Where's he going with this?*” It's only one of many times you'll say that while you read. Believe me . . . you will.

Young people in their teens begin killing themselves in greater and greater numbers all across the world, while adults and parents are beside themselves trying to figure out why. Is it the pandemic? Isolation? Why are they writing **A11** on or next to their bodies? As the mystery of the suicides grows, we're introduced to Simon Oliver, a privileged fifteen year-old who found his older sister's body after she killed herself by overdosing on the pharmaceuticals that their epically rich father manufactures. It's the first of a boatload of ironies and social commentaries to come. Depressed, Simon is sent to a rehab facility outside Chicago called *The Float Anxiety Abatement Center* where he meets another inmate who calls himself The Prophet. He tells Oliver that they're going to start a new utopia, one run exclusively by teenagers, because adults have made a disaster of planet earth; they've abused, lied to and taken advantage of the younger generations . . . as well as making a complete mess of society in general and civilization as a whole with their endless wars. Without much of a plan, Oliver and The Prophet escape from the Float facility, promptly hooking up with a motley bunch of outcasts, renegades, and outlaws, followed by much fleeing, fighting, and setbacks that lead to peril and a few disasters, all mixed in with observations like this: “*How do you make people behave in ways they know are immoral?*” Answer: “*You undermine the idea of morality itself.*” If you're ready to be intellectually challenged, provoked and made to think, read this book. You'll learn a lot, squirm a little and disagree with some of the author's premises, but enjoy it throughout. One thing is for certain . . . you won't be able to put this one down!!

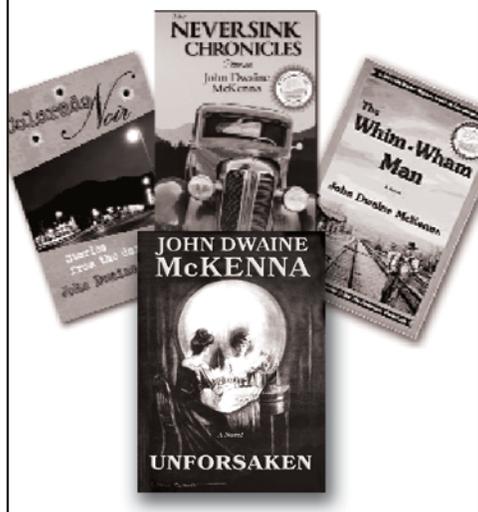
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Dear Townsman Readers and Friends:

As we close out this roller coaster of a year, we are especially grateful for the amazing people who stand alongside Mountainkeeper and help us stay strong. As you read our new 2021 program report at:

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I hope you'll be proud of the progress we've made thanks to the support and activism of wonderful friends like you. We look forward to working together to build on this great momentum in 2022.

Thanks for all you do, and Happy New Year!

Ramsay Adams and  
the Catskill Mountainkeeper team





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We will be temporarily closing our space for the month of January. ASK will be moving exclusively online for the month of January. Our arts space at 97 Broadway in Kingston will be closed to the public during this time.

Ulster County COVID case numbers and test positivity rate are close to or have reached record highs and we cannot in good conscience promote gatherings or expose our staff to infection.

We invite you to view our exhibitions online. Purchases of artwork support both ASK and the artist. If you have the means to do so, we recommend picking up something unique for yourself or as a gift

Our January exhibitions, Isochronal - 2022 Calendar and Color, Color, and More Color will be online starting January 1, with a Zoom opening at 4pm. Work from both exhibitions will be for sale.

We will keep pieces from our December exhibitions, Under 30

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We will host a gathering on Zoom every Saturday this month at 4pm to meet with and talk to the artists whose work is in our January exhibitions. The link is the same every Saturday.

Our 2021 Telethon is online to view! Check out a very silly evening of dance, comedy, music, and visual art.

We encourage those who can to stay home/safe as much as possible. Many stores offer curbside pickup for groceries and other essentials. If you know of someone in need, offer what help you can. Community fridges in Kingston are in need of supplies and organizations that offer direct help to individuals can use your support (see below for a non-exhaustive list). If you are in position to allow others to stay home by temporarily closing a business or moving to an online-only platform, and still able to support workers, please do so. At the moment we have seen no offers of direct financial support from the city, county, state, or federal governments so we recognize this may not be possible for many.

ASK is extremely fortunate to be able to maintain some programming and staffing for a time while closing our physical space, although not for the long-term. While we sincerely hope that this current wave passes with minimal impact on the community, health care facilities, and businesses we should all be prepared (at least mentally) for disruptions that could reverberate throughout the next several months.

We hope that your transition into 2022 is filled with love and good spirits, and that we will see you soon

## Highlights of the Airport Real Property Lease with HatzolAir (HA HQ-MSV, LLC)

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County has signed a lease with HatzolAir that promises to bring its world headquarters to the County Airport.

“We look forward to partnering with Sullivan County to operate a world-class lifesaving effort from its Airport,” said HatzolAir Managing Director and County resident Eli Rowe. “This will mark the start of a new era for both us and the County.”

### Highlights of the agreement include:

- Part of the Hatzolah emergency medical service system, HatzolAir is a 501(C)3 charitable organization also known as the Hatzolah Emergency Air Response Team. The team is based at the Westchester County Airport, and its mission is to provide, arrange, facilitate and fund local, national and worldwide air transportation to those in need due to medical, humanitarian, disaster relief, compassion and/or other charitable reasons ([www.hatzolair.org](http://www.hatzolair.org)).

- HatzolAir has created a limited liability corporation (LLC) to oversee its coming operations at Sullivan County International Airport: HA HQ-MSV. “MSV” is the FAA’s designation for the Airport, and “HA HQ” evidences HatzolAir’s intent to make the Airport their new headquarters.

- The Sullivan County Legislature, by an 8-0 vote (Legislator Ira Steingart abstaining) on September 14, 2021, authorized the County Manager or the Chairman of the Legislature to sign a lease agreement with HatzolAir.

- The resolution additionally stipulated that HatzolAir will partner with the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office and Sullivan County’s Division of Emergency Management to make emergency, lifesaving and search-and-rescue equipment available for emergency operations in the County.

- As of December 6, 2021, HatzolAir and the County have agreed to lease 21.7 acres of Airport property to HatzolAir so they can build a permanent hangar, world headquarters, fuel farm, parking area and an outdoor recreational space.

- The term of the lease is 30 years from the above date. HatzolAir has the option to automatically renew that lease three successive times, each time for a term of 30 years, for a potential total of 120 years. The lease payment will be \$18 per year for as long as HatzolAir is the lessee.

- Until the new hangar and headquarters are built, HatzolAir will use the Airport’s existing Hangar 7 (approximately 9,000 square feet). A current tenant of that hangar will continue to utilize office space there.

- If and when the new facilities are constructed, HatzolAir will begin paying the County a \$300-per-month fee for lawn-mowing, snow removal and other maintenance activities. That fee will increase to \$600/month after the first 30 years, then to \$900/month after 60 years, then to



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\$1,200/month after 90 years. Hatzolah will have to separately handle and pay for waste disposal services from a private provider.

- HatzolAir will convey ownership of the fuel farm it builds to the County and pay the County \$18,000 annually to cover required permitting and maintenance costs. (Note: Due to a typographical error, the original signed lease inaccurately listed this amount as \$1,800. A correction will be made and has already been agreed upon by both parties.)

- Even with that fuel farm, Hatzolah Air will pay the County a surcharge of 30 cents per gallon. Any other liquids it purchases from the County (for example, de-icing fluid) are subject to the same charges.

- For perspective, last year HatzolAir purchased 400,000 gallons of fuel for their operations, utilizing two jets. They are anticipated to have five jets and a helicopter at Sullivan County Airport.

- The County has agreed to work in good faith with HatzolAir to identify funding sources to construct the buildings and infrastructure necessary for the new hangar and headquarters. If sufficient funding cannot be found by December 31, 2025, either the County or HatzolAir can terminate the lease. If the lease is terminated, HatzolAir will have 18 months to vacate the premises. However, if HatzolAir can raise the necessary funds within that time, the lease will remain in effect. (Conatd. Pg. 9)

## Highlights of the Airport Real Property Lease with HatzolAir

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- Since HatzolAir has expressed an interest in potentially expanding beyond this initial phase of construction, the County has agreed to give it the right of first refusal on any adjoining Airport parcels that have yet to be occupied or committed to other development. If HatzolAir wishes to exercise its right of first refusal, it must match or exceed the offer currently being made by the other entity - within 48 hours of being notified by the County.

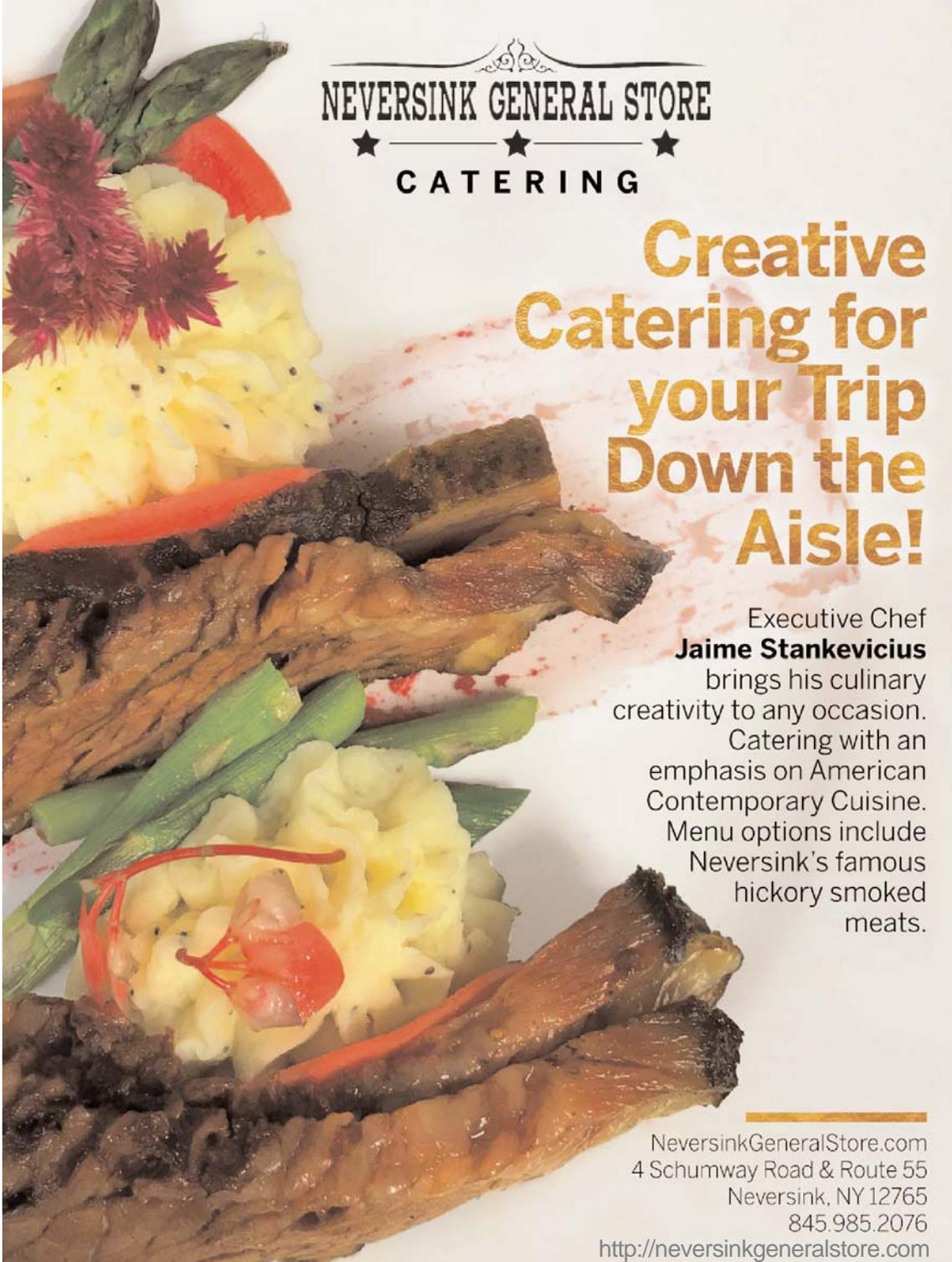
- Should HatzolAir decided to expand to an adjoining parcel, it must ink a deal with the County and begin paying maintenance fees no later than a year after that agreement is signed. Lease/rental payments will begin as soon as the agreement is signed.

- Any applicable municipal taxes, assessments and/or district charges on HatzolAir's property will be paid by HatzolAir directly. If HatzolAir fails to pay such charges, the County will pay whatever is owed but will require reimbursement from HatzolAir with 1.5% interest accruing monthly.

- HatzolAir has agreed to indemnify (protect/hold harmless) the County from any legal action arising from its use of the property.

- it can sublet the property to other tenants but cannot reassign or transfer the original lease to another party without consent of the County Manager and the County Legislature.

- HatzolAir can terminate the lease with 180 days' written notice to the County.



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## 2021: A Year of Fighting for the Hudson Valley

(Kingston, NY) - In the Office of Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess), 2021 was a year of constant action and rethinking ordinary processes to fit current needs. Confronting record unemployment, a surge in COVID-19 cases and the lapse of the eviction moratorium, the district and legislative offices hit the ground running to serve the needs of communities in Ulster and Dutchess Counties. Most notable of 2021 constituent affairs was the help provided to secure Unemployment Insurance Benefits for over eight hundred of our neighbors, as well as Emergency Rental Assistance Funds to tenants at risk of losing housing. As we brace for winter and a new COVID variant the office stands ready to provide up to date information and resources from partners in state and county government.

