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## UC Executive Pat Ryan Outlines New Approach to COVID-19, County Prepared to Shift from "Pandemic" to "Endemic" Response

- *Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said the County is prepared to shift from two years of "pandemic" mode to managing COVID-19 as an "endemic"*
- *As part of new approach, Ulster County will maintain and expand COVID data dashboard to include hospitalization numbers and capacity, and pediatric and booster vaccination rates*
- *Additionally, Ulster County Health Commissioner Dr. Carol Smith said the County will maintain robust testing, vaccination and booster capabilities, and continue to vigilantly monitor the virus*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan today discussed the County's new approach to COVID-19, as the situation shifts from a "pandemic" to an "endemic." Citing public health progress, such as the 97% drop in active cases in Ulster County since the height of the Omicron surge and the statewide lifting of both the indoor business mask-or-vaccine requirement on February 10th and the mask mandate for schools on March 2nd, County Executive Ryan said the County was moving towards a proactive monitoring mode on COVID-19, which could now be termed endemic. (Contd. Pg. 4)



*Ulster County Health Commissioner Dr. Carol Smith and Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan during a COVID-19 briefing on Facebook live*

## Congresswoman Tenney's Statement on Restoring U.S. Energy Independence in the Face of Russian Aggression and Skyrocketing Prices



Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) released the following statement on her fight to restore American energy independence and end reliance on oil and gas from tyrannical regimes in the face of Russian aggression. The average price of a gallon of gas nationally has reached \$3.83, and in New York, the average price is up to \$4.05.

"Energy independence is a national security imperative for the United States. President Trump understood this basic principle, which is why in 2019, the United States became a net total energy exporter for the first time since the 1950s. Unfortunately, since taking office last year, the Biden Administration instead pushed a Green New Deal agenda, which is exactly what Vladimir Putin hoped would happen. This has destroyed our energy independence, eradicated well-paying American jobs, and forced American consumers to rely on tyrannical regimes like those in Russia and Iran for vital supplies of oil and natural gas. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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**OBITUARY**

**Thomas A. Smith**, a lifelong resident of Grahamsville, died February 28, 2022, with his family by his side.



He was 85. He was the son of the late Thomas Harold and Linda George Smith and was born on August 30, 1936, in Liberty, NY.

He graduated from Tri Valley in 1954, then enlisted to serve his country in the United States Air Force from 1955-1959, where he served as a radar repairman. After the Air Force, he worked various technical jobs and retired from New York Telephone. He served the community for many years, as did his father, printing and processing the *Townsman* newspaper. He enjoyed photography, the outdoors and nature, but especially, his grandchildren. He had a special gift of making you feel like you were the only person in the room when he was talking to you. His kind heart and positive outlook will truly be missed by everyone who knew and loved him. He is survived by his longtime companion, Edith McKay; his sons Lance Smith of Gardiner, Kyle and his wife Mary Smith of Grahamsville, his daughter Jamie (Smith) and her husband Bill Stanton of Myrtle Beach, and Judy and her husband Charlie Clarke of Grahamsville; his beautiful grandchildren Keira Smith, Julianna Smith, Benjamin Smith, Mark and his wife Rachel Stanton, Suzanne and her husband Will Smith and Paula and her husband Michael Lalor and his great granddaughter Sailor Olivia Smith. Tom was predeceased by his wife Dorothy Smith and also his previous wife, Paula McCardell. There will be a memorial service at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home on May 14, 2022, from 2-4 pm, at 396 State Route 52 Woodbourne, NY 12788.

Arrangements were under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. For further information, please call 845-434-7363 or visit [www.colonial-familyfuneralhome.com](http://www.colonial-familyfuneralhome.com).

**Shirley Currey**, a long time resident of Grahamsville, NY, passed away peacefully under a clear starry sky at



home on March 4th, 2022, surrounded by family. Shirley was born in January of 1962 in Brooklyn, NY to the late Gerhard and Eleonore Henke.

Shirley graduated from Tri-Valley High School, and went on to receive her Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Boston University. She returned to her hometown of Grahamsville to marry the love of her life, Hank Currey, and raise her three sons. Later in life she returned to college to complete a Masters in Education, which she used to touch countless lives in the Rondout Valley School District as a kindergarten teacher at Kerhonkson Elementary School.

Shirley was known for her free spirit and passion for life. She truly cared about all she came across and sought to learn all she could about the world around her. She loved reading, photography, exploring in her buggy, and sleigh riding, but her greatest joy came from spending time with her family. Shirley was so proud of her three sons, Hank, Glenn, and Weston, and absolutely adored her grandchildren, Dean, Jack, Isla, and Maxine.

She is survived by her loving husband of 37 years, Hank Currey; sister Evelyn Skidmore and husband Garry of Grahamsville, NY; three beloved sons and daughters-in-law, Hank and Lori of Gambrills, MD, Glenn and Courtney of Lakeland FL, and Weston and Molly of Wynantskill, NY; four grandchildren, Dean, Jack, Isla, and Maxine; and two dearly loved fur babies, Bella and Sister. She is also survived by several other family members including sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Shirley leaves to mourn an abundance of friends, and also children from the Kerhonkson school system that made her time there a true treasure. She was predeceased by her sister Cornelia Henke, and parents Gerhard and Eleonore Henke. (Contd. Pg. 3)

**OBITUARY** (From Pg. 2)

**Shirley Currey** - There will be a private intimate service for the family, and a celebration of life later in May where friends and family will gather to remember Shirley. She will rest next to her father, mother, and sister in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, her family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or charity of one's choice in Shirley's memory.

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**DAYS OF YORE.....****Today's History****March 12, 1952**

After twenty-six years of making home baked bread goods, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Erath have closed their bakery and are converting the store into an apartment. Their delicious home baked rye bread delighted customers for many years.

**March 14, 1962**

Dale W. Ross, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. Eugene Ross of Grahamsville, has been named to the Dean's List at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y. He is a sophomore majoring in electrical engineering.

Mrs. Robert Grey, Miss Gloria Doetsch and Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck attended a shower for Wendy Susan Smith at the Smith home in Hasbrouck on Thursday evening. Hostesses were Mrs. Gary Tavormino, Mrs. James Mentnech, Mrs. John Dill, Mrs. Carl Denman and Mrs. Thomas Barkley.

**March 8, 1972**

Karen Messinger of Grahamsville has been named to the Dean's List of the State University College at Oneonta for the fall semester of the 1982-83 school year. Miss Messinger is a senior majoring in liberal arts.

Congratulations to Mr. Vincent Zanetti, newly elected Vice President and Branch Administrator of the Marine Midland Bank of Southeastern New York.

**March 4, 1982**

Mrs. Brooke Parker will be hosting an exchange student from Sweden during the coming school year, 1982-83. A young lady will be attending Tri-Valley and sharing her Swedish background while experiencing the life of an American home.

**Household Hint:****Clean your iron's soleplate**

To remove scorch marks from the soleplate of your iron, scrub it with a paste made by heating up equal parts vinegar and salt in a small pan. Use a rag dipped in clean water to wipe away the remaining residue. (Note: Not recommended for a teflon coated soleplate)

**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.*

**Starlings - To be or not to be!**

Have you noticed the huge flocks of starlings, especially near Ellenville? It was quite a sight to see huge flocks of black birds with polka dots gathered on the lawns throughout the area, and even more awesome when they all took off in flight. It is



not unusual for these birds, European starlings, that chirp and chatter during winter, to hang out in flocks of thousands.

The first European starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*) were deliberately introduced to the United States on March 6, 1890. The thinking of Eugene Schieffelin, chairman of the American Acclimatization Society, was that any bird worthy of inclusion in Shakespeare's works deserved a place in North America. The bird

gets a quick mention in Act I of "Henry IV, Part I".

Today they flourish in every region of the world except the tropics. In fact, starlings are probably the fourth most common birds on our planet. In winter, starlings are a glossy black with satiny highlights liberally speckled with white spots. Though the dots mark the tips of starlings' new feathers all winter, they wear off as spring fades into summer, leaving the birds with a very different plumage without the need to grow a new set of feathers. They have plump bodies and short tails. This is the only blackbird with a yellow beak in spring and summer, but dark in winter.



As usual in the history of man's importation of species across oceans and continents, Schieffelin was not thinking of any long-term consequences. For the first six years after he released his birds they rarely strayed beyond Manhattan. The first nesting pair was discovered in the eaves of the Museum of Natural History, across the street from Central Park. Many years ago, visitors to the American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan were greeted by a caged starling named Sam. Often called the "poor man's myna." Starlings are excellent mimics.

By the mid-1950's they numbered more than 50 million. Schieffelin's mission had become more appropriate to a work of Hitchcock than of Shakespeare! In 1960 a Lockheed Electra plummeted seconds after taking off from Logan Airport in Boston, killing 62 people. Some 10,000 starlings had flown straight into the plane, crippling its engines.

In Washington, D.C., few creatures have inspired so much folly and failed attempts to eradicate a species. Balloons, artificial owls, exposing them to itching powder, and mechanical hawks were tried. Speakers were set up to broadcast recordings of starlings rasping out their alarm call. The birds vacated to sycamore trees on Pennsylvania Avenue!

Their strong beaks helps them gather a wide variety of foods: spiders, earthworms and insects and plants including corn and grains, berries and fruits. The starling's eye have evolved to the narrow front of its face, giving it the perfect view for ferreting. Its binocular vision combined with its open-bill probing ability means that starlings can find insects in colder climates better than other birds, thus starlings do not have to migrate to warmer climates in winter, which also means that they can take the best nesting holes during the breeding season.

Starlings breed from March to September raising three broods a year. Males use wing waving (wings flap halfway) to attract females and mate with many partners. Eggs are pale blue, 4-6 to a clutch. With plenty to eat and lots of habitat to live on - what else does a species need to survive?

In New York State, nearly all species of wildlife are protected. Starlings remain one of the few unprotected species. When starlings become over abundant, they drive out native birds and strain the balance of nature.

Despite knowing that starlings bully native birds and destroy crops and are a menace, it was still interesting to see a megaflock of these feisty birds gather, then take off in flight.

## Congresswoman Tenney's Statement on Restoring U.S. Energy Independence in the Face of Russian Aggression and Skyrocketing Prices

(From Pg. 1)

“Not only does American energy independence protect our national security, it creates high-quality American jobs and supports domestic industry production that is cleaner than energy produced elsewhere. Anti-energy policies from Democrats in Washington and Albany have hamstrung our communities, and now we are paying the dire price.

“Democrats and green activists have played right into Putin's hand. Here in upstate New York, the Utica Shale remains inaccessible due to self-defeating Democrat policies. Now, amidst the unprecedented backdrop of Vladimir Putin's unprovoked war on a sovereign nation, we can, and should, pursue safe natural gas exploration in upstate New York. In addition, the Biden Administration must restart construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and re-open federal lands to oil and gas exploration to drive down prices at the pump,” said Tenney.

Tenney supports robust legislative efforts in Congress to restore American energy independence. She is a cosponsor of the Keystone XL Pipeline Construction and Jobs Preservation Act to restart construction of the pipeline. She is also a cosponsor of the American Energy Independence From Russia Act to require the Biden Administration to submit an energy security plan evaluating energy imports posing a security risk, restart construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, and unleash U.S. liquified natural gas (LNG) exports to boost natural gas production.

Last week, Tenney joined a group of her colleagues in a letter to President Biden demanding he commit to rebuilding U.S. energy independence in his State of the Union address. And more recently, Tenney cosponsored the Prohibition on Imports of Russian Oil Act to ban Russian petroleum imports to the United States.