### **COVID-19 Vaccinations in Ulster County**

In the first phases of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, Ulster County was seriously underserved. Appointments to get the shot were difficult to find and unnervingly limited to a few small sites, leaving many anxiously awaiting their turn to even schedule their first dose.

In February, Assemblymember Cahill and Senator Michelle Hinchey sent a letter to the Governor illustrating the need for a state-run vaccination site at a central location in Ulster County. This advocacy led to the establishment of a mass-vaccination clinic at the county fairgrounds in New Paltz. Though the site was eventually transferred to other locations, tens of thousands of county residents received their vaccines there in the months after its installation.

### **Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley**

The opioid crisis and the pandemic highlighted the need for accessible mental health services within the community, particularly in Ulster County. The abdication of Westchester Medical Center's responsibility to provide behavioral health and detox services at Kingston Hospital is nothing short of prioritizing profit over human lives. In an effort to bring these important services back to Ulster County, Assemblymember Cahill joined nurses and community members in demanding the enforcement of the Certificate of Need, the license granted by the State to operate the hospitals. (Contd. Pg. 13)

## The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

January 31st brought contemplation to me more than a festive feeling. Even though I said 'Happy New Year' many times, I just didn't feel it. 'New Year', yes. 'Happy'? Not so much, and I wish it weren't so. I had hope at the beginning of 2021. Then I lost my brother and one of my dearest friends and almost lost my sister and niece. Now that it's 2022, I find myself just plain weary.

Raise a glass or cup of tea or coffee to all those workers at your local convenience store, bakery, laundromat, grocery store, gas station, drugstore, dentist offices, doctor's offices, vet offices and so many more who pull double shifts, covering co-workers that tested positive, were exposed, or fell ill since 2020. Who work so we can get gas, coffee, food we don't have to cook, fill our refrigerators, our prescriptions, take care of a sick pet or a toothache. Who work every-day to make their own ends meet.

And here's to the small business owners who continue to remain open. And the liquor stores, one cannot forget them!

CASWYN MOON was set to host an Open Mic (hopefully one of many) on this coming Monday, Jan 3, at the TANGO CAFÉ (part of the HURLEYVILLE ARTS CENTER) but that has been CANCELLED due to the new unreal number of new cases daily.

LITTLE SPARROW scheduled the first of hopefully a full winter season of First Sunday musical events at the SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY and

MUSEUM with ANNE and MIKE BAGLIONE on January 2, 2022. This event went off as planned and I'm sorry I couldn't make it.

My thoughts have been on SLAM ALLEN lately who, as you may remember, took a gig with a cruise ship. There have been outbreaks on four ships (that I know of) and I'm praying that his is not one of them and that he remains safe.

Here's to the musicians who bring so much pleasure to us, particularly those who soldier on, even now, to give us just a little taste of normal for even just a little while.

So what do you think I did on New Year's Eve? That's right, I started a new pair of 'pandemic socks'. This self stripping yarn, in my opinion, would not lend itself well to my adopted 'pandemic' texture so these will be just straight ordinary socks. I got this yarn online and on sale but more for the name, Vampire Vibes, than anything else. FIBER ON MAIN, my favorite yarn place in Hurleyville closed temporarily a few weeks ago when the positive cases were spiking at an average of a mere 78 per day. Good thing I'm well stocked!

Finally, condolences to the families and friends of the 3 residents who lost their lives to CoVid this week and prayers for the 750+ newly diagnosed in the last three days. Please be vigilant

out there as the milder Omicron isn't really even here yet.

Stay safe, stay well and mask up!  
Until next time.....



## Attorney General James Issues Statement On New CDC COVID-19 Recommendations

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued a statement to employers following new recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) isolation periods:

“The health and safety of all New Yorkers has always been our top priority, and, in order to protect our communities, we must continue to act responsibly and carefully. It is essential that any employee who is exhibiting any COVID-19 symptom and tests positive not be pressured to return to the workplace before those symptoms subside. We must take the necessary steps to stop the spread of this virus, and this is a basic and common-sense approach.”



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## SBA New York Opens Nominations for National Small Business Week 2022 Awards, Invites Small Business Owners to Apply for Recognition

*Illustration of a trophy with the following text, 2022 National Small Business Week Awards.*

*Now accepting nominations. Visit [sba.gov/nsbw](http://sba.gov/nsbw)*

To nominate a small business owner located in the SBA New York District, you must apply securely online via [sba.gov/nsbw](http://sba.gov/nsbw). Applicants can learn more about nomination guidelines, download the required Background and Nomination Forms and submit them via the proper national or district upload link. For National Small Business Week 2022, no paper or mailed forms will be accepted; all nominations must be made online. SBA New York District Nomination Guidelines are available here. All nominations must be submitted electronically by 3 p.m. ET on January 11, 2022. The awards will be presented during National Small Business Week in early May 2022. Nominations for the following categories are now being accepted:

### District Awards

Small Businessperson of the Year

Minority Small Business Champion or Minority Small Business of the Year

Veteran Small Business Champion or Veteran Small Business of the Year

Women in Business Champion or Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year

### National Awards

Phoenix Awards for Disaster Recovery:

Phoenix Award for Small Business Disaster Recovery

Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery, Public Official

Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery, Volunteer

### Federal Procurement Awards:

Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year

Small Business Subcontractor of the Year

Dwight D. Eisenhower Awards for Excellence (for large prime contractors who use small businesses as suppliers and contractors)

8(a) Graduate of the Year

Awards to SBA Resource Partners:

Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Excellence and Innovation Center Award

Women's Business Center of Excellence Award

Veterans Business Outreach Center of the Year

Small Business Investment Company of the Year

The winners of the SBA New York District Office Small Businessperson of the Year award will also be sent to the SBA Atlantic Regional Office for judging; one regional winner for New York State will be named and sent to Washington for consideration as a national awardee. All other awards nominations are sent electronically through the appropriate SBA program office.

If you or your business have won a National Small Business Week Award in the past three (3) years, you are ineligible for the same award until that time period expires.

For more than 50 years, the U.S. Small Business Administration has celebrated National Small Business Week (NSBW), which recognizes the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners.

The SBA New York District serves the 14 counties of Metro New York; award nominations may be submitted to the New York District from small business owners in the following counties of service: Bronx, Dutchess, Kings (Brooklyn), Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond (Staten Island), Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester.

## 2021: A Year of Fighting for the Hudson Valley

(From Pg. 10) “This fight is not over. We are already working with our new Commissioner of Health and imploring them to act more reasonably, to see the need in our community and recognize the solemn obligation of the Department to enforce the law,” said Cahill.

### Budget

The 2021-22 State Budget provided much-needed funds to numerous statewide and local programs beneficial to our community. Foremost was the beginning of full payment of Foundation Aid to schools for the first time in the decade since its implementation, giving schools greater resources to educate young learners. Record funding was also provided for the Environmental Protection Fund, a portion of which will be used to develop the riverside Hudson Cliffs State Park in Kingston. Through the advocacy of Assemblymember Cahill, the budget included, among many other items, \$100,000 for the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies to further their research of the Catskills, \$150,000 for the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Visitor Center in Mt. Tremper, \$151,667 to Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, over one million dollars to operate new immigrant worker day care centers across New York and \$1,070,000 to help the Public Utility Law Project continue its advocacy on behalf of utility ratepayers, like the customers of Central Hudson.

### Marijuana Legalization

This March, New York State legalized adult-use recreational marijuana. This bill, co-sponsored by Assemblymember Cahill, constructed this legislation in a way that protects public safety, advances justice and fosters economic growth for small business and family farms, while weakening the illicit drug trade. Taxes levied on this product will benefit those historically impacted by disproportionate drug law enforcement, local communities hosting a dispensary and mental health and drug treatment services.

“This legislation has served as a model for other states looking to legalize marijuana in an equitable manner. I look forward to the regulatory framework being released by the Cannabis Control Board in the coming months so this landmark policy can bring further benefits to our community,” said Cahill.

### 2021 Summer Reading & Exercise Challenge

The 23rd annual Summer Reading and Exercise Challenge, sponsored by Assemblymember Cahill, was a great success. Nearly 100 students were acknowledged for their hard work in maintaining these healthy habits during the summer recess. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic and hybrid learning model of schools this past year, office staff delivered summer reading flyers to each elementary and middle school in the 103rd Assembly District. Held virtually for a second year, readers who completed the program were honored in a ceremony held October 15 to celebrate their responsibility and accomplishments.

### Red Hook High School Auditorium

This May, the seven hundred seat Red Hook High School Auditorium was opened to the community, providing a crucial asset for expanding programming within this already valuable institution of learning. Through the advocacy of Assemblymember Cahill this project received \$4 million in state funding supplemented by over \$100,000 raised by neighbors through the Red Hook School Foundation and additional funds overwhelmingly approved by voters in the district. This development is the culmination of several years of work by Assemblymember Cahill, the Red Hook School administration and board and the Red Hook Education Foundation to bring this educational and performance space to Northern Dutchess.

Local School Science Lab Initiative through the SUNY New Paltz Benjamin Center

Partnering with the Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz, Assemblymember Cahill created and secured over \$4 million in funding for the Science Lab Initiative, an ongoing project to provide 21st century technology to benefit local K-12 education in the sciences. Participating districts include Kingston, New Paltz, Wallkill, Ellenville, Rondout Valley, Onteora, Saugerties, Red Hook, Rhinebeck and Ulster BOCES. Each district has submitted an individualized plan to upgrade their curriculum which is then funded by the Science Lab Initiative and administered through the Benjamin Center. This partnership between public and higher education serves as a model and pathway, providing young learners with the skills necessary for a career in the ever growing fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

### Wurts Street Bridge

The Wurts Street Bridge is the architectural focal point and local link between the neighborhoods of Downtown Kingston and Port Ewen. To ensure that this marvel of twentieth century engineering was restored, Assemblymember Cahill secured \$44.4 million in the State Budget for this project. On October 15, 2021 Assemblymember Cahill joined State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez and local dignitaries in announcing that reclamation has commenced. Improvements will include a new deck, guide rails, sidewalks, railings and suspender cables and string lights to illuminate the Rondout Creek. The load capacity will be increased to 20 tons for the first time in the history of the bridge and sidewalks will be widened to address current accessibility standards.

### Food Insecurity Relief Grants

This year, the office continued its primary focus on combating food insecurity in the Hudson Valley. Though inadequate access to nutrition was a year-round issue before the COVID-19 pandemic, the economic downturn and danger of leaving home have strained our communities and put pressure on the existing network of food pantries. In addition to numerous other statewide measures, six items, proposed by Assemblymember Cahill to help local organizations feed those within the 103rd Assembly District, were added to the state budget in April 2021. Grants of \$100,000 to Dutchess Outreach of Poughkeepsie, \$50,000 to Ulster Immigrant Defense Network and \$50,000 to Family of New Paltz are already in the process of being disbursed, with an additional \$50,000 to Red Hook Responds and \$50,000 to Angel Food East of Kingston on the way.

### Insurance Committee

The Assembly Standing Committee on Insurance, Chaired by Assemblymember Cahill, saw a productive 2021 session. Out of a total of 40 bills approved by the committee, 21 were already signed into law. Measures that passed included increased access to affordable health care, improved insurance product options and provisions for the modernization of insurance claim procedures following the global pandemic.

The Committee actively engaged with our partners in the Health Committee, to advance landmark legislation to finally regulate Pharmacy Benefit Management companies that serve as shadow middlemen contributing to astronomical growth of prescription costs. Other bills of interest included measures to assure coverage for life-saving HIV medications, to prohibit health insurance companies from mid-year changes to prescription formulary and treatments, to protect victims of domestic violence by requiring health plans to provide such individuals with the option of providing alternative contact information and banning co-payments for service at opioid treatment programs.

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### Legislation

In addition to many measures he co-sponsored with his colleagues, this year, eight bills authored by Assemblymember Cahill have already been signed into law:

- o A.86 (Cahill)/S.5354 (Breslin). Updating pilotage rates on the Hudson River for the years 2022 and 2023.
- o A.783 (Cahill)/S.577 (Sanders). Requiring the Child Health Plus program to include ostomy equipment and supplies as a covered health care service.
- o A.1242 (Cahill)/S.346 (Kaplan). Requiring state contractors with agreements in excess of \$2,300 to be included in the state directory of new hires to aid in the administration of the child support enforcement program.
- o A.1665 (Cahill)/S.4074 (Hinchey). Designating a portion of State Route 28 in Ulster County as the "Ulster County Korean War Veterans' Memorial Highway."
- o A.4672 (Cahill)/S.4483 (Breslin). Allowing credit and debit card issuers and banks to offer the sale of coverage to protect a cell phone and other wireless communication equipment if it is damaged, lost, stolen or incurs a breakdown.
- o A.6725 (Cahill)/S.4343 (Hinchey). Authorizing the county of Ulster to correct mistakes that would have otherwise deprived local sheriff deputies to fully participate in their retirement plan.
- o A.6871 (Cahill)/S.1556 (Parker). Bans public utility companies from using backdoor methods to charge ratepayers for lobbying through their membership in advocacy organizations.
- o A.7842-b (Cahill)/S.4938-c (Martucci). Authorizing the Village of New Paltz to embark on the co-use of certain parklands for the purpose of installing wells to benefit of village and town residents served by the municipal water system.

### Looking Ahead

In 2022, it is not yet clear whether the legislative session will again be held largely virtually. Despite the difficulties that may present, Assemblymember Cahill is confident that this year the state will see significant progressive steps taken on his legislative initiatives for, among other items, climate action, state cannabis banking and to the modernization of the outdated beverage container deposit law. Once again, a strong pro-consumer agenda for insurance is anticipated.

"I thank the people of the 103rd Assembly District for giving me their confidence to represent you in our state Capitol and serving our great communities. I look forward to continuing our advancement of a sound, progressive agenda during the upcoming 2022 Session. On behalf of my entire staff and me, we wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy New Year," concluded Cahill.

## DEC Releases New York's First-Ever, Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report Compliant with State's Climate Law Supports Implementation of State's Ambitious Climate Law

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner and Climate Action Council Co-Chair Basil Seggos announced the release of the State's first-ever statewide greenhouse gas emissions report compliant with the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). The report describes statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for 1990 through 2019, and will be produced annually as required by New York's nation-leading climate law. The release of the report is a milestone in the State's efforts to meet the requirements of the CLCPA.

"The release of the first CLCPA-compliant, statewide report on greenhouse gas emissions advances New York's efforts to implement our nation-leading Climate Law by providing a snapshot of greenhouse

gas emissions, which will help ensure we achieve our aggressive target of net-zero emissions by 2050," said Commissioner Seggos. "This annual report shows that while New York State has reduced emissions from several sectors over the last three decades, emissions from some sectors, including transportation, have increased, revealing that enormous challenges remain in our ongoing work to meet our emission-reduction targets. The report is a critical resource as we continue to act on climate and advance a just transition to clean energy that creates good jobs and supports a green economy for the future."

"This report is critical to the ongoing work of the Climate Action Council and will certainly help inform strategic decisions on how New York State moves forward to transition to a green future," said Doreen M. Harris, President and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and Co-Chair of the Climate Action Council. "More importantly, it gives New Yorkers reliable data at their fingertips so that they can also use this information to drive action and awareness on climate change and advocate for the progress we still need to make to ensure the health and safety of all who live and work in this great state."

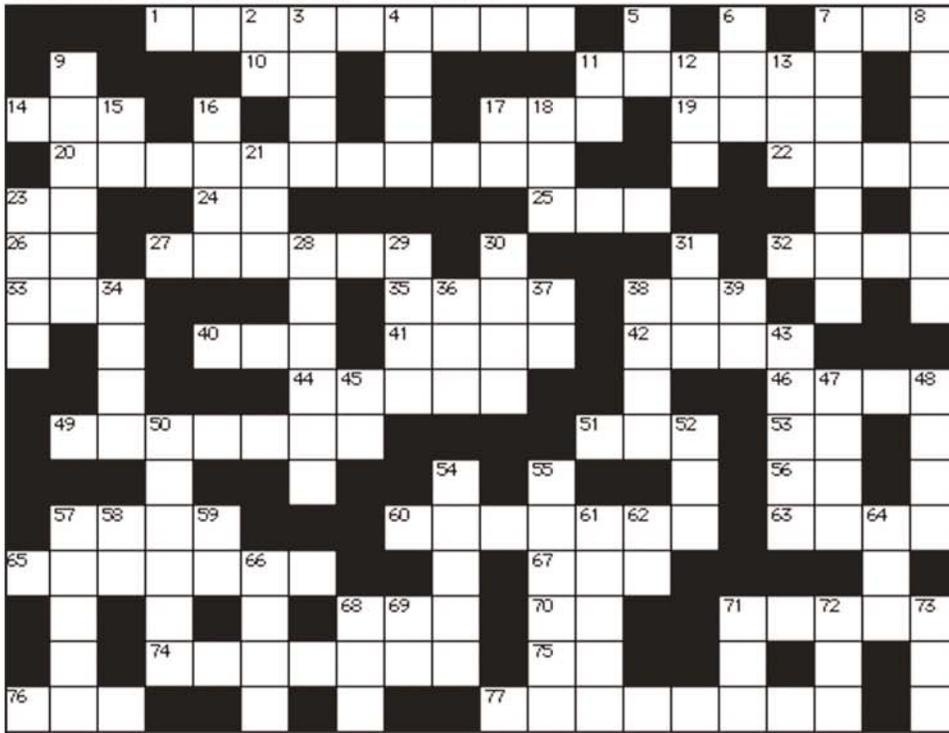
Under the CLCPA accounting, statewide greenhouse gas emissions have fallen six percent from 1990, and 17 percent from 2005. The report shows significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in the last 30 years in some economic sectors, notably a 46-percent reduction in emissions from electricity generation since 1990, and a 34-percent reduction from the industrial sector. However, emissions from the transportation and buildings sectors have both increased by 16 percent since 1990, although emissions from both sectors have declined since 2005. The report's findings will be used to help guide efforts to implement the CLCPA and reduce emissions. In addition, the report found that while carbon dioxide emissions have been reduced over the last three decades, hydrofluorocarbons and methane emissions have increased during the same time period.

The report is expressed in tons of carbon dioxide equivalents from all greenhouse gas emissions and leverages the best available science and data to describe emissions statewide from all economic sectors. This report is the first in New York State and marks the first in the U.S. to account for greenhouse gas emissions associated with the generation of imported electricity and the extraction and transmission of imported fossil fuels using a 20-year Global Warming Potential for GHGs. In addition, the report describes the emissions reduced by the state's lands and forests that will help New York reach its goal of net-zero emissions by 2050. The annual report will aid in tracking the state's progress toward its 2030 and 2050 emissions limits as codified in the New State Register in 2020.

The report is posted to the DEC website.

New York State's nation-leading climate agenda is the most aggressive climate and clean energy initiative in the nation, calling for an orderly and just transition to clean energy that creates jobs and continues fostering a green economy as New York State recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. Enshrined into law through the CLCPA, New York is on a path to achieve its mandated goal of a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040, including 70 percent renewable energy generation by 2030, and to reach economy-wide carbon neutrality. It builds on New York's unprecedented investments to ramp-up clean energy including over \$33 billion in 102 large-scale renewable and transmission projects across the state, \$6.8 billion to reduce buildings emissions, \$1.8 billion to scale up solar, more than \$1 billion for clean transportation initiatives, and over \$1.6 billion in NY Green Bank commitments. Combined, these investments are supporting nearly 158,000 jobs in New York's clean energy sector in 2020, a 2,100 percent growth in the distributed solar sector since 2011, and a commitment to develop 9,000 megawatts of offshore wind by 2035. Under the Climate Act, New York will build on this progress and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85 percent from 1990 levels by 2050, while ensuring that at least 35 percent with a goal of 40 percent of the benefits of clean energy investments are directed to disadvantaged communities, and advance progress towards the state's 2025 energy efficiency target of reducing on-site energy consumption by 185 trillion BTUs of end-use energy savings.

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- 29 Intense feeling of affection
- 30 Food used to lure fish
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- 55 Join securely
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- 59 Thirteenth letter of the Greek alphabet
- 61 Group that makes decisions
- 64 Performed an action

- 66 Long growth of hair on a horse
- 68 Square or rectangular container

- 69 Isotopic Weight
- 71 Past tense of sit
- 72 Frozen over
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**Old-Fashioned Catskill Mountain Chicken 'n Dumplings**

- 1 large broiler-fryer chicken, cut up
- 2 celery ribs, sliced
- 4 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley
- 3 teaspoons chicken bouillon granules
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2- teaspoon pepper
- 9 cups of water
- DUMPLINGS**
- 2 cups flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup milk
- 4 tablespoons oil

**Soup:** Combine chicken, celery, carrots, onion, chicken broth, parsley, chicken bouillon granules, salt and pepper in a large pan or dutch oven; add enough water to cover chicken. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, cover and simmer for 2 hours or until chicken is done. Remove chicken and let stand until cool enough to handle. Remove skin from chicken and tear meat away from bones. Return meat to soup; discard skin and bones. Add more salt and pepper to taste, if desired. Return soup to a simmer.

**Dumplings:** In a mixing bowl, combine dumpling ingredients and mix well to form a stiff dough. Drop by tablespoonfuls into simmering soup. Cover and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes. Serve immediately. Yield: 4 to 6 servings.

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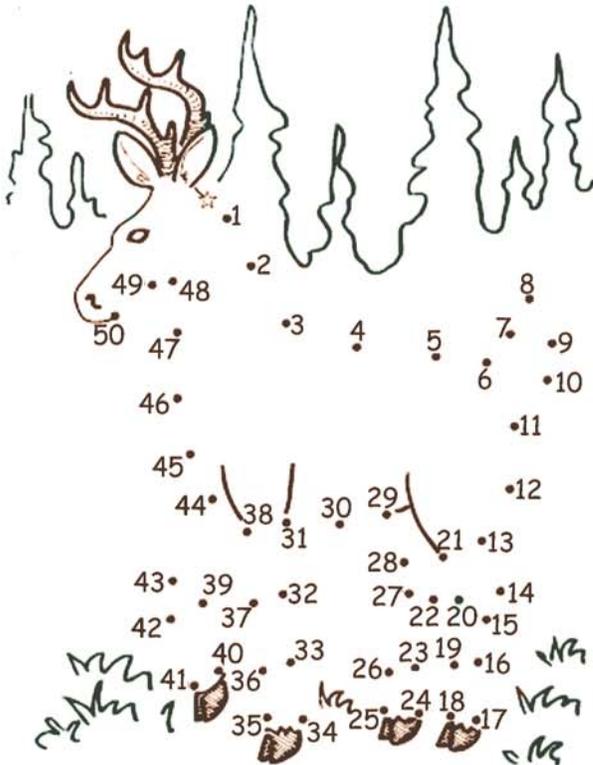
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Can you climb the mountain and go through the maze. Use the bridges to cross over the Rondout Creek.



Rip Van Winkle has a few visitors. What are the differences between the two pictures?



Kids' Winter Fun Page  
- L. Comando

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Follow the dots and you will see someone who makes their home in the Catskills.

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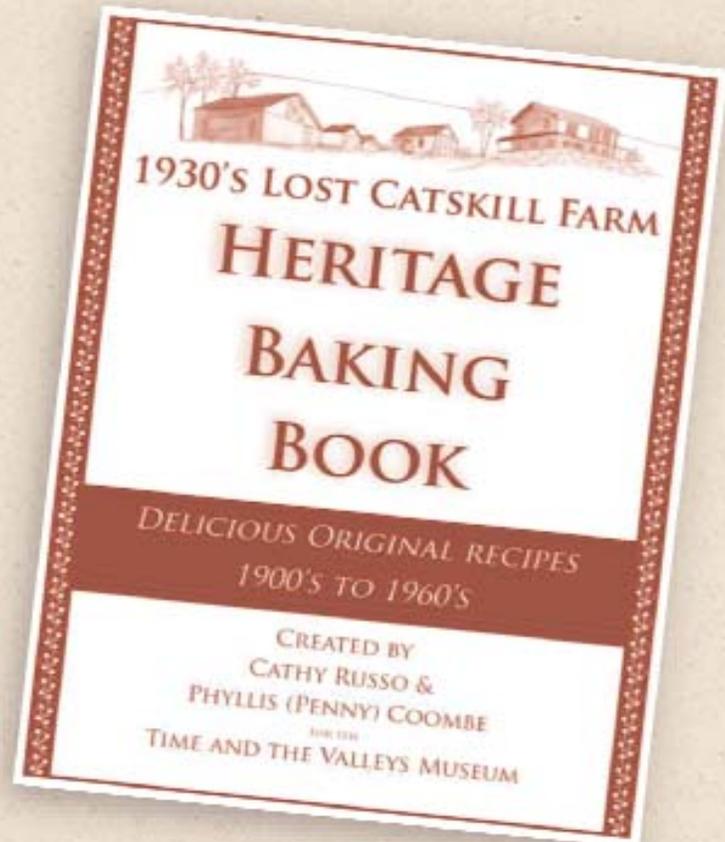
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**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Special Election of the Neversink Fire District will take place on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the Neversink Fire Station located at 7486 State Route 55 Neversink NY 12765 for the purpose of:

Electing one commissioner for a two year term commencing on January 25, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023. The candidates running for the office of Fire District Commissioner are Ken Bivins and James Darling.

This is a Special Election conducted pursuant to Town Law §174(2).

Only those persons who are residents of the Neversink Fire District on or before December 27, 2021 and who are registered to vote with the Sullivan County Board of Elections on or before January 3, 2022 shall be eligible to vote in this Special Election.

December 16, 2021  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
NEVERSIK FIRE DISTRICT  
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Neversink, NY 12765

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**TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I, Nancy Parrow, Tax Collector for the Town of Denning, Ulster County, State of New York, have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Denning for the year 2022.

Taxes will be collected at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., and by mail to the Town of Denning, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

Taxes will also be collected on Saturday, January 29th, 2022 from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Denning Town Hall.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE as pursuant to Ulster County Law No. 8 of 2012 an insert has been provided describing each Unfunded Mandate required by New York State.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before the 31st day of January or postmarked by that date are paid without interest. On all taxes received after such date there shall be added interest of one percent of the amount of the unpaid taxes for each month or fraction thereof until taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the Ulster County Department of Finance pursuant to law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll for the Town of Denning will be returned to the Ulster County Finance Commissioner on the date of expiration of the Collector's Warrant for 2022.