## UC Executive Pat Ryan Outlines New Approach to COVID-19, County Prepared to Shift from “Pandemic” to “Endemic” Response

(From Pg. 1) Pandemics are a widespread, rapid spread of disease, with exponentially rising cases over a large area. Endemic viruses, meanwhile, are constantly present and have a fairly predictable spread. That predictability allows health care systems and doctors to prepare and adapt, reducing public health risks and loss of life.

“COVID may still be a part of our lives, but we cannot let it dominate our lives. Through mask wearing, testing, and getting vaccinated, COVID-19 cases in Ulster County have declined 97% since the Omicron surge and the CDC has placed Ulster County in the 'Low' COVID-19 Community Level,” County Executive Pat Ryan said. “Ulster County will continue to offer robust testing, we will continue to encourage and provide access to vaccines and boosters, and we will vigorously monitor the

public health situation as it changes; but through our diligence we have entered a new phase of COVID-19.”

“The vaccine is really at the foundation of why we are now in an area of low transmission and our numbers have gone down progressively,” Ulster County Health Commissioner Dr. Carol Smith said. “In the background, in an endemic, the Health Department will continue to do the necessary surveillance: to watch the positive cases as they come through from laboratories, to monitor for any shifts and changes in the numbers or in terms of genomic testing and whether the DNA of the virus changing - is there a new variant? So we'll be doing our job in the background, and we may reach out again to ask you to get another booster.”

Since August 3rd, County Executive Pat Ryan has held weekly COVID Facebook briefings to update the public on COVID infection levels and countywide public health measures to keep residents healthy while keeping schools and businesses safely open. Today's update, his 146th during the pandemic, will mark the end of these weekly updates. However, the County will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation and adjust operations and public briefings as necessary. In order to maintain public awareness of COVID-19 infection levels and the County's progress in ensuring public health, Ulster County's COVID data dashboard has been expanded to include hospitalization numbers and capacity, and pediatric and booster vaccination rates - previously provided through weekly briefings. Ulster County Health Commissioner Dr. Carol Smith, who joined the County Executive at the briefing, reiterated that the County will maintain robust testing, vaccination and boosting capabilities, and continue to be vigilant in monitoring the virus, at large.

On February 10th, County Executive Ryan announced that he would not be extending the Public Health Emergency order that was originally issued in late November 2021 due to a rapid rise in positivity rates brought on by the emergence of the Omicron variant, as the active case count had drastically dropped.

The newly expanded Ulster County COVID-19 data dashboard is available online at <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/dashboard/>. Residents who need help with access can call the Ulster County Recovery Service Center (RSC) at 845-443-8888.

## Statement from Governor Hochul on Major League Baseball Season

“Major League Baseball and its related economic impacts are critical to the State of New York and to our pandemic recovery. New York is not only home to the league, but also to thousands of New Yorkers, including many in the Bronx and Queens, whose livelihoods depend on games happening at our stadiums as scheduled.

“There is nothing more powerful than when Americans are united around a common purpose. I'm heartened by how united our country has become in support of democracy and the people of Ukraine fighting for freedom against heinous attacks from Russia. I know that baseball is also a uniting force in our country, and a symbol to the world of optimism, teamwork and American values. As we continue to build back from this pandemic and help our communities recover from the pain and suffering over the past two years, New Yorkers, and all Americans, deserve the joy and hope that baseball brings us each spring. I spoke with the involved parties recently and urged them to come to the bargaining table with solutions and work toward getting the season started. Play ball.”



# Thunder Road

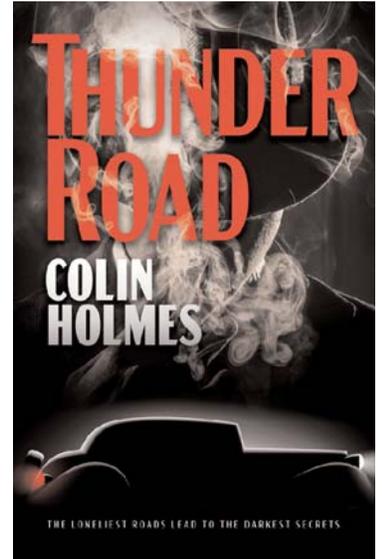
## Mysterious Book Report No. 480

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

**Thunder Road**, (CamCat Books, \$24.99, 384 pages, ISBN 978-0-7443-0497-8), the debut effort of author Colin Holmes, is a genre-jumping, rock-n-roll kick-ass, action-adventure novel that begins with some cattle rustling and a gun-fight, then roars off into a private-eye crime novel before ending with a bit of sci-fi for good measure.

It begins in 1947, on a ranch near Ft. Worth, Texas. That's where a man named Jeff Sharp gets fired from his job as a special ranger for the Fort Worth and Western Stockman's Association. He then goes for a drink

at a gambling house owned by a gangster with ties to organized crime named Doyle Denniker, where he runs into Jerry Cartwright . . . a U.S. Army Major who saved his life in Europe during World War II. Now out of work, Sharp is offered a job investigating a real estate tycoon and becomes a licensed professional private investigator. Then Major Cartwright—who owes sizeable gambling debts to Denniker—disappears, and the mobster hires Jeff to find him. The search takes Sharp from the gambling dens and hideaway poker rooms of Fort Worth's Thunder Road to the New Mexico barrens before ultimately winding up at a secret facility in the Nevada desert near the nascent gambling town of Las Vegas. Shadowy, sinister figures, obfuscation by military authorities and plenty of gangsters keep threatening Sharp's efforts to solve what becomes a more unworldly mystery with every chapter. The beleaguered new PI never gives up his dogged efforts to solve the mystery that begins in a town called Roswell and ends in the Nevada desert with a startling conclusion. This one will leave readers satisfied with the action and curious about the outcome, but looking forward to the next installment of the adventures of Jeff Sharp, Texas Private Investigator.

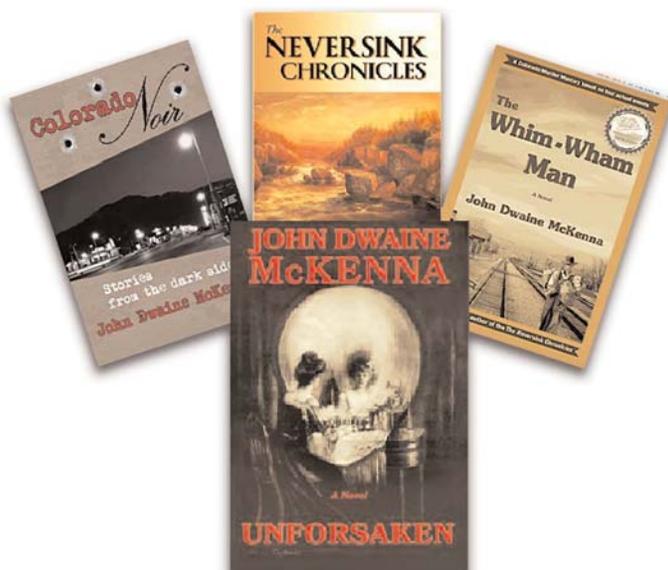


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## Spotted Lanternfly

Spotted Lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) is an invasive pest from Asia that can feed on a wide variety of plants such as grapevine, hops, maple, walnut, fruit trees and others.

Spotted Lanternfly has now spread to New York and could impact New York's forests as well as the agricultural and tourism industries. We can all help to slow its spread.

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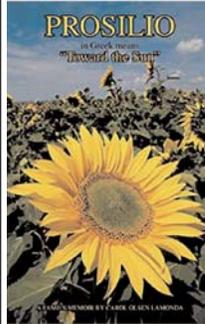
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## The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda Old Age Advice

In my soon to be seventy-eight years, I have learned a thing or two. I have also wasted a lot of time with things that really don't matter in the long run. I thought I would share some of the gems of wisdom I have learned:

Don't hold grudges. The other person probably doesn't give two hoots if you like them or not.

Never return an empty dish, Fill it with something delicious or beautiful.

Don't make snow angels in a dog park.

Remember birthdays and anniversaries. Never forget Valentine's Day. There is surely someone who needs to be reminded of your love and appreciation.

Pay off your credit card (s) each month.

Buy the best you can afford. I'd rather brag about the bargain I scored at the Thrift Shop than show off a designer item for which I overpaid. Value isn't always measured in dollars.

Make your bed and do the dinner dishes. Neither will look pleasant twelve hours from now.

Call your mother and father and listen to their stories. Some day you will wish you did.

Be honest. A lie will catch up with you and cause trouble.

Be grateful for what you have and give away what you do not need.

Compliment people. Smile and help if you can.

Leave a little something for tomorrow. It'll give you a reason to rise and shine beyond the morning cup of coffee. Speaking of coffee, always have two cups: The first is medicinal; the second is recreational.

Always remember what Thumper's Mother said, "If you can't say something nice, say nothing at all." No one can misquote or dislike silence





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## DEC Seeking Public Input on Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Striped Bass

### Comments on Proposed Management Actions to Rebuild Striped Bass Stocks Due April 15

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is seeking public input on the development of Draft Amendment 7 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Atlantic Striped Bass (PDF) through the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). The Draft Amendment proposes new options to the FMP to help rebuild the stock and significantly update the management program. DEC encourages New Yorkers to review proposed changes, participate through in-person or virtual webinar events, and provide comments to ASMFC by April 15, 2022.

"From Long Island's saltwater beaches to the rocky shores along the Hudson River, striped bass are an iconic and historic fishery for New York anglers," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "DEC is committed to working collaboratively with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and neighboring states as this plan is developed to ensure striped bass are managed sustainably using the best available science and data."

DEC is hosting two public hearings in New York's Marine and Coastal District to solicit New Yorkers' input on the development of the Draft Amendment. Meeting spaces have limited seating capacity and DEC encourages fishing clubs and organizations to send key representatives to provide public comments. Hearings are scheduled:

Wednesday, March 16, 6 to 8 p.m., DEC Division of Marine Resources, 123 Kings Park Blvd, Kings Park; and

Wednesday, March 23, 6 to 8 p.m., DEC Region 3, 21 South Putt Corners Rd., New Paltz.

In addition, audio from the hearings will be livestreamed and participants can listen to the hearings via links on DEC's website. Those joining the livestream will be limited to listening only and are encouraged to submit written comments to ASMFC. Public written comments will be accepted until April 15, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, and should be sent to Emilie Franke, FMP Coordinator, at 1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, VA 22201; 703.842.0741 (fax) or at [comments@asmfc.org](mailto:comments@asmfc.org) (Subject line: Draft Amendment 7).

ASMFC is hosting additional virtual webinar hearings during March for the public to review the proposed options and provide comments. A recording of the hearing presentation is available on ASMFC's YouTube page. For more information, visit ASMFC's website.

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### Potential CWD Import Thwarted

On Feb. 17, ECO Walraven conducted a traffic stop after observing a vehicle with a deer carcass attached to the roof. During the interview, the driver of the vehicle admitted to picking up the carcass in Pennsylvania for transport to New York



City. Officer Walraven educated the driver about Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and informed him it is prohibited to return with whole carcasses or intact heads of deer, elk, moose, or caribou from outside of New York State. ECO Walraven ticketed the driver, seized the carcass, and transported it to the regional DEC Bureau of Wildlife Office. CWD is an untreatable and fatal brain and nervous system disease found in deer, elk, and moose. For more information on CWD visit DEC's website.