Nancy Parrow  
Tax Collector  
Town of Denning

December 30th, 2021

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**Please Take Notice:**  
**Covid-19 Home Test Kits**  
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**Town of Denning Town Hall • 1567 Denning Road,**  
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**Mondays through Thursdays 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**  
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**ONE kit per household (2 tests)**  
**Signature required**

**Fallsburg CSD**  
**Board of Education**  
**January Meetings**  
**January 5, 2022**  
**January 19, 2022**

**Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting**  
**Regular Meeting #13 -**  
**Thursday, January 6, 2022**  
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 resumes - approximately 7:00 p.m.  
- Secondary School Library Lower Level  
**Regular Meeting #14 -**  
**Thursday, January 20, 2022**  
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 resumes - approximately 7:00 p.m. -  
Secondary School Library Lower Level  
All Board Meetings will be broadcast on our YouTube Live  
Channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

To the Editor,

I hope this message finds you and yours fine and fit this holiday season. I apologize for bothering during the holidays, but unfortunately, I must. The Sullivan County Legislature will vote on January 4th on who shall lead them for the next two years as Chairman. Current Chairman, Robert Doherty, has proven he is not the right person for the job. Over the last two years he has:

- o Attempted to move 911 Control Center operations from the Public Safety Department to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department, which was opposed by fire and EMS personnel.
- o Appointed Michael McGuire as County Attorney in the midst of his removal as a Sullivan County Court Judge by the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct.
- o The attempted sale and the eventual move to an LDC of the Care Center at Sunset Lake (formerly known as the Sullivan County Adult Care Center).
- o Tried to include Public Health's Certified Home Health Agency in the sale/lease of the Care Center, which would have resulted in a lack of nurses for Public Health to utilize for mobile testing sites, vaccination clinics, or to serve citizens needing in-home care.
- o Moved to implement a 4% Energy Tax on almost all forms of energy in Sullivan County. He also resisted the full repeal of the tax when finances in the county weren't as dire as originally projected at the beginning of the COVID pandemic.
- o Attempted to use intimidation tactics on the Town of Liberty's Tax Assessor and Board of Assessor Review to provide the Sunset Lake Local Development Corp with a tax exemption for the Care Center at Sunset Lake.

These are just a few examples of the chaos Mr. Doherty has brought in his short time as Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature. This mayhem will continue if we do nothing. Sullivan County can't afford another two years of Doherty's division and dysfunction. The legislators will vote on Tuesday, Jan 4th to elect the next chairman. Those who support Doherty need to hear from YOU!

Please call legislators Mike Brooks (845-807-0443), Nicholas Salomone (845-807-0445), George Conklin (845-807-0438), and Alan Sorensen (845-807-0444) and tell them Mr. Doherty is not who we want to oversee the business of the Sullivan County Legislature.

Let's bring civility back to our Legislature for the New Year!

Stay safe and be well,  
Cat Scott  
Fremont Center, NY

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## RE: China Is Expanding Its Reach

Communist China is a potential adversary who poses economic and military threats to the United States and countries in Southeast Asia.

China is upgrading its air Force and missile systems and is significantly expanding its Navy, which includes aircraft carriers. These offensive forces are designed to project Chinese military power in the world, and especially in Southeast Asia. China is occupying islands in the South China Sea with military installations, and is claiming sovereignty of the South China Sea, which is a major maritime route for trade. The U.S. and other

countries have to keep the sea lanes open for unhindered transit of goods, and this could lead to military confrontations. A naval blockade of the Chinese occupied islands by the U.S. and Southeast Asia countries might have to be considered if China impedes maritime trade routes.

Japan is a significant force in Asia and is a competitor of China. Since 1945 Japan has limited its military capabilities by adhering to a policy of developing only defensive military forces. It might be time for the U.S. to encourage Japan to somewhat expand its military forces as a counterweight to China. We should also encourage India and Australia to build up their military forces.

Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry NH

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## Statement from Senator Mike Martucci, Ranking Member of the Senate Disabilities Committee, on Governor Hochul's Veto of S6516A

Today, Governor Hochul vetoed bipartisan legislation, S6516A, that I co-sponsor, that would require the State to provide schools for children with disabilities with the same aid increases that public schools receive. This is a simple issue of equity. Children with disabilities are not second-class citizens. In 2021, no one should be treated, paid, or funded differently because they have a disability. It's discrimination and outrageous.

The Governor has said this should be done in the budget. Well, with her presentation imminent, why not just sign this important bill, and then, include the money? It's not like she hasn't already been announcing spending every single day for weeks. She failed to sign this bill because she wants the Legislature to negotiate for this funding in the budget, where she has more leverage. Basically, she is using disabled children as political pawns. Andrew Cuomo would be proud.

## Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on CDC Isolation Guidance

"As we battle this winter surge, we will keep following the data and science-based public health policies to protect New Yorkers.

"That's why on Friday I announced guidance to shorten the isolation window for our critical workforce from 10 to 5 days, and I want to thank the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for now updating its guidance to shorten the recommended time for isolation from 10 to 5 days for everyone who is asymptomatic, as long as they wear a well-fitting mask.

"This is a critical step to support our small businesses, critical industries, and essential services as we get through this new variant."

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

<https://danielpiercelibrary.org>



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**Something for Everyone**



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**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 3:00 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

**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>  
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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

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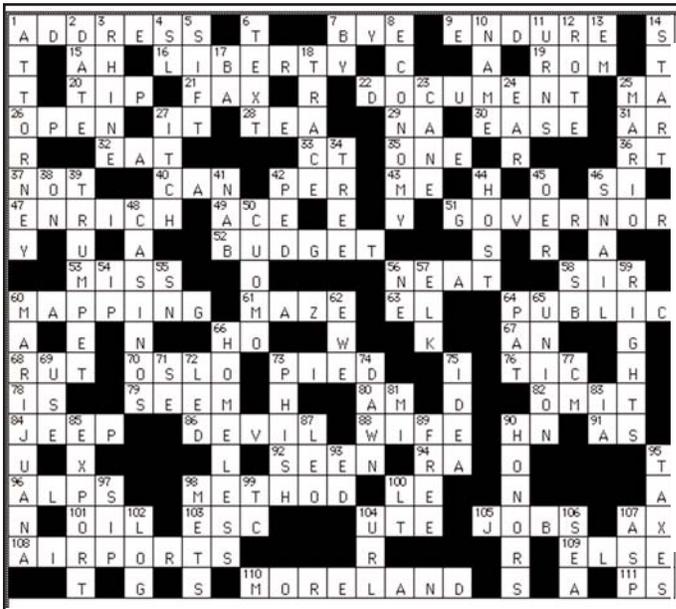
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Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

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.

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from 10 - 3

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Join the Fun!  
**Play Mexican Train**  
FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1- 4 pm  
In the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

## Curbside Pickup

# LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
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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., Hurleyville, NY.  
For information call 845-434-8044.

**LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 1/4/22 Neversink Fire District Organizational Meeting 6:30  
 1/5/22 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm  
 1/16/22 TVCS Board Meeting (See Pg. 18 for details)  
 1/18/22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm  
 1/25/22 **SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT** 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the Neversink Fire Station I

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

Please remember to send us your **Events Calendar for 2021** so that we may continue to post your meetings and events thru out the coming year. You may email them to: [tvtownsmen@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsmen@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

### Weekly Update For The Week of January 3 - January 7, 2022

**Monday, January 3**

- o 5:30 PM - Caucus: Democrats, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 824 4463 5844, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

**Tuesday, January 4**

- o No Meetings

**Wednesday, January 5**

- o 5:00 PM - Community Services Board People with Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Subcommittees, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 895 9512 6280, Passcode: 234715, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Webinar ID: 875 6300 3273, Passcode: 834223, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

**Thursday, January 6**

- o 12:00 PM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Audit Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 1:00 PM (or immediately following UC IDA Audit Comm.) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Audit Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 5:30 PM - Human Rights Commission, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 301 339 6875, By Phone Dial (929) 205-6099

**Friday, January 7**

- o No Meetings

## Happy New Year!!

Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
 Ulster County Legislature

## **Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Enhance Patient Experience in Midwifery Birth Centers**

### ***Legislation S.1414A/A.259 Streamlines the Licensure Process for Accredited Midwifery Birth Centers***

Governor Kathy Hochul has announced the signing of legislation S.1414A/A.259 which ensures regulations governing the licensing, establishment, and operation of midwifery birth centers are consistent with the Midwifery Practice Act or the standards of national accrediting bodies specializing in midwifery birth centers.

"Those who give birth deserve to be able to choose the best setting for themselves to do so," Governor Hochul said. "For too long, midwifery centers have faced undue obstacles on their paths to opening, creating a severe lack of these practices throughout our state. I am proud to sign legislation to remove these barriers and give New Yorkers welcoming children into this world a wider range of options for where they will deliver."

Legislation S.1414A/A.259 will provide a streamlined process for an operating certificate as an Article 28 facility for a midwifery birth center which is accredited by a recognized accrediting organization.

Senator Gustavo Rivera said, "By streamlining the process by which birthing centers are established and operate in New York, we are actively working towards reversing our State's devastating maternal mortality crisis. It is our responsibility to ensure pregnant women, particularly women of color who have historically faced significant health disparities and sheer medical racism, receive the professional and safe maternal care they deserve. I want to thank Governor Hochul for signing this important bill into law as I strongly believe that these midwifery centers will allow women to give birth with dignity."

Assemblymember Richard Gottfried said, "Midwives are a well-established licensed profession in New York, with a long record of success. Midwife-led birth centers promote wellness-based birth in a supportive environment. Research shows that these facilities have fewer labor inductions, outstanding safety records, and successful parent bonding outcomes. This bill will improve access to these facilities in an appropriately regulated environment. I thank the many midwife advocates, Governor Hochul, Senate sponsor Gustavo Rivera, and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie for their work turning this bill into law."

## **Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Protect New Yorkers from Harmful Flame Retardant Chemicals in Consumer Products**

### ***Legislation (S.4630-B/A.5418-B) Regulates Chemicals in Upholstered Furniture, Mattresses, and Electronic Enclosures***

Governor Kathy Hochul has announced the signing of legislation S.4630-B/A.5418-B which will prohibit the sale of furniture, mattresses, and electronic displays containing certain dangerous flame retardant chemicals that have been linked to significantly elevated risks of neurological injury, hormone disruption, and cancer.

"Far too many household items contain toxic chemicals that put our children and first responders at risk for serious illness," Governor Hochul said. "The furniture, mattresses, and electronics we buy should be safe and with this legislation signed, we can now ensure that when these items are sold in New York, they will be free of hazardous materials."

This bill will regulate chemicals in upholstered furniture, mattresses, and electronic enclosures. It helps to define terms like halogenated chemical, organophosphorus chemical, and organonitrogen chemical. It prohibits the sale of any furniture that contain identified flame retardant chemicals. It also established a fine of up to \$2,500 per day for repeated offenses.

Flame Retardants are a class of chemicals added to furniture, electronics, and building materials intended to help prevent fires. However, many flame retardants are associated with adverse health effects in animals and humans, including negative impacts on the immune system, infertility, cancer, and adverse effects on fetal and child development. Children are extremely susceptible to exposure to dangerous chemicals contained in flame retardants. Flame retardant chemicals are also difficult to break down, meaning they can remain persistent in the environment or a home for years. By implementing a restriction on the sale of certain products containing identifiably dangerous flame retardant chemicals, will ensure New Yorkers, and their children, are not exposed to hazardous toxins. Moreover, these toxic chemicals have limited value, if any, in preventing or suppressing fires, as other states that have enacted legislation have not experienced more fires or new safety concerns associated with the removal of those chemicals from products.

# Have You Tested Positive for COVID-19?

## Patience, Not Panic, Is Best Response, Says Public Health

Liberty, NY - As COVID-19 cases continue to climb locally and Statewide, Sullivan County Public Health Services is remaining focused on vaccination, education and self-empowerment.

“As I’ve been saying since the pandemic began, staying safe from COVID starts with each of us taking personal responsibility,” Public Health Director Nancy McGraw reaffirmed. “That’s become even more important now, as this new wave has stretched government and health-care resources to their limits. For example: the dramatic and ongoing spike in coronavirus transmission has overwhelmed the State’s contact tracing system, meaning that it could be days before those exposed to someone with COVID-19 get follow-up notification.”

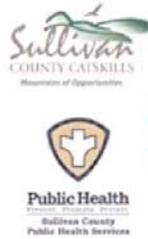
Thus, Sullivan County Public Health Services recommends the following if someone tests positive, either via an at-home test or one rendered in a professional setting:

1. Isolate the positive case from other family members. Household members who are not positive should wear masks while in the home, and quarantine. Those who are fully vaccinated (two or more doses) do not need to quarantine.
2. Notify close contacts so they can decide to get tested if they become symptomatic. However, anyone who is fully vaccinated (two or more doses) and is a close contact of a positive person does not need to quarantine unless they become symptomatic - but they should wear a mask at all times indoors.
3. Anyone who tests positive should not attend work until there’s a dramatic improvement of symptoms, plus three (3) days without a fever (without the use of fever-reducing products). They must also wear a mask while in public: KN95s are recommended. Contact the Community Assistance Center at 845-807-0925 to find a local supply point.
4. Public Health and its local healthcare partners are not recommending a confirmatory PCR test after a positive at-home test. Should someone test positive via an at-home kit, they should follow the steps outlined above.
5. If shortness of breath or worsening of symptoms is encountered, do not hesitate to call 911.
6. The above information does not take the place of medical advice from a provider; the individual’s particular healthcare provider should be notified about specific symptoms or treatment questions.
7. Vaccination remains the best defense against serious complications from COVID, hospitalization, and death. Please visit [www.sullivanyny.us](http://www.sullivanyny.us) for a regularly updated list of clinics and pharmacies in Sullivan County where you can receive vaccines and boosters.

The NYS Department of Health issued an updated Advisory which supersedes portions of previous guidance related to returning to work after COVID-19 infection and reduces the isolation period from 10 days to 5 days under certain circumstances:

[http://www.coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/12/return-to-work-isolation-guidance\\_12-24-21.pdf](http://www.coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/12/return-to-work-isolation-guidance_12-24-21.pdf). Please call Public Health at 845-292-5910 if you are under isolation and need guidance for returning to work.