### Deer Rescued from Icy Waters

While on patrol recently in Suffolk County, ECO Della Rocco heard a call on the radio about a deer that had fallen through the ice off Smith Point in the town of Mastic. Officer Della Rocco responded to the location with members of the Suffolk County Marine Bureau and Suffolk County Park Rangers. Utilizing ice rescue training, the ECO assisted Suffolk County Marine in rescuing the deer from the ice. Once back on shore, ECO Della Rocco and local wildlife rescue personnel revived the deer using blankets and a warm vehicle. The deer was brought to a wildlife rehabilitator for monitoring and released the next morning, alive and well.





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### Another Icy Situation - Sullivan County



On Feb. 16, ECO Parker, New York State Police, and local fire departments responded to an **excavator rollover** in the town of Delaware. Upon arrival, ECO Parker noticed diesel fuel leaking into a nearby creek. The Officer sent photographs of the area to DEC Spill Responders who helped to coordinate a plan of action to mitigate and address the spill. ECO Parker relayed instructions to the local towing company. The company quickly righted the excavator, which stopped the spill, and DEC oversaw the cleanup of the remaining fuel with absorbents.

## Hooray, it's March!

Before we know it, we'll have longer and warmer days. One thing we know for sure is that March can be fickle- springlike one day, winter-like the next. I can't think of a better way to bid winter adieu than to spend some time in our Sullivan Catskills where you can weather the transition in comfortable surroundings.

Our hoteliers will be happy to host you for a day, a weekend, or more. All you need to do is decide whether you want to be waited on hand and foot, serve yourself or a little of both. Choose from our fine selection of full-service resorts, vacation rentals, quaint inns and lodges or B&Bs. Need a few ideas? Check these specials:

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Ladies: Yo! Health Resort is offering a discount on their Girlfriend's Getaway Package. Take a well-deserved retreat and regain your health and happiness with this all-inclusive package including a massage, yoga, workshops, wine, and meals.

Wine dinners are back at The DeBruce. Make a reservation now for the next one on March 20. Sunday room package includes tasting menu, pairing and breakfast. Reservations required.

For more options, have a look at all the accommodations available here.

<https://sullivancatskills.com/sc-stay/>

No matter the season, there's always plenty to do. Start your visit off with a trip to see our friends at Cabernet Frank's in Parksville where you can warm up your vocal cords and have a blast doing it with Cab'roake this Thursday from 7:30 pm -10:30 pm. Then on Saturday evening head over to Rafter's Tavern in Callicoon and hear the sounds of the River Ramblers starting at 7:00 pm. From there you can head over to the DoubleTop bar at Resorts World Catskills at 11:00 pm where DJ Justin will be spinning the dance tunes.

You'll love our food and drink. Our chefs, bakers, vintners, distillers, brewers, and cider makers will satisfy any appetite. The Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail is award-winning and thirst-quenching and the food is oh so Catskill-icious.

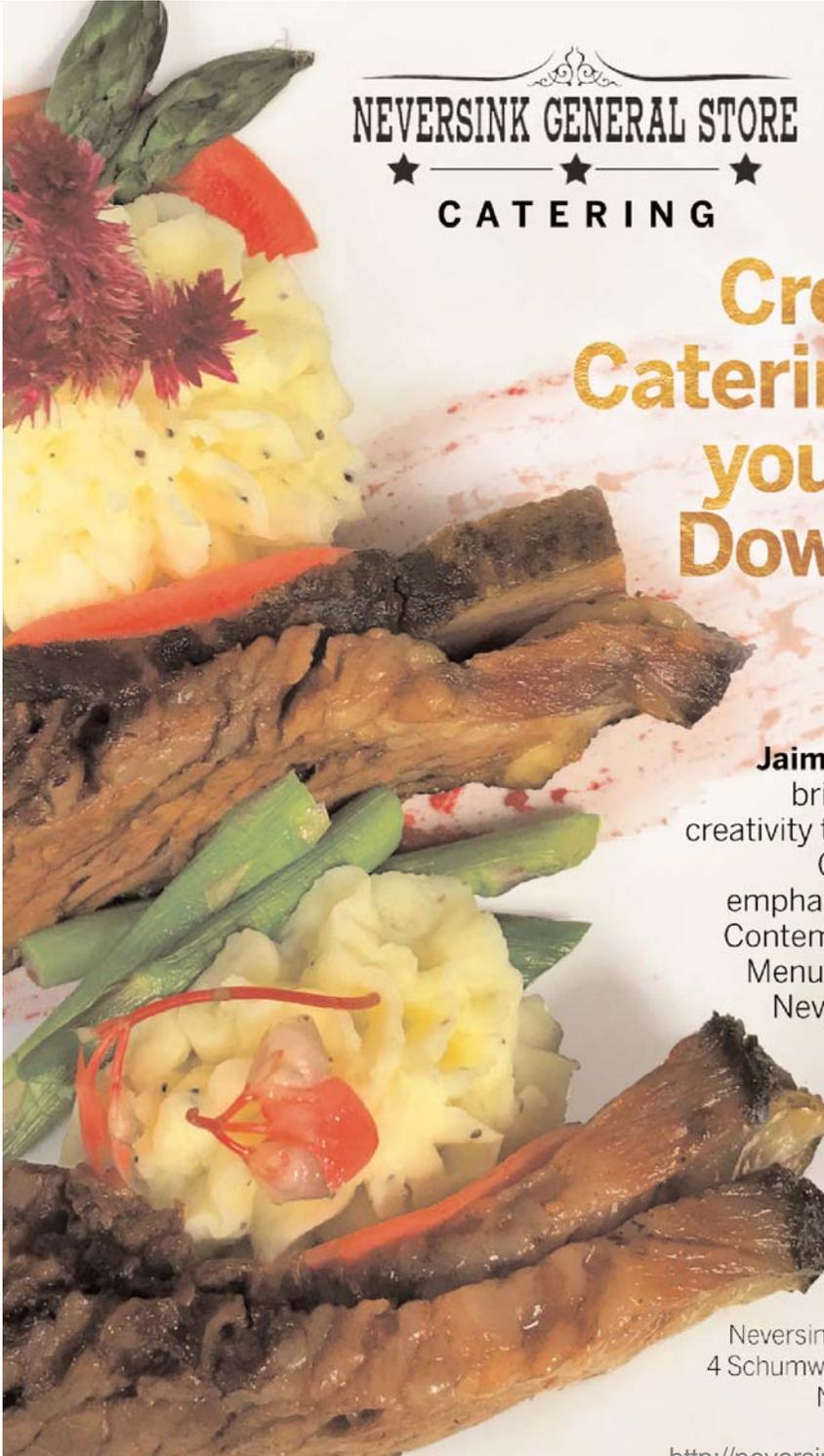
Adventure seekers, we have lots of hiking trails for you to explore. They say Virginia is for Lovers. But here, the Sullivan Catskills is for Doves! The Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail is our collection of 60 hand-painted doves celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair. Go see if you can find them all! Here's a little help.

Make sure you save time on your visit to explore our shopkeepers. They have the goods and the goodies for you to take home. Want more ideas? Check SullivanCatskills.com, Instagram, Facebook and TikTok feeds, too, for the most up-to-date happenings!

Our Governor recently relaxed State mask mandates. But keep in mind, some proprietors may still ask you to wear a mask as part of our Catskills Confidence program to help keep us all safe, and healthy.

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## **Almost Heaven - Songs of John Denver Revealed as Fourth Show of the Season at Shadowland Stages**

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**ALMOST HEAVEN -SONGS OF JOHN DENVER** Songs by John Denver and others; Orchestrations and Vocal Arrangements by Jeff Waxman; Original Concept by Harold Thau; Directed and Music Directed by Chris Blisset. August 12th - September 11th

This August, SHADOWLAND shows audiences a foot-stompin' great time as a talented cast reminds us about all the great songs of John Denver in the musical ALMOST HEAVEN.

ALMOST HEAVEN is a musical tribute and intimate celebration of John Denver's life and career, told through his numerous hit songs - including "Rocky Mountain High," "Sunshine on My Shoulders," "Annie's Song," "Leaving on a Jet Plane," "Calypso" and more. This musical revue creates a uniquely theatrical narrative celebrating a true American troubadour, and chronicling his impact as both storyteller and activist.

ALMOST HEAVEN is the fourth show we're revealing, and we couldn't be more excited to share this wonderful musical with you - we can't wait! And in case you missed it, you can read more about our three previously revealed shows (AIRNESS, IN THE CONTINUUM and THE CROSSWORD PLAY) by clicking here [https://shadowlandstages.org/main-stage-season/?mc\\_cid=9d3f6e4f36&mc\\_eid=138a9b9d06](https://shadowlandstages.org/main-stage-season/?mc_cid=9d3f6e4f36&mc_eid=138a9b9d06)

## The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

No column this week. See you next week.

### **CONSUMER ALERT:** **Attorney General James Warns Consumers Impacted by T-Mobile Data Breach of Potential Identity Theft** *AG James Urges Current, Former, and Prospective T-Mobile Customers to Stay Vigilant and Take Action to Prevent Identity Theft*

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today provided guidance to consumers who may have been impacted by a 2021 T-Mobile data breach, following reports that the stolen information was put for sale on the dark web. Alongside a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general, Attorney General James advised all New York residents who believe they were impacted by the data breach to take appropriate steps to protect their information from identity theft. This comes after several individuals received alerts that their information was circulating online following the August 2021 data breach.

"I have an urgent message for T-Mobile customers and other consumers: Be aware of any misuse of your personal information and follow the guidance provided by my office to protect yourself from identity theft," said Attorney General James. "Information stolen in a massive data breach has fallen into the wrong hands and is circulating on the dark web. The guidance offered by my office can help prevent identity theft. I advise all New Yorkers to maintain their financial safety by following the guidance my office has laid out. No consumer should have to deal with the devastating realities of identity theft."

In August 2021, T-Mobile reported a massive data breach compromising the sensitive personal information of millions of current, former, and prospective T-Mobile customers. The breach impacted more than 53 million individuals, including more than 4 million New Yorkers. Among other categories of impacted information, millions had their names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and driver's license information compromised.

Recently, a large subset of the information compromised in the breach was discovered for sale on the dark web - a hidden portion of the Internet where cyber criminals buy, sell, and track personal information. Many individuals received alerts through various identity theft protection services informing them that their information was found online in connection with the breach, confirming that impacted individuals are at heightened risk for identity theft.

Attorney General James urges anyone who believes they were impacted by the T-Mobile breach to take the following steps to protect themselves:

- o Monitor your credit. Credit monitoring services track your credit report and alert you whenever a change is made, such as a new account or a large purchase. Most services will notify you within 24 hours of any change to your credit report.
- o Consider placing a free credit freeze on your credit report. Identity thieves will not be able to open a new credit account in your name while the freeze is in place. You can place a credit freeze by contacting each of the three major credit bureaus:

- o Equifax | <https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze>  
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- o Experian | <https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html>  
+1 (888) 397-3742
- o TransUnion | <https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze>  
+1 (800) 680-7289
- o Place a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert tells lenders and creditors to take extra steps to verify your identity before issuing credit. You can place a fraud alert by contacting any one of the three major credit bureaus.
- o Additional Resources. If you believe you are a victim of identity theft, go to [identitytheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov) for assistance on how to report it and recover from it - or contact our office for help by completing and submitting a complaint with the Bureau of Internet and Technology or by calling (800) 771-7755.

### **Gillibrand, NYC CTO Fraser, NYPD Deputy Commissioner Miller, Comptroller Lander Urge New Yorkers to Protect Themselves from Russian Cyber Attacks** **Officials Provide Guidance On Cyber Safety For New York Residents And Businesses**

New York, NY - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined NYC Chief Technology Officer Matthew Fraser, NYPD Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence and Counterterrorism John Miller and NYC Comptroller Brad Lander at a press conference where the officials provided guidance to New Yorkers on how to protect themselves from potential Russian cyber attacks. The officials outlined the 3 'S'es of Cyber Safety, which will help New Yorkers protect themselves during this time of increased threat. Please visit Senator Gillibrand's website for additional resources on cybersecurity.

Given New York's role as the economic engine and financial center of the United States, New Yorkers face an increased risk of cyber attacks from Russia, which officials have warned may seek to retaliate for the crushing sanctions imposed on it by the U.S. and its allies.

"Following the sanctions that the U.S. and our allies have levied on Russia, there is an increased risk that Russia will carry out retaliatory cyber attacks, particularly against New York State infrastructure and individuals," said Senator Gillibrand. "We must act quickly to strengthen our cyber defenses to counter any unwarranted Russian aggression. I urge New York residents to practice proper cyber safety: secure your accounts, update software and stay vigilant. That is the best way to defend against cyber attacks.

"In our investigations we learn the same lesson over and over," said Deputy Commissioner John Miller. "More than what you use for virus protection, more than who you use as your internet provider, what you do to protect yourself with good internet hygiene and practices will make the real difference in the security of your system at home or at work."

"New Yorkers stand with Ukrainians fleeing from Russia's invasion and New York's vibrant Ukrainian population," said Comptroller Brad Lander. "In the 21st century, so much of our daily lives and critical infrastructure are connected to technology and we need to be prepared for online threats to our financial and public safety. (Contd. Pg. 12)

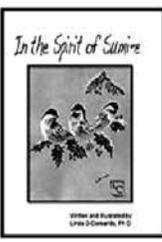


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## Gillibrand, NYC CTO Fraser, NYPD Deputy Commissioner Miller, Comptroller Lander Urge New Yorkers to Protect Themselves from Russian Cyber Attacks

(From Pg. 11) New York must take action now individually and collectively to guard against cyberattacks that seek to gain access to our financial and personal information and shore up our public infrastructure against disruptive attacks.”

“As the U.S. capital of finance, media, and culture, New York City requires a unified, comprehensive defense against constant cyber threats to critical infrastructure and essential services,” said Chief Technology Officer Matthew Fraser. “This was true before this period of heightened sensitivity and it's especially true now. In this historic hour of peril and uncertainty, I am proud to partner with Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a staunch advocate for public and private cyber defense on the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. I look forward to working with Senator Gillibrand closely in the future to protect New Yorkers from the destabilizing impacts of cyberattacks.”

The 3 'S'es of Cyber Safety are:

### 1. SECURE YOUR ACCOUNTS

- o Use a strong password. ("password" is not a strong password.)
- o Use a different password for each account.
- o Turn on two-factor authentication. This security feature requires you to enter a login code sent by text message or generated by an app. So even if hackers steal your password, they won't be able to log in without that code!
- o Don't forget social media! Protecting your banking, retirement, investment, and work accounts is important, but don't forget to protect your social media accounts too! Hacked accounts are used to send spam, scam your friends and family, and spread disinformation for foreign governments.

### 2. SOFTWARE UPDATES

- o Update your devices ASAP
- o Accept updates for your devices, software, and apps as soon as they are available to make sure you have the latest security updates installed.

### 3. STAY VIGILANT

- o Be vigilant, be suspicious
- o Most cyber attackers don't hack into your accounts - they try to trick you into letting them in. Be suspicious of emails and DMs like those that ask you to click links, promise free stuff, or make urgent demands or threats.

Gillibrand has been at the forefront of pushing for more cybersecurity resources. Last week, Gillibrand and Majority Leader Schumer called for the Fiscal Year 2022 funding package to include a significant increase in cybersecurity funding for the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) program, which is located in Rensselaer County and is a partnership-based approach to building cybersecurity resilience and coordination between federal, state and local entities.

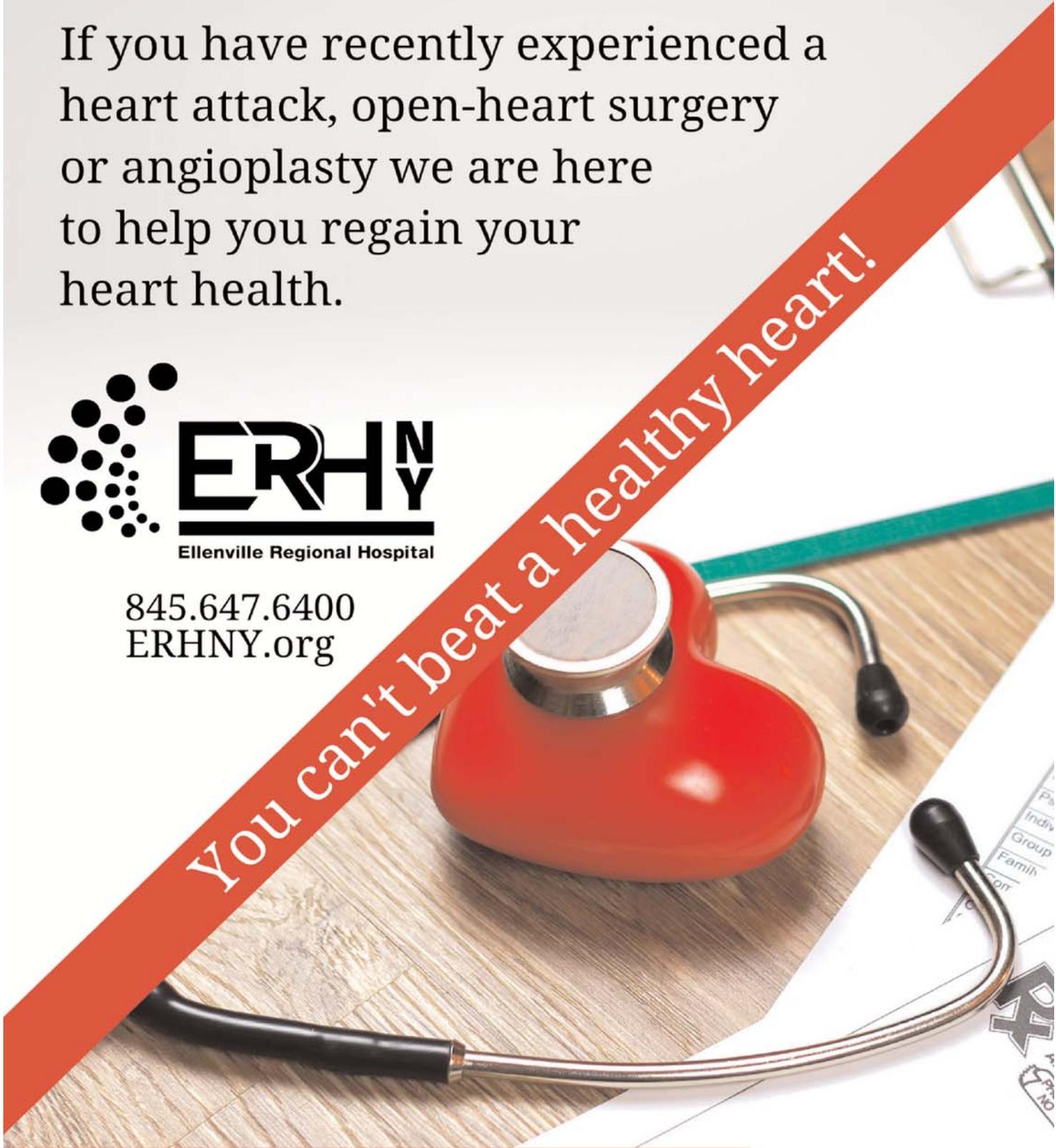
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## SC Chamber of Commerce Announces Enhancements to their Vision and Mission Launches New Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiative

Monticello, NY - We are thrilled to unveil the next evolution of business support and advocacy as we integrate the best methodologies, partnerships, analytics, and industry expertise into a unified vision under an enhanced mission. Effective February 14, 2022, the Chamber officially adopted our vision, "to be the uniting force for business in Sullivan County" enhancing our mission to be your partner for success by "uniting a culture of commerce" in our diverse county.

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce has strived to grow its county and regional business ecosystem by strategically aligning a variety of efforts to provide financial, social and human resources to foster business success in innovative and creative ways. "Through a series of strategic planning sessions and recovery solution meetings, we wanted our mission and vision to better represent our partnership for success tagline to include the diversity of cultures that make up our business communities." Jaime Schmeiser, President and CEO.

As part of the new transformation, we are also launching an exciting new program of work that will be more inclusive of our diverse membership. SCCC will be surveying and meeting with a variety of businesses within our county to provide new training, education, resources and networking opportunities in different formats and languages as needed, to assure provision of resources to all businesses regardless of language or cultural designations.

Providing new accessibility will now leverage SCCC's resources to empower all businesses with access to knowledge and opportunities for collaboration.

What's Next: Members, current and future, will be able to take advantage of these resources. We will be rolling out a coordinated approach between now and June to conduct surveys and round table discussions to provide our business community a unified voice, equitable and inclusive access to resources and their best investment in their business.

## Sullivan 180 Welcomes Dr. Robert Dufour to its Board of Directors

[FERNDALE] - Sullivan 180 recently announced the appointment of Dr. Robert M. Dufour Ed. D to its Board of Directors. Dr. Dufour is the District Superintendent/CEO of Sullivan BOCES. He has a strong commitment to academic excellence and is dedicated to providing positive educational experiences for the residents and school districts of Sullivan County. Before BOCES, he served as the superintendent of schools at the Eldred Central School District, which he held for seven years.

Bob holds a Bachelor's Degree from St. John's University, a Master's of Education and Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from SUNY New Paltz. He completed his doctorate in Administration and Leadership Studies at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Dufour strives to make a positive impact on the lives of Sullivan County residents by creating and partnering with organizations to provide educational opportunities to train individuals for the workforce and build the economy of the County.

"We are so pleased to welcome Dr. Dufour to the Board of Directors! He is a consummate educator and his leadership in Sullivan County has been of great assistance to us. I'm certain that his membership on the Board will help advance our mission!" said Jay Quaintance, chair of Sullivan 180's Board of Directors and president of SUNY Sullivan.

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

## Assemblymember Cahill and PULP Applaud PSC Investigation into Central Hudson

(Kingston, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) and the Public Utility Law Project (PULP) have been calling for the PSC to open an investigation into electric and gas utility provider Central Hudson/Fortis over executive level decisions made during Winter Storm Landon as well as ongoing billing issues that began in Summer 2021. Today, the Public Service Commission announced it will open that investigation (see Case No. 22-00497).

"Some of the decisions by Fortis/Central Hudson leading up to and immediately following Winter Storm Landon have been called into question, including precisely when they requested assistance from mutual aid partners, what conditions made the outages so localized in Ulster County, supply shortages and the breadth of unexpected financial costs associated with the extended outage. It is also long past the time when the utility should answer questions about the chaotic billing practices the company has foisted on Hudson Valley residents," said Cahill.

Winter Storm Landon struck the Hudson Valley on Thursday February 3, 2022 and continued to precipitate until Saturday February 5, leaving over an inch of solid ice on every surface. The weight of the ice caused many tree limbs to break, falling on power lines and cascading outages throughout the area. Power was lost for 1,700 Dutchess County customers, 21 Greene County customers, 15 Orange County customers and 29,700 Ulster County customers.