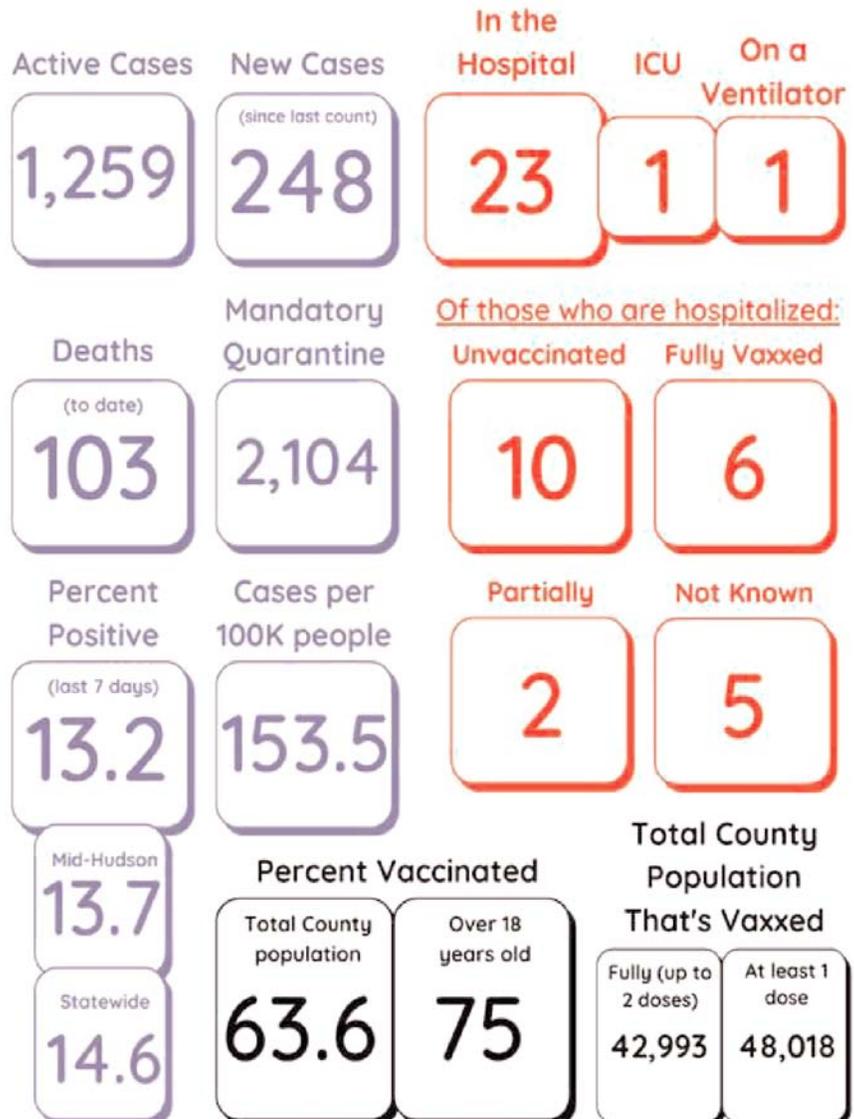
“This is a tough and concerning surge of cases and will not likely improve until well after the holidays,” acknowledged McGraw, “and we ask everyone to use patience and educate yourself about staying safe and well. Each of us can take steps to protect ourselves and our families from COVID, just like with any virus or illness. And the more we take these steps together as a community, the better our outcomes will be.”



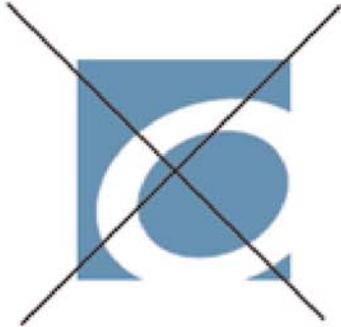
# LOCAL COVID STATS

As of Thu., December 30, 2021

Sources: Sullivan County Public Health Services, NYS COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker, and the CDC. Questions? Call Public Health Services at 845-292-5910.



## Important Announcement from OverDrive



The OverDrive App is going away in February!



But that's okay!



The Libby App will replace the OverDrive app.

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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.

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## Attorney General James Issues Warning to ClearMD Solutions to Stop Misrepresenting Turnaround Times for COVID-19 Test Results

*Test Results, But Has Failed to Meet Promised Turnaround Times • ClearMD Letter Follows Similar Letters to LabQ, Labworq, and Sameday Health Last Week*

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued a warning letter to ClearMD Solutions - a private lab with a number of locations throughout Manhattan and one in Queens that advertises coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing - for not meeting promised turnaround times for test results. Numerous consumers have now passed the timeframe in which they were promised test results, even those who paid for expedited testing. Today's letter notifies ClearMD that New York law prohibits false advertising and instructs the company to immediately update the company's website and any signage at test sites to accurately reflect how long individuals can expect to wait before receiving COVID-19 test results. Attorney General James also demands refunds for all consumers who paid for expedited test results but did not receive them in the timeframe initially promised.

"What we're seeing more and more are private labs and collection centers making false promises about turnaround times for COVID-19 test results when there is no way for them to keep up with the demand. What's worse is that a number of these companies are charging New Yorkers for a 'quick' test result that is anything but that," said Attorney General James. "ClearMD Solutions has been charging New Yorkers hundreds of dollars for expedited test results but has repeatedly failed to deliver on that promise. With COVID-19 positivity rates skyrocketing due to Omicron and New Yorkers gathering with loved ones for the holidays, companies need to stay true to their word and provide COVID-19 test results in the timeframes they are promising. ClearMD must immediately update its website and its signage and notify patients of the realistic timeline in which they will receive results, as well

as provide refunds to every patient who paid for expedited test results but never received them in the proper timeframe. All New Yorkers who continue to see misrepresentations about COVID-19 test turnaround times are encouraged to file a complaint on my website right away."

ClearMD offers free or low cost COVID-19 tests for those with insurance, as well as for CARES Act patients, and charges high fees for premium services, such as \$498 for those seeking a two-hour result. The website promises "the fastest [test] turnaround time in New York - less than 24 hours," with no mention of any fee. Additionally, ClearMD's website guarantees "PCR results in as quick as 12-24 hours" and claims they can provide "COVID testing quick enough to keep up with the busiest of New Yorkers." But the Office of the Attorney General has become aware of consumers who paid for expedited test results but did not receive their results in those guaranteed timeframes.

In addition to warning ClearMD to update its website and signage and to instruct its employees to provide accurate information concerning turnaround times, the letter issued by Attorney General James requests that ClearMD contact all of its customers who are currently awaiting COVID-19 test results to let them know when they can realistically expect to receive those results. Attorney General James also demands refunds for any consumer who paid for expedited test results but did not receive them in the timeframe originally promised.

Today's letter follows three separate letters Attorney General James sent last week to LabQ, Labworq, and Sameday Health demanding that the companies take similar steps to update their websites and their signage, and to inform consumers about realistic wait times for COVID-19 test results.

Attorney General James asks any consumer who believes a lab or other testing facility is making misleading statements about their turnaround time for COVID-19 test results to file a complaint online with the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau or call the office at 1-800-771-7755.



**Beware of Malicious COVID-19 Phishing**

Protect yourself from identity theft and fraud during pandemic recovery.

Confirm any SBA disaster assistance emails by contacting **(800) 659-2955**, TTY **(800) 877-8339**, or **disastercustomerservice@sba.gov**.

Avoid scams and fraud, visit **sba.gov/COVIDfraudalert**

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## Governor Hochul Announces New NY Testing Sites Amid Recent Surge in COVID-19 Cases

**Sites Open on Tuesday, January 4**

Governor Kathy Hochul announced 6 new State testing sites to address the recent surge in COVID-19 cases. These sites are aimed providing additional testing options in areas of high need throughout the Capital, Central New York, Finger Lakes, Hudson Valley and Western New York regions.

"We want to start the New Year strong and use every tool at our disposal," Governor Hochul said. "By mobilizing testing sites throughout the state, we will make sure testing is more accessible and convenient for New Yorkers. We will continue to expand testing availability to every corner of the state, evaluating where more capacity and additional sites are needed soon. I encourage every New Yorker to take advantage of a site near them."

Sites are currently being mobilized with all locations slated to open on January 4, 2022. Upon launch, all sites will offer rapid antigen tests. New Yorkers are strongly encouraged to make appointments here. Test results are sent following the appointment through email or text message. Walk-in appointments will also be available.

Acting State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said, "Under Governor Hochul's leadership, we continue the important work of expanding access to quick, accessible testing throughout the State. In partnership with WellHealth, these six new sites will bring even more rapid tests to New Yorkers. Rapid testing remains a critical tool in our toolkit as we combat the winter surge and work to keep our communities safe from spread - and I encourage New Yorkers to utilize these new sites."

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Additional sites throughout the state are being planned as well, and information regarding these sites will be announced soon.

### **About WellHealth:**

WellHealth offers 'Turnkey Covid Care' with rapidly deployable and completely hands-off experience complying with testing needs, Covid case management, and treatment. WellHealth continuously drives new testing and treatment capabilities by enabling strong technology to deliver easy, scalable, solutions. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the WellHealth team established unique protocols and delivered a comprehensive set of medical and safety measures to our patient populations. To date, Well Health has delivered more than 1.1 million COVID-19 tests across the United States with the ability to continue testing at a rate of tens of thousands per day. Well Health has served residents in Texas, South Carolina, Nevada, Rhode Island, Washington, New Jersey, Arizona, North Carolina, Kansas, and now, New York, and continues to expand testing across North America.

## **Monti Elks Bingo**

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For information Contact Bingo Chair  
and Past Exalted Ruler Lisa Muller at: 914-799-1831

## Message from Congressman Antonio Delgado

Dear Neighbor,

Happy New Year's Eve. As 2021 comes to a close, I wanted to give you an update on how I've been serving you.

### Awarding Dutchess war hero medal of honor

Following the passage of my legislation to make Korean War hero Charles R. Johnson eligible for the Medal of Honor, I wrote to President Joe Biden urging him to award the medal.



*Private Charlie Johnson*

Private First Class (PFC) Charlie Johnson, a native of Dutchess County, was overlooked for this decoration when he gave his life in service to his country—an injustice that has taken almost 70 years to correct.

In November, I secured a commitment from Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to recommend to President Joe Biden that Johnson receive the Medal of Honor. However, Congress first had to waive a statutory requirement that the Medal of Honor be awarded within five years of the act of valor it recognizes. My legislation making Johnson eligible to receive the medal beyond the five-year time limit passed the House, Senate, and was signed into law by the President as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022.

### Lowering Medicare Costs for Seniors

Last week, I called on Secretary Xavier Becerra and the Department of Health and Human Services to take action to lower Medicare premiums for seniors. Medicare Part B premiums are set to rise by nearly 15% in 2022.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been devastating for older Americans, and rising prices have been especially difficult for seniors on a fixed income. Now is not the time to raise health care costs for seniors. Families and seniors deserve access to the lowest cost prescription drug prices, lower health care costs, and access to quality, dependable care.

### COVID-19 EIDL Deadline

In response to COVID-19, small business owners, including agricultural businesses, and nonprofit organizations can apply for the COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL).

COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan applications will be accepted until TODAY, December 31, 2021. The SBA will continue processing applications after the deadline, including reconsiderations.

Borrowers can request increases up to their maximum eligible loan amount for up to two years after their loan origination date, or until the funds are exhausted, whichever is soonest.

### Resources for Residents

#### COVID-19 Booster Shot and Vaccine Update

**BOOSTER UPDATE:** Teens 16-17 years old who received

their Pfizer-BioNTech initial vaccine series at least six months ago are eligible for the Pfizer-BioNTech booster. New Yorkers 18 years and older who received the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna initial vaccine series at least six months ago or the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine at least two months ago are eligible for a booster dose.

New Yorkers 18 years and older can receive any of the FDA-approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccines for their booster dose, including Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Janssen/Johnson & Johnson. 16-17 year olds can only receive the Pfizer-BioNTech booster. If you have questions, talk to your health care provider or vaccine administrator.

<https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/booster-doses>

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine series is now FDA-authorized for children ages 5-11 years old.

Learn more about booster shots & scheduling your vaccine appointment below.

COVID-19 Vaccine | COVID-19 Vaccine (ny.gov)

### Get Covered

The New York State of Health's Open Enrollment Period for 2022 is NOW going on. Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, which I voted to pass, New Yorkers will be able to browse more plan options from more insurance companies and continue to benefit from lower healthcare costs.

### 2022 Open Enrollment will continue through January 31, 2022.

If you are interested in signing up for health insurance, reviewing the options for you and your family, or changing your provider, you can visit <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/> to look at your options. If you are currently uninsured, this window is an opportunity to get the coverage you need.

### Recovering From Extreme Weather

**Deadline EXTENDED:** For Dutchess County residents affected by Hurricane Ida: the deadline to apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance is Tuesday, January, 4, 2022.

FEMA Individual Assistance:

Individuals in Dutchess County can apply for Individual Assistance from FEMA the following ways:

Apply online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov).

Constituents may call the application phone number at 1-800-621-3362.

### Visit a Disaster Recovery Center.

Contact my office via email or phone 1-845-443-2930

If you're a Dutchess County resident or business who was impacted by the remnants of Hurricane Ida on Sept. 1-3, you can apply for SBA Disaster Loan Assistance.

Apply in the following ways:

Visit: Apply For A Disaster Loan ([sba.gov](http://sba.gov))

Submit a paper application by mail

Visit a Disaster Recovery Center

Contact my office via email or phone 1-845-443-2930

Constituents may also contact a Customer Service Center by calling 1-800-659-2955 TTY: 1-800-877-8339 ) or e-mailing [disaster-customerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disaster-customerservice@sba.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/>

**2022**

While we faced many challenges in 2021, we also saw the incredible strength and resilience of our upstate families and communities. I hope you are all safe and healthy and I look forward to brighter days ahead in 2022. As always, it's an honor to represent you in Congress.