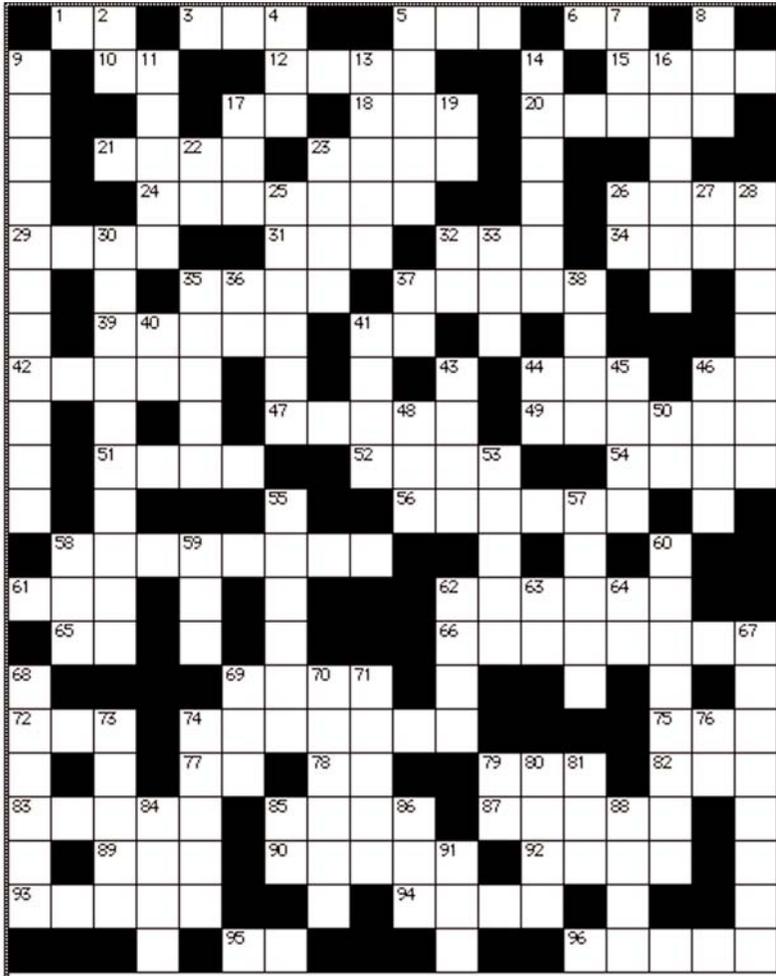
"Winter Storm Landon left some Central Hudson customers without heat, electric or hot water in freezing temperatures for upwards of 72 hours. While line workers moved as quickly as possible to restore service, there are several unanswered questions about how Central Hudson's executive level decision-making affected storm preparation and response efforts," said Richard Berkley, Executive Director of the Public Utility Law Project ("PULP"). "We applaud the Assemblymember's efforts to push for an investigation into the Company's actions and look forward to the Commission's findings."

Following the replacement of their outdated billing and information software in September 2021, consumers have regularly received inconsistent and often outrageously high charges on their accounts. Although the company claims to be working to reconcile individual charges and fix the program errors that caused this erratic billing almost a half year after the issue was identified, it remains.

"The lack of clear communication or justification by Fortis/Central Hudson for this outrageous rate increase has eroded the public's faith in their utility provider," continued the Assemblymember. "Since the ice storm landed last month, More people have contacted my office than any other single concern, with issues regarding Fortis/Central Hudson billing, ranging from those who have not had their meter read in months, to those who have not received a bill in almost half a year, to Seniors being charged 500 percent more than the previous month for no apparent reason. In addition to thoroughly destroying the budgets of families, vulnerable Seniors and others in our community, this mismanagement has led to widespread confusion. It requires answers from the company. I will continue to work with the Public Service Commission to offer any information I can."

Those having issues with Central Hudson regarding their billing should call the office of Assemblymember Cahill at 845-338-9610 and file a complaint with the Public Service Commission at their hotline 1-800-342-3377.

It's About Time!- L. Comando



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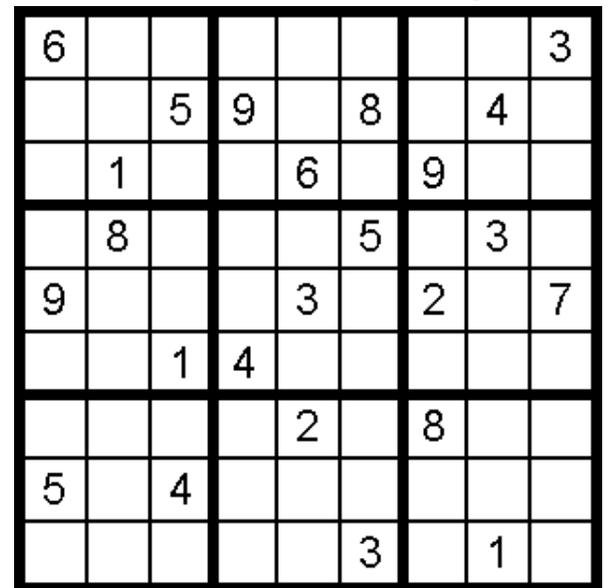
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**Impossibly Easy Italian Chicken Pie**

- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 cups cut-up cooked chicken
- 1 1/4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
- 1/2 cup Original Bisquick™ mix
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 eggs

Heat oven to 400°F. Grease 9-inch pie plate. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese in pie plate. Mix chicken, 1/2 cup of the mozzarella cheese, the oregano, basil, garlic powder and tomato paste; spoon over Parmesan cheese. Stir Bisquick mix, milk, pepper and eggs until blended. Pour over chicken mixture.  
o Bake 35 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining mozzarella cheese. Bake 5 to 8 minutes or longer or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes.

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Answer on page 23

To play SUDOKO online: <https://sudoku.com>

Cryptogram

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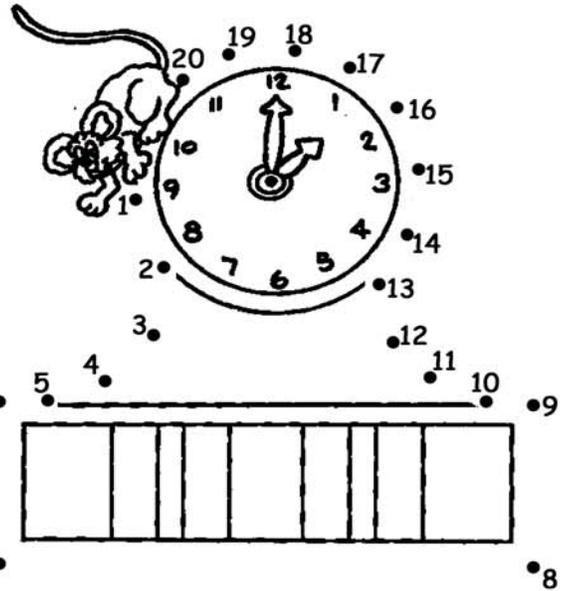
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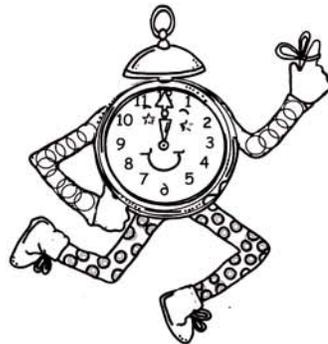
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Follow the dots to help the mouse set the correct time.



Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead this weekend.



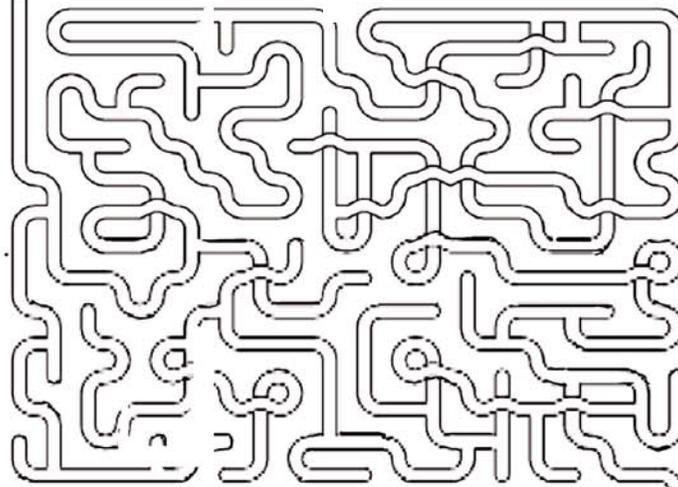
The twin clocks want to remind you to turn the clock ahead this weekend. What are the differences between the two pictures?

**WORDSEARCH**

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Can you get through the maze to help Joe turn the clock ahead?

Start ↓



Cryptogram Key

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## Governor Hochul Highlights Available Programs to Help NY'ers Manage Rising Energy Costs

*Options Available to Maximize Energy Efficiency, Affordability, and Comfort Follows Call for Utilities to Enhance Consumer Awareness of Impact on Energy Bills*

*Home Energy Assistance Program Aid Available for Homeowners and Renters*

Governor Kathy Hochul today reminded New Yorkers of programs and options available to address rising energy supply costs. Families and businesses alike can take advantage of programs to adopt energy efficiency and electrification solutions for homes and buildings, which will make them more comfortable and help manage energy costs over time. Earlier this week, the Governor announced the Department of Public Service issued letters to all of New York's major electric and gas utilities requiring them to increase their outreach and education efforts regarding the impact on energy bills from surging energy supply prices. She also launched an enhanced statewide campaign to educate New Yorkers about the available programs low-income customers can tap into to access millions in aid.

"My administration is working closely with partners throughout the state to ensure we have a coordinated effort in helping families and businesses address rising energy costs," Governor Hochul said. "I encourage all New Yorkers to take advantage of the various programs available to help manage these rising costs, as well as ensure that best practices are being followed to reduce energy consumption."

The costs of natural gas, heating oil and propane continue to rise sharply resulting in increases in utility and heating bills, with international geopolitical influences putting additional pressure on the price of oil and gas. As energy prices rise during the winter months, some steps New Yorkers can take to protect against higher energy costs are:

Apply for HEAP. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can provide up to \$751 to eligible homeowners and renters depending on income, household size and how they heat their home. Administered by the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, applications for HEAP 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](#). To qualify for benefits, a family of four may have a maximum gross monthly income of \$5,249, or an annual gross income of \$62,983.

New York State is also providing \$250 million in additional federal funding to help low-income households pay heating utility arrears up to \$10,000 per household. Additionally, \$58 million in emergency HEAP funding remains available to help low- and middle-income New Yorkers avoid having their home heating dis-

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Dear Valued Customer:

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Marc Hurwitz  
Brenner Income Tax Centers

157 Main St., Grahamsville, NY  
(845) 985-7411

connected or their heating source exhausted amid fuel price increases this winter.

For low-income households facing no-heat situations due to non-working heating equipment, OTDA is also accepting applications for its heating equipment repair or replacement benefit. Eligible homeowners can apply for up to \$3,000 for repairs or \$6,500 for replacement of a furnace, boiler or other direct heating equipment necessary to keep the household's primary heating source working. Additionally, eligible households can receive energy efficiency services, which include the cleaning of primary heating equipment to allow for safe and efficient operation. Interested households can apply with their local HEAP contact.

Take immediate action to be more energy efficient. There are many simple steps consumers can take at home, such as lowering the thermostat by a few degrees, using curtains to help keep heat in, and adding weather stripping to windows and doors, all of which are no or low-cost to the consumer. NYSERDA offers energy saving tips for residents and homeowners as well as businesses that can be implemented to lower energy usage. NYSERDA also offers a range of home energy efficiency programs that can help save energy and reduce costs over the long-term. Income-eligible customers may qualify for reduced cost or free energy upgrades to their homes through EmPower New York and Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® programs. Homeowners should also check with their local gas and electric utility companies to access discounted products and services that can help them lower their energy costs all year long.

Receive a customized list of energy-related assistance in the State. New York Energy Advisor can help homeowners, renters, and property managers locate programs that help them spend less on energy and create healthier and more comfortable spaces. With the New York Energy Advisor, consumers answer a few simple questions and are connected with energy-saving offers in New York State. Sponsored by NYSERDA and utilities, qualified New Yorkers can get help paying utility bills, receive special offers on heating assistance, and more. (Contd. Pg. 19)

**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES****ATTENTION:****PARENTS OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The Tri-Valley Central School District in accordance with Section 3635(2) of the Education Law requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2022-2023 school year be submitted, in writing, prior to April 1, 2022.

Tri-Valley residents should submit their requests to:

District Clerk  
Tri-Valley Central School District  
34 Moore Hill Road  
Grahamsville, New York 12740  
By Order of the Board of Education.

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3/10; 3/17  
District Clerk

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## Fallsburg CSD Board of Education

**March 16, 2022**

**April 12, 2022**  
**(Tuesday: BOCES vote)**

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**Signature required**

## Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

**March 8, 2022**

Tri-Valley CSD Board of Education  
anticipates a proposed Executive Session  
for personnel

Meeting opening 5:30 p.m.  
Secondary School Library Upper Level  
Anticipated Proposed Executive Session  
5:30 p.m.  
Secondary School Library Upper Level

**Thursday, March 17, 2022**

Meeting Opening Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.  
Secondary School Library Lower Level,  
Anticipated Proposed Executive Session  
6:00 p.m.  
Secondary School Library Upper Level  
Regular Meeting #18 resumes approximately  
7:00 p.m.  
Secondary School Library Lower Level

## Governor Hochul Highlights Available Programs to Help NY'ers Manage Rising Energy Costs

(From Pg. 17) Sign up for community solar. Community Solar allows New Yorkers, including renters, co-op/condo owners, and businesses, to save money every month on their electric bills. Consumers can subscribe to a community solar project where available and start receiving credits on their electric bill for the clean energy produced by a solar farm. Find more information on how to sign up for community solar on NYSERDA's website.

Get a free energy audit. Homeowners across New York are eligible for a free home energy assessment through NYSERDA's Residential Energy Audit Program. Home energy assessments are available both in-person and using remote technologies. Trained and qualified contractors who provide energy assessment services can help homeowners decide which energy improvements are worth investing in, install the improvements, and assist in connecting homeowners with NYSERDA's low-interest financing programs.

Reduce your business or buildings energy costs. Community Energy Advisors across New York State can help residents, businesses and multifamily building owners reduce their energy use and costs.

Join a Clean Heating and Cooling Campaign. Participating in a campaign eases the process of replacing a community member's current heating or cooling system with clean heating or cooling technology by connecting members with pre-qualified contractors and outlining potential incentives, tax breaks, financing, and payment options. Experienced contractors can give a home or business owner a holistic assessment to determine if their home or business space will also benefit from weatherproofing upgrades that can further increase comfort and reduce energy bills. Visit NYSERDA's website to see if your community is participating in a Clean Heating and Cooling Campaign.

Know your rights and protections. The New York State Home Energy Fair Practices Act (HEFPA) has comprehensive protections for residential customers regarding their utility services. These rights include the option to pay bills in installments, a cap on late fees, sufficient notice prior to shut-off of services, and protections for those on a fixed income or with medical conditions. Learn about these from the Department of Public Service at AskPSC.

Consider bill payment options. When getting in touch with your utility provider, inquire about billing options that allow for deferred payments or "budget billing" options that even out bills that are higher in one season and lower in another. This can structure your payments and make it easier to navigate costs.

Better understand the energy management of your building. Put Energy to Work for businesses provides a deeper understanding of tools and programs that help in energy management for commercial and industrial buildings and includes resources that can increase profitability, create a competitive advantage, and achieve greater resiliency.

Visit NYSERDA for more information about the programs, funding and technical assistance available to assist homeowners, renters and businesses manage their energy needs.

### New York State's Nation-Leading Climate Plan

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 even as New York State recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. Enacted into law through the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act), 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. The Climate Act will ensure 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.

## Governor Hochul Announces Actions to Strengthen Dept of Financial Services Enforcement of Sanctions Against Russia –Measures Include Expedited Procurement of Blockchain Analytics Tools

Governor Kathy Hochul announced actions to strengthen the Department of Financial Services' enforcement of sanctions against Russia, including the expedited procurement of additional blockchain analytics technology. These tools will bolster the Department of Financial Services ability to detect exposure among DFS-licensed virtual currency businesses to Russian individuals, banks and other entities that the Biden Administration has sanctioned. As part of DFS's work to become a leading, data-driven regulator of the global financial services sector, the Department has been assessing a number of technology tools and service providers to augment current supervisory capabilities. Accelerating the procurement process is a critical step to strengthen the Department's ability to enforce anti-money laundering and Bank Secrecy Act laws in this immediate crisis and beyond.

"Like millions across the globe, New Yorkers are watching the situation in Ukraine with fear and outrage, and in response we are taking further action," Governor Hochul said. "We stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Ukraine and will continue to do our part to enforce U.S. sanctions against Russia in response to their unwarranted attack. New York is proudly home to the nation's largest Ukrainian population and we will use our technological assets to protect our people and show Russia that we will hold them accountable."

Superintendent of Financial Services Adrienne A. Harris said, "We know that bad actors will try to evade sanctions through the transmission of virtual currency, which is why it is imperative that we have the ability to monitor transactions and exposure in real-time. We continue to coordinate closely with federal and other state regulators and communicate with our regulated entities to ensure the full weight of our regulatory regime is brought to bear in the fight to protect Ukraine."

Leveraging purpose-built technologies and service providers for virtual currency protects the financial system from illicit activity including money laundering, terrorist financing and ransomware activity.

This action follows Governor Hochul's Executive Order directing all New York State agencies and authorities to review and divest public funds from Russia following Russia's unjustified and unprovoked attack on Ukraine. The Governor has also pledged to work with the Biden Administration to support refugees of the crisis and welcome them to the state, and has condemned the Russian acts of unjustified violence to the Ukrainian people.

## **UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces Funding Available for Non-Profits and Veterans' Service Organizations**

### **\$1.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds are now available to local non-profit and veterans' service organizations to aid in pandemic recovery**

*The Non-Profit Recovery and Resilience Grant program is being administered by the Ulster County Recovery and Resilience Division*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan is pleased to announce that \$1.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds is now available to aid local non-profit and veterans' service organizations in recovering from the COVID-19 public health crisis. The Non-Profit Recovery and Resilience Grant program is being administered by the Ulster County Recovery and Resilience Division.

"Ulster County is committed to using our federal dollars to invest the funds in ways that will create lasting, generational impacts, which include funding aid to non-profits and others," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "Providing direct support to our essential nonprofits who served and continue to serve our young people, seniors, and veterans is essential to growing an economy that serves all residents. I want to thank our partners in the Legislature as we do the work of disbursing these ARPA funds to make generational investments and continue our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic."

#### **Eligible Applicants and Funding**

Eligible 501(c)3 non-profits and 501(c)19 veterans' service organizations have the opportunity to apply for funding to aid in offsetting the disproportionate negative economic effects and increased community needs of the pandemic. Funding is available for proposals of \$5,000 or more, and less than \$50,000. No local match is required.

#### **Application Process**

Applicant organizations that meet the eligibility criteria must complete and submit applications by 3:00PM on May 6, 2022. The application process includes an online submission form and must be signed by an authorized signatory for the organization, such as the Executive Director or Chief Executive Officer. All awardees will enter into a contract with Ulster County and will be expected to expend all funds within a year. Awardees will be required to provide quarterly reports on the use and expenditure of funds.

Detailed application guidance and forms can be found online at <https://ulstercountyny.gov/arp/projects>.

All applicants are encouraged to attend one of the two information sessions being held on Friday, March 11 at 1:30pm and Thursday, March 24 at 6:00pm via Zoom. To register, go to <https://ulstercountyny.gov/arp/projects>. Additional questions can be directed to [arp@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:arp@co.ulster.ny.us).

Last year, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan outlined his vision for a "People-Centered Economic Recovery" in an address to the Ulster County Legislature. His plans called for the use of part of the \$34.49 million in federal relief funds

from the American Rescue Plan to aid small businesses, mental health services, housing, and other priorities. Just last month, Ulster County announced it is acquiring the former Elizabeth Manor boarding house at 21 Elizabeth Street in Kingston, and will add much-needed emergency housing capability for Ulster County's most vulnerable residents and families.

## **As Food Prices Rise, Families Continue To Depend on WIC To Put Food On The Table; Proposed Rule Increase Access to Healthy Food For Low-Income Women and Children**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Representative Don Young (R-AK-At Large), and Representative Gwen Moore (D-WI-4) led 112 of their Senate and House colleagues in writing a bipartisan, bicameral letter urging U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack to take swift action to issue the proposed rule, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children: Revisions in the WIC Food Packages. WIC is one of the most successful federally funded nutrition programs in the country, improving dietary and health outcomes for roughly 6 million pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5. The letter also urges the Secretary to ensure that the proposed rule revise the WIC food packages to align with dietary recommendations from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) by allowing beneficiaries to purchase more fruits, vegetables, and lower-mercury seafood and imposing stronger standards for whole grains, sugar content, calcium, and protein.

"Providing healthier food options in WIC food packages has been shown to reduce childhood obesity and enhance other long-term health outcomes," said Senator Gillibrand. "As food prices skyrocket nationwide, it is more important than ever to ensure that low-income families can afford to put nutritious food on the table. I urge Secretary Vilsack to expeditiously issue revised WIC food package guidelines in keeping with federal dietary recommendations. This ruling has been delayed for far too long and it is imperative that we give WIC participants the resources they need to maximize their WIC dollars."

Senator Gillibrand has long been an advocate for comprehensive WIC benefits. This letter follows up on her request to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack in March of 2021 to review and increase the value of the WIC food packages. Last year, Gillibrand introduced the bipartisan More Options to Develop and Enhance Remote Nutrition in WIC Act (MODERN WIC) to make WIC more accessible to low-income families and help ensure more applicants receive needed benefits by allowing them to certify and recertify for WIC services remotely. She also introduced the WIC Healthy Beginnings Act, which would promote competition and quality for infant formula manufacturers by creating an online database to centralize state solicitations. At the height of the pandemic, Senator Gillibrand successfully led a push for \$6 billion in funding for WIC and fought for the inclusion of an emergency increase in the WIC Cash-Value Benefit in the American Rescue Plan, which more than doubled benefits for participating women and children

# Taking Their Water for Our City: Archaeology of New York City's Watershed Communities

## *VIRTUAL PRESENTATION*

### *Sunday, March 20, 2 p.m.*

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] Join Dr. April M. Beisaw, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Vassar College on Sunday, March 20th at 2 p.m. virtually on ZOOM to explore NYC's Water System and its impact on local residents.

New York City has clean water because it comes from pure and rural mountains. However, there is nothing natural about New York City's water. To create the water system, thousands of people lost homes and businesses, and had to sue the City for compensation.



Join Dr. Beisaw and learn about her research and exploration over the last nine years with her Vassar College students hiking portions of the city-owned watershed to document the ruins of lives cut short by a distant city. In what was left behind, researchers can begin to estimate the price that rural people paid for providing clean water to City residents.

Admission to the program: Members are free, and non-members: \$5. Non-members can make a donation on the Museum's website: [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org) before registering. Registration is required. To register and receive a program link, please email [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) and put Water System Talk in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700.