Sincerely,  
Antonio

## UC Health Department Adopts Test-to-Stay Policy for Public Schools in Ulster County

*The new policy, supported by both the CDC and the NYSDOH, will keep students, teachers, and faculty safe, while allowing students who come into contact with an exposure but are asymptomatic and test negative over a series of days to continue to attend school*

*The Ulster County Department of Health will work with all public schools in the county to develop policies, procure testing, and provide technical support for Test-to-Stay implementation. County Executive Pat Ryan emphasizes the program is safe, effective, and keeps students in the classroom*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan today announced that the Ulster County Health Department will adopt Test-to-Stay practices for public schools in the County. The new policy will keep students, teachers, and faculty safe, while allowing students who come into contact with an exposure but are without symptoms and test negative over a series of days to continue to attend school. The Ulster County Health Department will work with schools to develop policies, procure testing, and offer technical support for districts implementing Test-to-Stay.

"As students return from winter break amidst the Omicron surge, we are committed to keeping our schools open and our kids safely in classrooms. Implementing Test-to-Stay is another proactive step to ensure our schools remain open through this surge, and that our students, teachers, and staff are safe," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "The pandemic has highlighted not just the obvious importance of schools for our students, but also for the working parents of our community. Following CDC and NYSDOH guidelines, Ulster County will work closely with all of our public schools to provide them the resources needed to implement this proven policy."

"One objective of all Ulster County school districts was to maximize the number of students who experience in-person instruction with their teachers and classmates on a daily basis," Ulster BOCES Superintendent Dr. Charles Khoury said. "Under the previous guidance this has been challenging. With everyone's cooperation, especially keeping symptomatic students home, the Test-to-Stay initiative should allow us to do just that."

"Kingston Central School District will be participating in the Test-to-Stay program along with Ulster County Department of Health and other schools in Ulster County," Superintendent of Kingston City Schools Dr. Paul Padalino said. "This program will not only reduce unnecessary quarantines, but also keep our students safe by identifying positive cases and limiting the possible spread. It may take a few days for the district to get up and running but we are pleased to have another tool to combat COVID-19 in our schools."

Supported by both the Centers for Disease Control and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), Test-to-Stay has been proven to reduce transmission rates in schools. Schools will be required to adopt district level policies regarding Test-to-Stay. Policies outlined by the NYSDOH include the following:

1. The exposure must have occurred in the school setting and while both the person with COVID-19 and exposed person were consistently and properly masked.
2. The exposed person remains asymptomatic; if the exposed person who is allowed to remain in school through Test-to-Stay develops symptoms, they must be immediately excluded from school per current school guidance.
3. The exposed person is tested a minimum of three times during the seven-day period following exposure, unless recognition of the exposure is delayed or weekends or school breaks intervene.

Additionally, policies must include equity planning, so as not to burden parents with the costs of tests, and requirements that tests and test results

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must be received prior to the beginning of the school day. Policies on Test-to-Stay may vary by district; each school district has the ability to opt out of the program. Parents should await guidance from their school district on individual district policies and when they will take effect.

Last week, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan signed a thirty-day extension to the State of Emergency order originally enacted on November 28th. The extension of the order comes as cases of COVID-19 in Ulster County, driven by the Omicron variant, have more than doubled in the last month. The order, now in effect for an additional thirty days, has allowed Ulster County to rapidly procure over 50,000 at-home kits, bolster countywide vaccination efforts, and secure a second school specialist from the State to assist with contact tracing. County Executive Pat Ryan has continued to emphasize his goal of responding to the pandemic rapidly in order to keep our schools and local businesses open safely while protecting the community at-large.

## SC Warming Centers Open for the First Time this Season

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County opened its two warming shelters Monday night in Liberty and Monticello.

"We intend to operate the warming centers from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. on any night the National Weather Service forecasts an overnight low temperature of 15 degrees Fahrenheit or less. This provides a last-ditch supplement to the shelter services we already provide when temperatures dip below freezing. Monday night's forecast low was 13 degrees Fahrenheit; therefore, we were prepared to open for the first time this season," confirmed Health & Family Services Commissioner John Liddle.

These two locations opened Monday night:

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** Masks are required due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"The warming centers are open to all, and we will ensure they are kept clean, safe and sanitized," affirmed District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, chair of the Legislature's Health & Family Services Committee. "We are very pleased to be able to work once again with our community partners to provide this program, which gives people a safe and warm place to stay for the night, regardless of their situation. I'm very grateful for the kind and dedicated volunteers who give of their time to make this possible."

A comprehensive and interactive map of these locations is available on the County website at: [www.sullivanny.us/Departments/RealProperty/GISData](http://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 afterhours emergency food requests can be made to the Federation at 845-798-877. The Federation's pantry is open to all (no documentation required) from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. every Friday, as well.

### Governor Hochul Announces Plan to Institute Term Limits and Outside Income Ban for Statewide Elected Officials

*Bold Ethics Reform First State of the State Proposal - Aimed at Restoring Trust, Integrity, and Accountability in Government*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a plan to institute term limits for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and Comptroller as the first proposal of the 2022 State of the State. The Governor will also propose a ban on outside income for statewide elected officials while serving in office. These bold reforms are aimed at increasing accountability and trust in the integrity of State government.

"On day one as Governor, I pledged to restore trust in government and I have taken steps every day to deliver the open, ethical governing New Yorkers deserve," Governor Hochul said. "I want people to believe in their government again. With these bold reforms, we will ensure New Yorkers know their leaders work for them and are focused on serving the people of this state." (Contd. Pg. 33)



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## Governor Hochul Announces Plan to Institute Term Limits and Outside Income Ban for Statewide Elected Officials

(From Pg. 32) The Governor will introduce a constitutional amendment to set limits of two consecutive terms for statewide elected officials. Governor Hochul will also propose legislation to impose a ban on earned outside income for the same statewide elected officials, with an exception for academic positions that must receive ethics board approval.

From her first day in office, Governor Hochul has taken actions to restore public trust in government:

- o Ethics Trainings: Governor Hochul signed an Executive Order requiring all State employees to take an ethics training course upon hiring and regularly thereafter.
- o FOIL Reforms: Governor Hochul implemented reforms to the FOIL process to increase transparency with journalists and members of the public. The Governor also began requiring state agencies to identify and proactively post commonly requested data, to reduce the need for FOILs in the first place
- o Recusal Agreements: The Governor and other senior members of her administration released the full recusal agreements they abide by.
- o Transparency Plans: Governor Hochul directed more than 70 executive agencies and public authorities to release public transparency plans, which are publicly posted online.
- o Combating Harassment And Discrimination: To improve the Executive Chamber's response to accusations of harassment and discrimination, Governor Hochul retained an independent outside law firm to investigate all claims in a fair, unbiased manner and created a new Human Resources department.

## DEC Announces Start of Annual Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale

*More than 50 Species Available from Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery • School Seedling Program Application Period Now Open*

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the start of the Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery annual spring seedling sale, which is open to the public and runs until May 13. Each year, the nursery offers low-cost, New York-grown tree and shrub species for sale to encourage conservation plantings and foster the next generation of forests.

"The DEC tree nursery in Saratoga grows stock on-site from local seed sources, creating seedlings well-suited to New York's climate," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Widely used for reforestation and conservation efforts across the state, these seedlings fulfill a vital niche in the conservation of our natural resources."

There are many environmental, economic, and social reasons to plant trees. Trees absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, making them a powerful tool in the fight against climate change. Trees also lower heating and cooling costs, provide food and shelter for native wildlife, improve water quality by filtering runoff, prevent erosion, and increase overall public health and well-being.

There are more than 50 conifer and hardwood species available in bundles of 25 or more, plus several mixed

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species packets for those looking for a variety. Seedlings are a minimum of 5" tall and one to three years old depending on species. For more information including how to order, visit the Spring Seedling Sale on DEC's website. Some species sell out early, so it is recommended to place orders by phone for the most up-to-date availability information.

Free Seedlings Available for Youth Education through School Seedling Program

In addition, DEC is now accepting applications for the nursery's School Seedling Program. From now until March 31, schools and youth education organizations across New York State may apply to receive up to 50 free tree or shrub seedlings to plant with their students.

The goal of the program is to help instill a sense of environmental stewardship at a young age and set a foundation that will allow students to make informed decisions about the use of natural resources. The program is an excellent tool for educators to use in meeting the Next Generation Science Standards as it provides a hands-on opportunity for students to learn about natural systems and the valuable role that trees play, while building their awareness of conservation issues.

All schools (public, private, nursery, elementary, secondary, vocational, college, or university), homeschool groups, and any youth education-based organization may apply, provided trees are planted within New York State. Seedlings are two to three years old, about four to 12 inches tall, and bare-root. There are three packets available - 50 white spruce, 50 white pine, or 30 mixed shrub species good for wildlife habitat - and each school or organization may only receive one packet per year. Visit DEC's website for more information or to apply online. For assistance or questions, contact the Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery at nysnursery@dec.ny.gov or 518-581-1439.



# 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 and 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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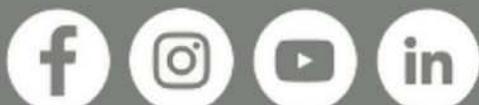
- Veteran Peer Support
- Peer Counseling
- Advocacy
- Financial Literacy
- Benefit Advisement
- Mental Health Support

### For more information contact:

Ryan Fuller at (845) 794-4228

Kevin Coates at (845) 794-4228

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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](mailto:nickneedsokidney@gmail.com)

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## Redemption Date for Tax-Foreclosed Properties Extended to April 30, Says SC Treasurer

Monticello, NY - Properties in Sullivan County subject to this year's tax foreclosure proceeding can be redeemed through April 30, 2022.

"The current redemption date is January 31," explained County Treasurer Nancy Buck. "However, I extended it due to the relief that the State has just begun offering this week."

The New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund is providing monetary aid to homeowners with financial hardships associated with the coronavirus pandemic.

State law permits owners of properties facing foreclosure to "redeem" those properties - removing them from the foreclosure list - by paying the outstanding taxes and associated penalties before a foreclosure sale is conducted.

"While I could restrict this extension just to those who can prove a COVID-19-related hardship, I don't believe my office should be picking and choosing," Buck added. "We want everyone to remain in their homes and keep their properties for as long as they are able. The very last resort is foreclosure - which we undertake reluctantly and carefully, according to State law."

"If this extra amount of time is the key to someone retaining their home and land, I'm glad that we can offer it to the taxpayers," she affirmed.

For more information, contact the Treasurer's Office at 845-807-0200.

## What Is the NYS Homeowner Assistance Fund?

The State of New York has advised that a homeowner may be eligible for assistance if they are delinquent with any of the following items due to hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic:

- o Mortgage payments
- o Property taxes, water or insurance charges
- o Homeowners' association or maintenance fees
- o Manufactured home loan or retail installment contracts.

A homeowner is defined as a New York State resident who owns a home and occupies that home as their primary residence (meaning it is where they live for the majority of every calendar year).

Types of eligible homeowners include:

- o Mortgaged homeowners who are in a forbearance plan or were offered a forbearance plan that has expired; this may be a first and/or a second mortgage.
- o Mortgaged homeowners who were not offered a forbearance plan, or missed the option to apply for one, and are considered delinquent on their first or second mortgage.
- o Homeowners who are behind on payments for property taxes, water bills, or sewage bills.
- o Co-op or condo homeowners who are behind on monthly carrying charges such as maintenance fees or homeowner association payments.
- o Homeowners who live in manufactured homes and who are behind on home loans or retail installment contracts used to purchase their homes.

Homeowners whose household income is equal to or less than 100% of the Area Median Income (AMI) and who are at risk of foreclosure and/or displacement due to financial hard-

ship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic are eligible to apply. The AMI for Sullivan County is \$79,900 for a household of one to five people, \$83,300 for a six-person household, \$89,050 for a seven-person household and \$94,800 for a household with eight or more.

This is a State program that does not involve the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office, so those who are interested should visit <https://www.nyhomeownerfund.org> for eligibility and application information.

## Gov Hochul Announces Historic \$240 million Increase in Investment for Schools Serving Children with Disabilities

- *Funding For Preschool and School-Age Special Education Providers Will Increase By 15%*
- *Governor Also Signs Major Legislative Package To Provide Resources To Students With Disabilities, Their Families And Social Services Providers*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced plans to include a historic \$240 million increase in investment for approved private schools serving children with disabilities in her upcoming 2022-2023 Executive Budget. Governor Hochul also signed a package of legislation to increase resources and support for students with disabilities, their families and social services providers.

"This historic investment in schools serving students with disabilities, along with four bills I am signing into law, will make a huge difference in the lives of students, families and schools in every corner of New York," Governor Hochul said. "Throughout my time in office, I've made it a priority to listen to the disability community and provide the resources and support they need to thrive. People with disabilities have my commitment: as your governor, I'll always stand by your side and fight for you."

Following the 4 percent cost-of-living adjustment approved for the 2021-2022 school year tuition rates, the New York State Division of the Budget will authorize an additional cost-of-living adjustment of 11 percent for the 2022-2023 school year - an increase of more than 15 percent over two years. The 2022-23 cost-of-living adjustment will increase preschool and school-age special education providers' annual funding by more than \$240 million, with the State ultimately reimbursing school districts and counties for roughly 60% of this cost.

Governor Hochul also signed a package of legislation to support students with disabilities: legislation (S.2911/A.1953) establishes that the Autism Spectrum Disorders Advisory Board provide a report on autism detection, education, and mapping; legislation (S.6682/A.7614) appoints an impartial hearing officer to address due process complaints for students with disabilities; legislation (S.1662-B/A.3523-A) makes the issuing of behavior analyst licenses in New York consistent with other states; and legislation (S.5560-A/A.5339) provides funding to early intervention education for toddlers with disabilities.