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is currently open by appointment and during programs. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

#### **Museum exhibitions are interactive and both fun and educational for all ages:**

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.
- o New! One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room an exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

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Ans to last week's Crossword



## Governor Hochul on Department of Homeland Security Providing Temporary Protected Status to Ukrainian Nationals Present in the US

"Russia's unjustified and unprovoked attack on the sovereign and democratic country of Ukraine has led to human rights abuses, senseless violence against innocent civilians and an unprecedented humanitarian crisis that has created more than one million refugees in only a week.

"New York State is home to the largest Ukrainian community in the country, and I applaud the Biden Administration and Secretary Mayorkas for protecting Ukrainian nationals present in the United States from returning to a war zone.

"As I've said before, with the Statue of Liberty standing tall in our harbor, New York stands ready to open our arms and provide a safe haven to all Ukrainians."

## U.S. offers temporary legal status to Ukrainians, citing Russian attack

The Biden administration on Thursday offered tens of thousands of Ukrainians living in the U.S. a temporary humanitarian protection from deportation due to the ongoing Russian military offensive in Ukraine.

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas created an 18-month Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program for Ukrainians who have lived in the U.S. since March 1, allowing eligible people to apply for work permits and deportation protections.

"Russia's premeditated and unprovoked attack on Ukraine has resulted in an ongoing war, senseless violence, and Ukrainians forced to seek refuge in other countries," Mayorkas said in a statement. "In these extraordinary times, we will continue to offer our support and protection to Ukrainian nationals in the United States."

## Congresswoman Tenney, Bipartisan Group of Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Sanction Members of the Russian Duma

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) joined a bipartisan group of her colleagues in introducing legislation to impose sanctions on members of the Russian Duma (legislature) who voted in favor of Russia's illegal recognition of the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in southeastern Ukraine as independent states.

In an act of political theater, Vladimir Putin, on the advice of oligarchs and government cronies, announced his intent to illegally recognize the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk and Luhansk as independent states. This action represents a blatant violation of international law, the Minsk Accords, and most importantly, Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Ukraine's very existence is under an existential threat, and the United States, as well as our allies and partners from across the world, must stand up to the Kremlin's malfeasance.

"This legislation sends a clear signal to the Russian government that any individual who supports Vladimir Putin's ambitions to further occupy the sovereign territory of Ukraine will face consequences and be the target of a robust US sanctions response. Doing so will ensure coordination with our European allies, who announced similar sanctions earlier this week. The United States stands for territorial sovereignty and strong borders. I am honored to join a bipartisan group to take meaningful action against Russia's unprecedented and unprovoked aggression," said Tenney.

Specifically, this legislation would authorize the President to impose sanctions on members of the Russian Duma who voted in favor of Russia's illegal recognition of the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in southeastern Ukraine as independent states.

The full text of the legislation is available at:

[https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo/subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/KEATIN\\_147\\_xml.pdf](https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo/subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/KEATIN_147_xml.pdf)

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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

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**LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 3/8/22 Denning Town Board Meetings 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall  
 3/9/22 Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm  
 3/12/22 **Claryville Fire Department Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper 4 - 7 pm**  
 3/15/22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm  
 3/17/22 Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall  
 3/17/22 Neversink Fire District Monthly meeting 7:30 PM  
 3/20/22 Claryville Fire Department **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 8 am - 12 noon  
 4/5/22 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm  
 4/6/22 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm  
 4/12/22 Denning Town Board Meetings 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

**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.

**Local Town Hall Websites:**

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

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update

March 7 - March 11, 2022

**Monday, March 7**

- o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Traffic Safety Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Tuesday, March 8**

- o 4:00 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 859 3948 0019, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 5:00 PM - Recycling Oversight Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 820 5434 9582, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 876 3970 0579, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means Committee) - Caucus: Democrats, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 814 8526 3203, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

**Wednesday, March 9**

- o 5:00 PM - American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 889 2420 1764, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM - Commission on Reapportionment, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 820 4911 2461, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

**Thursday, March 10**

- o 5:30 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 893 3442 3401, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM (or immediately following Laws, Rules, and Government Services Committee) - Caucus: Republicans, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 892 0851 1555, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

**Friday, March 11**

- o No Meetings

### Help your local business grow Advertise locally in *The Townsman!*

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1" Boxed ad (1" x 3")  
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Business card ad ( 2" x 3")  
\$12.00 per week

(3" x 4") - \$24.00 per week

(3" x 6") - \$36.00 per week

(4" x 6") - \$48.00 per week

1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$40.00 per week

1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$64.00 per week

(6" x 8") - \$96.00 per week

Full Page - 8" x10" - \$100.00 per week

Digital Flyer - 8"x10 - \$100.00 per week

•• Full Page Flyer for Local Municipalities  
and Organizations - one time fee- \$20.00  
(once the flyer is inserted we will publish it  
each week through to the week of the event)

As in the past, there is no fee for  
advertising for our local churches.

### Low Rates High Visibility!

## Remember All the Fun You Had at the Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sales? **We Can't Allow that to Change!**

This is the time of the year that many of us begin to look forward to the **Grahamsville UMC First Thrift Sale of the Season!** This will only happen this year if they get enough volunteers to help.

We all know how much fun we had looking for that special item and finding a lot more! Not only was it fun finding great bargains, but it was also a lot of fun seeing familiar faces and meeting new friends who were having just as much fun.

All those years, all those bargains, fun and food were **made possible by volunteers.** **Volunteers are special people** who want to give some time and effort back to the community. In the past volunteers found their little niche - whether it was sorting the new items that were brought in by donors, washing items so they were pristine when you bought them, placing the items in an orderly fashion on the racks, tables and shelves, or being there on a sale day helping those making purchases.

Unfortunately time has taken its toll on the number of volunteers that are needed to make the Thrift Sales happen. Some of the volunteers are longer with us, or are now unable to perform as they did in years past. How sad it would be not to have someone follow in their footsteps and step up and volunteer! **If you loved coming to the Thrift Sales, why not become one of the volunteers?**

You don't have to be a member of the Grahamsville UM Church to be a volunteer. Think about it. If everyone who came to the Thrift Sale in the past were to volunteer just a little of their time and a little effort, we could all still look forward to the **First Thrift Sale of the Season in April!**

Please fill out the form below and bring it with you **to the church on Sunday and leave it with the pastor** or mail it to: **Grahamsville UM Church, P O Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740** **Attention: Thrift Sale Volunteers**

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check what type of volunteer service you can offer to  
**help make the GUMC Thrift Sales happen**

\_\_\_\_\_ Help sort donations

\_\_\_\_\_ Wash items when necessary

\_\_\_\_\_ Help with displaying and placing merchandise for sale

\_\_\_\_\_ Help at the Thrift Sales

\_\_\_\_ Other: If you have something else that you may offer to help, please let us know

**THANK YOU!**

## Attorney General James Warns New Yorkers to be Cautious in Charitable Giving Amid Ukranian Crisis

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today provided warnings and tips to New Yorkers who are seeking ways to support the Ukrainian people amid the ongoing conflict. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) warns that they should be wary of sham charities attempting to take advantage of this humanitarian crisis and ensure they are giving to credible organizations.

“At a time of great chaos, confusion, and destruction, it is imperative that New Yorkers be on alert for potential risks to when donating to charitable causes,” said Attorney General James. “Many New Yorkers are eager to do their part to help the Ukrainian people, but scammers often take advantage of crises to exploit our generosity and compassion. We will continue to do all that we can to support Ukraine, and I encourage anyone who has experienced any issues to contact my office.”

### Charitable Giving

New Yorkers seeking to donate to charities should take the steps below before donating over the phone, through mail, or online to ensure that their contributions reach the causes they intend to support. Important tips to keep in mind include:

- o Solicited by Email? Find Out Who is Soliciting. If you receive a solicitation by email, find out who is behind that email address. Contact the charity whose name is in the email or visit its website to find out if the email is really from the charity. Do not give personal information or your credit card number in response to an email solicitation unless you have checked out the charity.

- o Be Careful When Giving Through Social Media or Other Fundraising Sites. Before giving through these social media or fundraising sites, research the identity of the organizer of the fundraising efforts and ask the same questions you would of a charity. Online platforms that host groups and individuals soliciting for causes may not thoroughly vet those who use their service. Donors should only give to campaigns conducted by people whom they know. Donors also should take a close look at the site's FAQs and Terms and Conditions to see what fees will be charged. Also, don't assume that charities recommended on social media sites, blogs, or other websites have already been vetted. Research the charity yourself to confirm that the charity is aware of the campaign and has given its approved permission for the use of its name or logo. If available, sign up for updates from the campaign organizer to keep abreast on how contributions to the campaign are being spent.

- o Check Before Giving. Donate to charities you are familiar with and carefully review information about the charity before you give. Most charities are required to register and file financial reports with OAG's Charities Bureau if they solicit contributions from New Yorkers. Check OAG's website for financial reports of charities or ask the charity directly for its reports.

- o Ask How Your Donation Will Be Used. Find out how the charity plans to use your

donation, including the services and individuals your donation will support. Find out more than just the cause. Find out what organization or entity will receive the money and what programs it conducts or what services it provides.

- o Look Into Newly Formed Organizations Carefully. Often, in the aftermath of tragedies, new organizations emerge to meet community needs. While most of these organizations are well-intentioned, and some may provide innovative forms of assistance, some may not have the experience or infrastructure to follow through on their promises, and some may turn out to be scams.

- o Exercise Caution Before You Text A Contribution. Check the charity's website or call the charity to confirm it has authorized contributions to be made via text message.

- o Don't Give Cash. Give directly to the charity either by check made payable to the organization or through the charity's website.

- o Be Careful About Personal Information. Be cautious before giving credit card or personal information over the phone, by text message or via the Internet. In all cases, make sure you are familiar with the organization to which you give such information and check to see that the fundraising campaign is legitimate.

- o Report Suspicious Organizations. If you believe an organization is misrepresenting its work, or that a fundraising or charitable scam is taking place, please contact the Charities Bureau at [complaints@ag.ny.gov](mailto:complaints@ag.ny.gov).

## Sullivan County Virtual Alzheimer's Community Forum

6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16

Join us for a free Virtual Community Forum to help us learn about real-life experiences with Alzheimer's and dementia in our community, learn about our resources, and learn how to engage more people.

As a part of our community assessment we are looking to identify needs and service gaps within the community.

To register and participate by phone or Zoom, call the Alzheimer's Association at 800 272 3900 or [click here](#).



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**and leave your name, your child's  
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can be reached.**





## Fallsburg CSD 2022-2023 Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

**NEW FOR 2022-2023:  
FULL DAY PRE-K PROGRAM!**  
(2 classrooms with 18 students in each)  
(half day program will no longer be offered)

- Pre-K students must be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2022.
- Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2022.

Registration packets can be picked up in the Central Office in the JSHS or completed online. Please visit <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> for instructions and to reach our online registration form.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:**  
ALL incoming Kindergarteners MUST register, even if registered for Pre-K last year.\*\*

Registration will take place for incoming:  
Pre-K students: April 11th - April 29th  
Kindergarten students: May 9th - May 20th

**For Pre-K:**  
COMPLETE Registration Packets (including ALL required documentation) will be accepted until April 29th. At that time, a lottery *may be held* if more register than available seats. Once all seats are filled, students will be added to a Waiting List. Registration will be processed, by date of receipt, for COMPLETE registration packets only.