Legislation (S.2911/A.1953) provides that the Autism Spectrum Disorders Advisory Board will deliver a report on autism detection, education, and mapping. This report will evaluate and review factors on the causes of autism in children as well as assist healthcare providers and educators with ways to better help those diagnosed with autism.

# Governor Hochul Announces Winter Surge Plan 2.0

*As New York Battles Winter Surge, Governor Unveils Targeted Plan to Protect Vulnerable New Yorkers, Save Lives, and Support Critical Industries*

*Builds on Ongoing Efforts Including Distribution of Millions of Test Kits, Actions to Boost Hospital Capacity and Address Staffing Shortages, and Ongoing Vaccination and Booster Outreach*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced Winter Surge Plan 2.0, a new targeted effort to bolster New York's fight against the winter surge. Governor Hochul's comprehensive plan focuses on five core areas: keeping students in school, doubling down on masks and testing, preventing severe illness and death, increasing access to vaccines and boosters, and working together with local leaders. Hours before the New Year begins, Governor Hochul also urged New Yorkers to celebrate New Year's Eve in a safe, responsible way.

"As we headed into the holiday weekend, New York State mobilized every resource at our disposal to fight the winter surge and keep New Yorkers safe," Governor Hochul said. "We can get through this surge through targeted actions, partnerships with local leaders, and by taking common sense steps to keep us all safe: get vaccinated, get boosted, and wear a mask indoors."

"We have every tool to keep our families and communities safe," Acting State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said. "We must ensure we use them all. Governor Hochul's targeted plan to expand vaccination and booster access, mask and test, and increase measures to protect our health care workers is the comprehensive strategy needed to combat the fast-spreading Omicron variant. Leveraging these layered mitigation tactics is how we will protect the health of New Yorkers and effectively manage the winter surge."

## 1. Keep Schools Open:

After two years of remote learning and school closures, Governor Hochul is focused on keeping students in school in the upcoming year. The first plank of Governor Hochul's 5-part plan includes:

- o Providing tests to students and school districts: 5.56 million tests arrived for schools this week and between six and seven million more are expected to arrive in the coming days. New York has mobilized 40 trucks and 86 state personnel to distribute tests. Overall, New York State has secured 37 million tests for distribution.

- o Working with counties to implement Test-to-Stay: Test-to-Stay policies have proven successful at keeping our kids safe and schools open. If a student tests positive, classmates can take a test kit back home with them and return to the classroom upon receiving a negative result instead of mandatory quarantining.

- o Keeping college students and faculty safe: SUNY and CUNY will be introducing a new requirement for all students to get boosters, campuses will require mandatory mask wearing in public indoor spaces, and will require all faculty to be vaccinated. Students will also be required to submit negative tests upon returning to campus.

## 2. Keep Masking, Keep Testing:

Governor Hochul recognizes that to stop the spread of the virus, New Yorkers must continue wearing masks and getting tested for COVID. Governor Hochul will:

- o Extend the mask-or-vax requirement: the Department of Health will extend the mask-or-vaccine requirement for an additional two weeks, protecting workers and allowing businesses to remain open.

- o Make masks more widely available: New York State has already distributed 5 million KN-95 masks, and more will be distributed through state legislators. Hundreds of thousands of masks will also be distributed for nursing home visitors.

- o Launch new testing sites: Governor Hochul will open six new testing sites on January 4, totaling 19 state-run sites statewide. Additionally, Governor Hochul announced the launch of two new testing sites at MTA stations, in addition to previously announced MTA pop-ups.

## 3. Preventing Severe Illness and Death:

With case counts rising, Governor Hochul is making it a priority to prevent severe illness and death by supporting our hospital system. The Winter Surge Plan 2.0 will:

- o Distribute antiviral treatments: New York is working with the Biden Administration to secure doses of the antiviral drug Paxlovid and make this treatment more widely available.

- o Boost hospital capacity: Governor Hochul will continue enforcing the November 26 Executive Order to boost hospital capacity. Since it took effect, the number of hospitals with limited capacity needing to pause non-essential surgeries has declined from 32 to 21.

- o Launch National Guard EMT training: to ramp up our long-term health care workforce capacity needs, the Department of Health and the Division of Military and Naval Affairs will be launching two pilot EMT training classes on January 5th. This will cover two classes of 40 service members (80 service members in total) who will be able to be deployed by February.

- o Secure additional help from Federal partners: in the coming days, we will receive federal Department of Defense (DoD) Medical Response and Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMATs). This will include a 35-member DMAT to SUNY Upstate in Syracuse, 23-member DoD Medical Response Team to Erie County Medical Center in Buffalo, and 50 new ambulance teams deployed to NYC.

- o Protect nursing home residents and workers: the Hochul Administration is in constant contact with all 606 nursing homes in New York and will be providing them with additional PPE to ensure the safety of all patients and staff. Additionally, the Administration is coordinating with hospitals and will be deploying durable medical equipment in continued support of the care for all New Yorkers.

## 4. Expand Access to Vaccines and Boosters:

Vaccines continue to be the best defense against COVID hospitalization and death. While 95% of adult New Yorkers have received at least one shot, there's more to do to increase vaccination and booster rates, especially among children:

- o Provide boosters to nursing homes: New York will begin requiring each nursing home to demonstrate their plan to increase vaccination and booster rates among their residents.

- o Increase pediatric vaccination: the most unvaccinated eligible cohort is New Yorkers aged 5-11. New York will increase our focus on pediatric vaccination.

- o Get booster shots to teenagers: we anticipate approval of Pfizer's booster shot for children aged 12-15 and will immediately begin outreach to that population once ready.

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## Governor Hochul Announces Winter Surge Plan 2.0

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5. Work With Local Partners: From the beginning, Governor Hochul has emphasized that the fight against COVID must take a collaborative approach. Fighting the winter surge requires close collaboration with local partners:

- o Let local leaders lead: from New York City to Erie County, local leaders are making smart choices. We will continue this surgical, targeted approach.
- o Provide resources to local partners: Governor Hochul will continue to lead a whole-of-government approach to fight COVID, making sure county emergency managers and local school boards have the tests and masks they need.

## Governor Hochul Announces Availability of \$90 Million in Federal Emergency Home Heating Aid

- **Available Emergency Home Heating Aid Per Household Increases Up to 42 Percent to Help New Yorkers Avoid Heating Emergencies Amid Winter Fuel Price Spike**

### • Applications Accepted Starting January 3

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a substantial year-over-year increase in available emergency home heating aid-with more than \$90 million in federal funding available to help low- and middle-income New Yorkers avoid having their home heating disconnected or exhausting their heating source amid fuel price increases this winter. Administered by the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, the Home Energy Assistance Program will begin accepting emergency benefit applications starting Monday, January 3, for those New Yorkers who have already used up their regular benefit and who are now facing a heating emergency.

"With the arrival of frigid winter weather and surging fuel prices, we must do everything in our power to safeguard vulnerable New Yorkers struggling to keep their heat on," Governor Hochul said. "This significant increase in available emergency home heating aid represents a lifeline for tens of thousands of families. It will help them heat their homes, prevent overdue bills from piling up, and avoid the incredible stress and anxiety that can overwhelm anyone facing a heating emergency."

The emergency benefit amount per household has been increased by at least 32 percent, and upward of 42 percent, depending on the type of heating fuel used for the household. A home heated with natural gas will now be eligible for \$465, a 32.8 percent increase over last year's benefit; while a home using oil, kerosene or propane will be eligible for a \$965, a 42.9 percent increase over the prior year.

Office of Temporary Disability Assistance Executive Deputy Commissioner Barbara C. Guinn said, "Far too many

New Yorkers struggle to make ends meet as the cold-weather months continue. And with the pronounced increases in heating utility expenses, this year will be no exception. HEAP's emergency benefit provides a timely stop-gap for those households that are falling behind on their heating bills or are at-risk of exhausting their heating fuel supply so that they can continue warming their homes through the winter."

Department of Public Service CEO Rory M. Christian said, "I applaud Governor Hochul's leadership in addressing the need of so many consumers to light their homes and keep the homes warm this winter. The Department of Public Service actively works with utilities in New York State to ensure that consumers are aware of ways to reduce their energy bills. Further, we are closely monitoring utilities to ensure they are offering all possible consumer protections so service continues without interruption during the cold winter months."

During the fall, the New York Public Service Commission forecast that electric and natural gas bills will be significantly higher for the 2021-2022 winter season, with natural gas projected to increase by an average of about 21 percent statewide. The cost of propane has also increased about 30 percent since last winter, according to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

To be eligible for the emergency benefit, an income qualifying household must be facing a heating utility shutoff, or electric utility service disconnection if it is necessary to operate the primary heating equipment. Also qualified for the benefit are those households that have exhausted their heating fuel supply or have less than one quarter tank of oil, kerosene, or propane; or have less than a 10-day supply of other heating fuels.

Applications for assistance are accepted at local departments of social services in person or by telephone, with funding provided on a first-come, first-served basis. A list of local offices by county can be found here. Residents outside of New York City may also apply online for regular heating assistance benefits. New York City residents may download an application and obtain program information here.

Last year, the heating emergency benefit provided critical assistance to more than 111,000 New Yorkers. In total, OTDA distributed roughly \$65 million in emergency heating assistance during the 2020-2021 winter season.

OTDA also continues to take applications for the regular arrears supplement, which is providing \$150 million in federal funding to help HEAP-eligible households pay heating utility arrears. The one-time payments will cover all accumulated heating utility arrears up to \$10,000 per household, with requests for assistance accepted at local departments of social services in person or by telephone.

Help is also available to assist eligible homeowners if their primary heating equipment is unsafe or not operating and their furnace or boiler must be repaired or replaced. Benefit amounts through the HEAP Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement program are based on the actual cost incurred to repair or replace the essential heating equipment-up to \$3,000 for a repair and \$6,500 for a replacement.

Eligible homeowners can also apply for a HEAP Heating Equipment Clean and Tune benefit to keep their home's primary heating source working at peak efficiency. Applicants for these benefits should contact their local department of social services for more information.

To qualify for these federally funded programs, applicants must meet HEAP eligibility criteria and income guidelines, which vary by household size. For instance, a family of four may have a maximum gross monthly income of \$5,249 or an annual gross income of \$62,983.

## UC NOW TRENDING...

January 2022

**Through Jan. 9** Field + Supply @ Little Village: A Modern Makers Pop-Up: Over 40 makers and designers. Gifts for home decor, kitchen, pantry, accessories and more. Wed.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 17 Railroad Ave Kingston. fieldandsupply.com

**Jan.-Feb.** Hudson River Maritime Museum: Check out classes and workshops offered at the Riverport Wooden Boat School. Hudson River Maritime Museum open by appointment only. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org

**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 catskillchallenge@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

**Jan. 16, 30** Kingston Winter Farmers' Market: Indoors for winter. Locally-grown and crafted products. Vegetables and fruits, meats, dairy, wine and spirits, body care products and more. Feb. dates: 13 & 27. Senate Garage, 4 N. Front Street, Kingston; kingstonfarmersmarket.

**Jan. 4, 9** Watergrasshill Workshops: Jan. 4: Learn how to create quick and easy sheet pan dinners. 6-8:30 p.m. Jan. 9: Bake & Take: Cinnamon rolls, Danish and biscuits. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 105 Phillis Bridge Road, New Paltz. 845-419-2661; watergrasshillny.com

**Jan. 7; Feb. 4** Saugerties First Friday: Every month in the village of Saugerties, businesses stay open late and offer special activities and discounts to visitors. 5-8 p.m. Partition, Market and Main streets, Saugerties; facebook.com/saugertiesscene

**Jan. 8** 17th Annual All-Day Winter Bird Count: Participants will census wintering birds throughout the 160-acre Nature Preserve, recording numbers of individuals and species diversity. Pre-registration is required. Contact Steve Chorvas (schorvas@gmail.com or 845-246-5900) to register or for additional information, no later than Thursday, January 6th. Esopus Bend Nature Preserve, 4 Shady Lane, Saugerties; esopuscreek-conservancy.org

**Jan. 8, 22** Volunteer Fireman's Hall & Museum: Known locally as "a little gem of a museum." Open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every other Saturday; weather permitting. Free. Feb. dates: 5 & 19. 265 Fair St., Kingston. kingstonvolunteerfiremensmuseum.weebly.com

**Jan 9** FW Murnau's "The Last Laugh:" An aging doorman is forced to face the scorn of his friends, neighbors and society after being fired from his prestigious job at a luxurious hotel. Silent film. Live accompaniment by Marta Waterman. 2 p.m. The Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main Street, Rosendale 12472. 845-658-8989; rosendaletheatre.org

**Jan. 13, 27** Hand Knitting Chunky Blanket Sip and Craft at Magnanini Winery: Learn to hand-knit chunky blanket. Includes one free glass of Magnanini wine. An experienced artist will help you as much or as little as you want. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available for additional purchase. Small bites can be purchased in the Tasting Room. Limited quantities. Seats are limited;

please book ahead. Starts at 6:30 sharp. \$60. 172 Strawridge Road., Wallkill. 845-895-2767; facebook.com/magnaniniwinery

**Jan. 14-17** Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Weekend: Enjoy our cross-country ski and snowshoe trails, ice skating rink on Lake Cole, ice fishing and a snow tube run (weather permitting). Warm up at our indoor floor hockey arena, climbing gym, archery range and arts and crafts studio. Snow tubes, snowshoes, and cross-country skis are provided. Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. 845-985-2291 x450; frostvalley.org

**Jan. 21** The Hudson Valley's 13th annual Traditional Robbie Burns Supper/Celebration: Featuring the recitation of Burns' poetry, a traditional dinner with the entrance of the haggis, storytelling, songs and whisky toasts. Samplings of Hudson House whiskies. Several local hotels are offering special room rates. Seating is limited. Please call for reservation 1-914-299-0837- 1-845-834-6007. \$75.00pp+ tax & gratuity. Or reserve through Eventbrite: eventbrite.com/e/13th-annual-robbie-burns-suppercelebration-tickets

**Jan. 21-22** Rock Academy Presents RUSH: 7 p.m. Tickets available through a Rock Academy student and at the door. Wall Street Music Hall, 323 Wall Street, Kingston. 323-538-3012; facebook.com/events/kingston-ny/rock-academy-presents-rush/404652028024563/

**Jan. 22-24** 24th Annual Catskill Ice Climbing Festival 2022: Choose from multiple clinics on all the skills and techniques. \$175 per person per event for all group events; \$200 for the back-country day. Rock and Snow will offer 25% off for apparel and 15% off ice gear for all Icefest registrants up to the end of the event. Alpine Endeavors, PO Box 291 Rosendale. 877-486-5769; alpineendeavors.com

**Jan. 28, 29** The Students of Rock Academy Present PRINCE! 7 p.m. Tickets available through a Rock Academy student and at the door. "Songwriter, producer, actor/director, multi-instrumentalist Prince was one of the greatest and prolific musicians of all time...." — Director, Adrien Reju. Woodstock Playhouse, 103 Mill Hill Road, Woodstock. 845-679-6900; woodstockplayhouse.org

## WINE AND CRAFT BEVERAGES IN WINTER

**Glorie Farm Winery:** For the first time ever, open indoors and year-round. Twinkling lights, cozy fire pits, live music and our grand re-opening indoors. Mountain Road, Marlboro. 845-236-3265; gloriwine.com

**Nostrano Vineyards:** November and December: Friday noon-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday noon-5 p.m. January: closed. February and March: Saturday and Sunday noon-5 p.m. 845-795-5473; nostranovineyards.com

**Benmarl Winery:** Situated on a hill overlooking the orchards, Hudson River and beyond. Open 7 days a week 11:00am-6:00pm with brick-oven pizza on weekends; 156 Highland Ave., Marlboro. 845-236-4265; benmarl.com

**Locust Grove Brewing Co.:** New distillery hosting a rotating line of food trucks to complement the ever-changing menu of craft beverages. Fridays 4-10 p.m., Saturdays 2-10 p.m. and Sundays noon-6 p.m. 162 North Road, Milton. 845-795-5194; facebook.com/locustgrovebrewingco

**Bad Seed Cider Company:** Check website for hours. 43 Bailey's Gap Rd. Highland. 845-236-0956; badseedhardcider.com

**Arrowood Farms Brewery and Distillery:** Home to The Apiary + Bar, farm-to-table kitchen serving refined bar foods alongside our beer, spirits, cocktails and curated NYS wines. Open Friday-Sunday. Check website for hours. 236 Lower Whitfield Rod, Accord. 845-253-0389; arrowoodfarms.com

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(From Pg. 39) **Great Life Brewing:** Great Life's hand-crafted beer is served at restaurants and stores all over the mid-Hudson Valley. Pop in for an afternoon tasting at the taproom. Friday-Sunday. 75 Clarendon Avenue, Kingston. 845-331-3700; facebook.com/greatlifebrewing.

**The Brewery at Dutch Ale House:** A full-service gastropub and brewery that's been around since 1933. Serve handcrafted, small-batch beers brewed on site. Full bar of wine, cocktails and import beers, along with a delectable menu of gourmet tavern fare. Open Wednesday-Sunday. Check website for hours. 253 Main St., Saugerties. 845-247-2337; dutchalehouse.com

**Woodstock Brewing:** In the heart of the Catskills with a well-rounded beer menu ranging from the light, citrus-y Woodstock Lager to the darkly caffeinated Mighty Z, a high-octane Oatmeal Coffee Stout. Check website for hours. 5581 Route 28, Phoenicia. 845-688-0054; drinkwoodstock.com

**Yard Owl Craft Brewery:** A mash-up of old-world sensibilities with new American brewing standards. Focuses on creating top-notch beer with the finest ingredients and careful attention to detail. Closed for the holidays. Winter hours starting January 14th, Friday 3:30- 6p.m. 19 Osprey Lane, Gardiner. 845-633-8576; yardowlcraftbrewery.com

**Hudson House Distillery:** Situated on an iconic 27-acre Hudson River waterfront property, The Hudson House is home to a one-of-a-kind farm distillery, producing ultra-premium, limited batch spirits. Open Thursday-Sunday. Check website for hours. 1835 US Route 9W, West Park. 845-834-6007; thehudsonhouseny.com

**Coppersea Distilling:** An award-winning farm distillery in the Hudson Valley crafting fine whiskey and eau de vie from locally sourced grain and fruit. Friday-Sunday. Check website for hours. 239 Springtown Road, New Paltz. 914-475-7170; coppersea.com

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**Tuthilltown:** New York State's first distillery since Prohibition, and the home of Hudson Whiskey. Distillery tours, tastings, crafted

## Gov Hochul Announces more than \$26 million Awarded in Round XI of the Regional Economic Development Council Initiative

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that over \$26 million has been awarded to support 27 priority projects across New York State through the Regional Economic Development Council initiative. This year, \$150 million in grant funds from Empire State Development was made available on a continuous and competitive basis to support the immediate needs of applicants. Additionally, projects within each region are eligible for a share of \$75 million in Excelsior Jobs Tax Credits to help attract and grow business in their region.

"As we continue to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, my administration's top priority is to ensure that our economic recovery is equitable and reaches every corner of the state," Governor Hochul said. "The projects supported by this funding are the result of a collaborative, grassroots approach, working with local stakeholders from across the government, business, and non-profit sectors. I am excited for the dynamic growth they will bring about and have never been more optimistic about our state's economic future."

"This additional funding for 27 shovel-ready projects across the Empire State reflects and supports the wide range of regional strengths and industries that will continue to grow New York's economy for generations to come," Lieutenant Governor Brian Benjamin said. "From battery energy storage, manufacturing and craft beverages to semiconductors and cultural hubs, we are creating jobs and opportunities for all New Yorkers."

"Supporting these projects as recommended by the Regional Economic Development Councils will help to rebuild and grow our local economies," ESD Acting Commissioner and President and CEO-designate Hope Knight said. "Through continued strategic investments in shovel ready projects, we are focused on catalyzing new development

opportunities to generate economic momentum across New York State."

These awards are in addition to the \$549 million awarded to 764 projects from multiple State Agency programs through Round XI of the Governor's Regional Economic Development Council Initiative announced earlier this month to stimulate New York's post-pandemic economic recovery. The application for traditional ESD Grant funds remains open, and applications are being reviewed on an ongoing basis until funds are exhausted. Applicants with strong, shovel-ready projects that align with the state and region's economic development priorities can apply through the Consolidated Funding Application.

This second round of priority projects was recommended by each Regional Council because of their project readiness and alignment with each region's strategic plan. Highlights include: Hudson Valley Community College Aviation Maintenance Technician School (AMTS) (Capital Region) - \$250,000 ESD Grant; Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC) is undertaking the creation of a new Federal Aviation Administration-approved Aviation Maintenance Technician School (AMTS) to be located at Albany International Airport in Albany County. HVCC will utilize and acquire state-of-the-art aviation equipment and supplies to support the development of its Airframe and Powerplant curriculum, and FAR Part 147 AMTS Certification. The program will train at least 40 technicians per year to directly enter the aviation maintenance workforce.

## NYS Gov Hochul Signs Legislation to Expand Public Input in the Rule-making Process

Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation (S.0155/A.6267) further enhancing the ability of the public to participate in the rulemaking process. This legislation would allow an agency to utilize non-traditional methods to garner more public participation. The public would also be able to submit a valid petition to an agency to require them to hold a hearing on a specific rule or regulation.

"My administration is committed to turning the page and starting a new era of openness and transparency in state government," Governor Hochul said. "I'm proud to sign this legislation, which takes a major step forward to ensure the work we do on behalf of New Yorkers is responsive to public input and that the business of state agencies is conducted in full view of the people we serve - not behind closed doors."

Legislation S.0155/A.6267 amends the State Administrative Procedure Act (SAPA) to authorize agencies that hold hearings on proposed rules under SAPA to use innovative means to enhance public participation in rule-making, such as:

- o Designating a segment of time for the public to address questions to agency personnel;
- o Organizing hearings as roundtable discussions; scheduling evening or weekend hearings; and
- o Using digital, broadcast and teleconferencing technologies.

The legislation also requires those agencies which are covered by the program to hold public hearings on proposed rules when they receive written petitions with the requisite amount of signatures from people residing in New York State, provided a sufficient petition is received no later than the 30th day before the last date for public comment. Agencies which receive petitions after that date and agencies which are not covered by the legislation have the option of holding a public hearing pursuant to the request. Agencies are required to give due consideration to requests that a hearing be held in a particular region.

Agencies are not required to hold public hearings for rules for which a hearing is required by law but has already been scheduled or held, for consensus rules, for rules related to rate-makings, or for rules adopted on an emergency basis. This legislation specifies that the following agencies are required on a pilot basis to hold hearings upon receiving a petition: the Workers' Compensation Board and the Departments of Education, Environmental Conservation, Health, Financial Services, Labor and Family Assistance.



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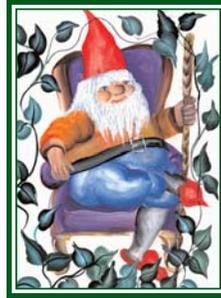
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**SOYLENT GREEN**  
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Interestingly enough the story takes place on this date in 2022 when *Soylent Green* a new food source from the sea turns out to be a nightmarish futuristic reality about the controlling power of big corporations and an innocent cop who stumbles on the truth. The cop Detective Thorn (Charlton Heston) discovers a tale of Earth in despair in 2022.



Natural food like fruits, vegetables, and meat among others no longer exist. Earth is overpopulated and New York City has 40 million starving, poverty-stricken people. The only way they

survive is with water rations and eating a mysterious food called **Soylent**. A detective investigates the murder of the president of the Soylent company. The truth he uncovers is more disturbing than the Earth in turmoil. He learned the secret ingredient of **Soylent Green**. Directed by **Richard Fleischer**. Starring **Charlton Heston, Leigh Taylor-Young, Chuck Connors and Joseph Cotten**.

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Just look at the news. The crime rate is running rampant. Do the powers that be care? Perhaps a plebiscite by the people to remove all who violate the constitution is in order or maybe we soon will be eating *Soylent Green*?

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**NANOOK OF THE NORTH**

(SILENT FILM / TV-PG / 1922 / 1HR 18MIN / DOCUMENTARY)

*Nanook of the North*, the life of Nanook –the Bear –a great hunter in the Eskimo fashion –is cronicalized. A 1922 American silent film which combines elements of a documentary and a docudrama, at



a time when the concept of separating films into documentary and drama did not yet exist.

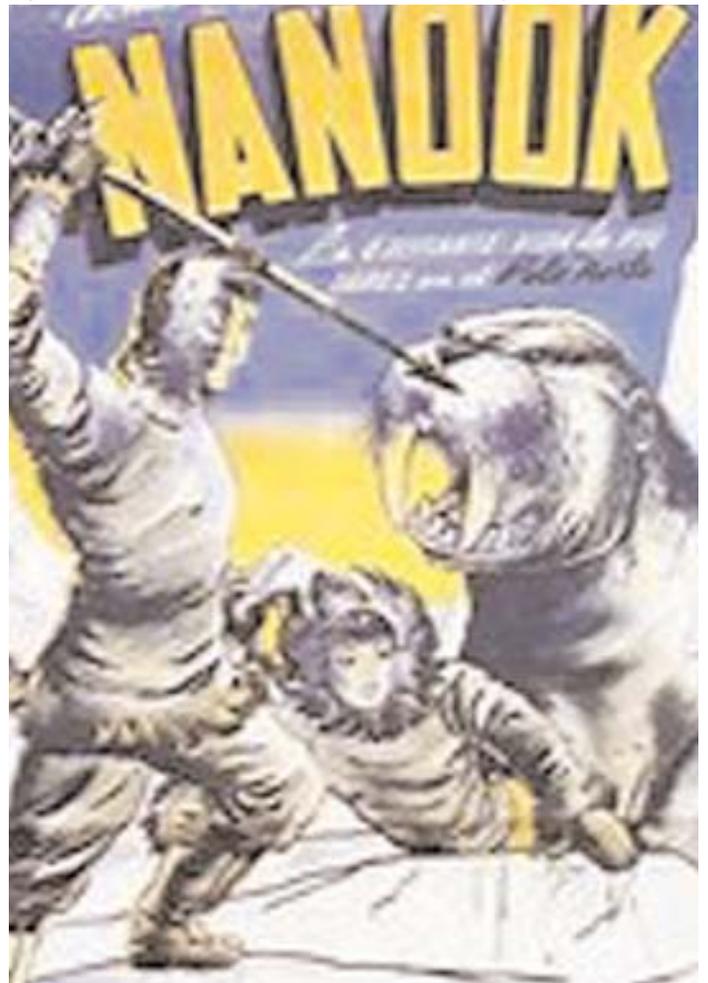


In the tradition of what would later be called *salvage ethnography*, the film follows the struggles of the Inuk man named Nanook and his family in the Canadian Arctic.

It was written and directed by Robert J. Flaherty, who also served as cinematographer, editor, and producer, with Allakariallak, Alice Nevalinga, and Cunayou, Allegoo.



In this silent predecessor to the modern documentary, film-maker Robert J. Flaherty spends one year following the lives of Nanook and his family,



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