## Fallsburg CSD 2022-2023 Registro de Pre-K y Kindergarten

**NUEVO PARA 2022-2023:  
PROGRAMA DE PRE-K DE DÍA COMPLETO!**  
(2 aulas con 18 alumnos en cada una)  
(el programa de medio día ya no se ofrecerá)

- Los estudiantes de Pre-K deben tener 4 años cumplidos el 1 de diciembre de 2022 o antes.
- Los estudiantes de kindergarten deben tener 5 años cumplidos el 1 de diciembre de 2022 o antes.

Los paquetes de inscripción se pueden recoger en la Oficina Central en el JSHS. Visite <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> para obtener instrucciones y acceder a nuestro formulario de registro en línea.

**\*\*TENGA EN CUENTA:**  
TODOS los estudiantes que ingresan a kindergarten **DEBEN** registrarse, incluso si se registraron para Pre-K el año pasado.\*\*

El registro se llevará a cabo para los entrantes:  
Estudiantes de Pre-K: 11 de Abril - 29 de Abril  
Estudiantes de Kindergarten: 9 de Mayo - 20 de Mayo

**Para Pre-K:**  
COMPLETE Los paquetes de registro (que incluyen TODA la documentación requerida) se aceptarán hasta el 29 de abril. Una vez que se llenen todos los asientos, los estudiantes se agregarán a una lista de espera. El registro se procesará, por fecha de recepción, solo para paquetes de registro COMPLETOS.

## Streamside Acquisition Program

### *What is the Streamside Acquisition Program (SAP)?*

The Streamside Acquisition Program, or SAP, protects water quality in streams of the northeastern Catskills through the purchase of streamside lands. The Catskill Center runs this program in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP), as one of many programs required by regulators to help protect the City's drinking water at its source. Under this program, the Catskill Center purchases streamside 'buffer' lands and floodplains so they can be permanently preserved through designated conservation easements.

Preserving healthy, natural streams prevents streambank erosion, helps mitigate flood risk and climate change, protects wildlife, and preserves our region's inherent natural beauty, which draws tourists from all over the world to visit our communities. For 53 years, the Catskill Center has been working to protect and foster the environmental, cultural, and economic well-being of the Catskill region. The Streamside Acquisition Program furthers that mission.

#### **Where does the SAP focus?**

To be eligible for purchase through the SAP, a property must:

- \_ Be located within the drainage basin of the Schoharie Reservoir, which includes many of the mountaintop towns of Greene County, plus small portions of Delaware and Schoharie Counties;

- \_ Include a stream, floodplain, wetland, or other lands within 300 feet of a stream or 1,000 feet of a NYC DEP reservoir\*;

- \_ Have no residential structures on the portion of the land to be purchased by the SAP (many people choose to sell only part of their land, along the stream, while retaining their home or land that could be suitable for a home in the future);

- \_ Be located outside of areas identified by municipalities as 'Designated Hamlet,' which are areas intended for future growth. The SAP does not and will not reach out to landowners in these areas unless invited to do so by the municipality through a formal resolution. When people who own land in a designated hamlet call us, we encourage them to speak with their town or village board.

#### **How does the SAP help communities?**

**Sticking Close to Streams** - The SAP tightly focuses on properties that make the biggest difference for protecting water quality. Most of the acreage the SAP acquires consists of streams, floodplains, wetlands, or other lands within 300 feet of streams. SAP staff encourage landowners to keep their more developable lands in private hands, selling the wetter areas to the SAP. Because of this tight focus, the SAP doesn't need to buy large swaths of land. The SAP's largest single purchase was 24 acres, and the smallest was 0.4 acres. On average, the SAP has acquired 14 acres per municipality since 2015. The most land acquired in any one town was 63 acres in eight separate purchases. The SAP's focused approach exemplifies the National Academy of Sciences' recent recommendation to NYC DEP to "focus on acquisition of the most valuable lands for water quality protection."

**Increasing Flood Resilience** - Undeveloped floodplains and wetlands naturally absorb flood waters during heavy rains, storing excess water and releasing it slowly over time. Keeping development out of the floodplain helps ensure a community's future flood resilience. The SAP helps by protecting undeveloped floodplain areas. This complements

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Local Flood Analyses (LFAs) and the FEMA and NYC Flood Buyout Programs, which focus on relocating existing development out of the floodplain.

- \_ Preserving the Tax Base - Streamside lands purchased through the SAP are owned and managed by NYC DEP after purchase. In keeping with the 1997 Memorandum of Agreement between NYC DEP and Catskills municipalities, NYC DEP pays property taxes on lands acquired through the Streamside Acquisition Program.

**Expanding Flexibility** - The Catskill Center, NYC DEP, state and federal regulators, and municipalities are engaged in discussions that may result in an expansion of options available under the SAP for the benefit of both landowners and communities. These include options for towns and land trusts to hold SAP-acquired land and conservation easements.

**Honoring Community Goals** - We strive to implement the SAP in ways that complement community goals. Catskill Center SAP staff regularly reach out to all the municipalities within the Schoharie Reservoir drainage basin to ask how the SAP can help towns and villages to enhance their communities.

#### **How does it work?**

If you think you might be interested in selling some of your streamside land, email us at [sap@catskillcenter.org](mailto:sap@catskillcenter.org). With your permission, we'll take a walk with you on your land, and talk with you about which streamside lands you'd like to sell and which upland areas you'd like to keep for future development. If it feels like a good fit for everyone, we can arrange for a professional, independent appraisal of the land you'd like to sell, at no cost to you. The sale price would equal the appraised value, and some properties also qualify for additional incentive payments and reimbursement of landowners' costs. All conversations remain confidential until and unless you enter into a contract to sell your property; at that point, your town board would be afforded an opportunity to comment on the pending sale, as is routine for all lands to be owned by NYC DEP. NYC DEP will provide input, review, and approval at various stages of the transaction. That collaborative process can take time, and most landowners find that the transaction can take anywhere from 18-24 months, start to finish.

\* Eligibility for the Streamside Acquisition Program is detailed in Section 9 of the 2010 NYC Water Supply Permit; please contact us at [sap@catskillcenter.org](mailto:sap@catskillcenter.org) with any questions.

Want to learn more? Please reach out to us at [sap@catskillcenter.org](mailto:sap@catskillcenter.org)

# Attorney General James Warns New York Consumers and Businesses to Be Cautious Amid Ongoing Crisis in Ukraine

## OAG Lays Out Tips for Price Gouging and Cybersecurity

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today provided warnings and tips to consumers and businesses who could potentially experience residual impacts from the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) notes that consumers and businesses should be mindful of any potential price gouging of fuel, other goods and services, and take actions to protect themselves against potential cybersecurity threats that may develop amid the crisis.

“As the devastating conflict in Ukraine continues to escalate, New Yorkers must be prepared for potential impacts of the conflict on their wallets and their cybersecurity,” said Attorney General James. “Both consumers and businesses should take the necessary precautions to address the ongoing risks. I encourage anyone who has experienced issues concerning the price gouging of fuel or threats to cybersecurity to contact my office.”

### Price Gouging of Fuel

Due to Russia's role as the world's second-largest producer of natural gas and one of the world's largest oil-producing nations, the crisis may lead to market disruptions and potentially inflated prices at the pump. New York law prohibits sellers of fuel and other vital and necessary goods from charging unconscionably excessive prices during an abnormal market disruption, including disruptions caused by world conflicts. New York consumers are urged to report dramatic gasoline price increases to OAG for investigation.

When reporting price gouging to OAG, consumers should:

- o Report the specific increased prices, the dates, and places that they saw the increased prices, and the types of fuel being sold;
- o Provide copies of their sales receipts and photos of the advertised prices, if available; and
- o Buy only as much fuel as they need and not to stock up out of fear of a potential future shortage.

**Cybersecurity Best Practices for Consumers and Businesses**  
While there is currently no active cybersecurity alert, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has encouraged consumers and businesses of all sizes to ensure they are taking appropriate measures to protect their systems. The OAG has previously investigated issues relating to cybersecurity and provided guidance to both consumers and businesses about how they can best protect themselves from cybersecurity threats.

For businesses these safeguards include the following:

- o Use bot detection systems (software designed to block activity from “bots,” or automated software that may, for example, generate hundreds of thousands of login attempts), multi-factor authentication, and strong password requirements for most accounts;
- o Develop processes to manage software updates, limit employee access to systems according to their job functions, maintain the security of remote access to company systems, and identify and manage security vulnerabilities (in particu-

lar, critical vulnerabilities or vulnerabilities known to be exploited in the wild);

- o Implement antivirus software, endpoint detection and response software;
- o Implement technical safeguards to filter emails likely to be phishing attempts, and train employees on phishing and other potential scams; and
- o Review and test your incident response and business continuity plans. The response plan should include processes for investigation (e.g., determining what information/systems were accessed), remediation (e.g., blocking attackers' continued access to impacted systems), and notice (e.g., alerting potentially impacted customers). The business continuity plan should include processes to maintain essential services and restore systems from offline backups.

Additionally, Attorney General James recommends consumers take the following steps to safeguard their online accounts against cybersecurity threats:

- o Protect your passwords: Use a password manager to keep track of your passwords, and never reuse passwords. While reusing login information may be convenient, it can also put your information at risk. A password manager on your phone, computer, or browser can help you generate strong passwords and automatically fill them in when you log in to a website or an app. Password managers can also check if your passwords have been stolen in a data breach.

- o Enable two-factor authentication (2FA): 2FA can provide an extra layer of security by requiring anyone logging in to an account to provide another credential, such as a one-time code sent by SMS or email. Most attackers that have access to a stolen password will not have access to a secondary credential. If a website or app offers 2FA, make sure to enable it for your account.

- o Watch out for online scams: Scammers may email, text message, or even call you to trick you into clicking a link, sharing your personal information, or sending money or gift cards. These scammers might pretend to be familiar companies, the government, or someone you know. Make sure you double check the email address or phone number contacting you to see if it's legitimate. Instead of responding to an email or text from a company, we encourage you to go to the company's official website and call the customer service number listed. Also, be careful about publicly sharing your information, such as through social media.

- o Check regularly for unauthorized activity: Not all companies will notify users when their online accounts have been compromised. You should regularly check your online accounts for unauthorized transactions and activity, and immediately contact the service (and credit card company, if appropriate) if you see something suspicious.

- o Regularly run antivirus software: Computer viruses can run in the background without your knowing, so we encourage you to run antivirus software regularly to identify and address unknown threats.

- o Update your software: Software updates often include important security updates, so make sure you are using the most up-to-date software and applications on all your devices.

- o Sign up for breach notifications: You should register with a breach notification service, like Have I Been Pwned, at: <https://haveibeenpwned.com/>

- o that will send a notification if an account associated with your email or phone number has been compromised.

- o Take suspicious activity seriously: If an online service notifies you of suspicious activity on your account, change your password immediately. If you use the same password for other accounts, change the passwords for those accounts as well.

# Attorney General James Launches Rulemaking Process to Combat Illegal Price Gouging and Corporate Greed

- OAG Starts First Price Gouging Rulemaking Process as Major Corporations Continue to Raise Consumer Prices
- AG James Seeks Public Comments to Inform New Price Gouging Rules

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today launched a rulemaking process to look into whether major corporations are using the pandemic and inflation as an excuse to unfairly raise the price of basic goods. The first-ever price gouging rulemaking process by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) will examine and address new evidence that some of the recent price hikes by big corporations were driven by profit not increased costs. Through this process, Attorney General James aims to implement new price gouging rules that will crack down on pandemic profiteering and corporate greed.

“The rising costs of essentials and basic household items has had a real impact on working families,” said Attorney General James. “Throughout the pandemic, hardworking New Yorkers have been struggling to make ends meet, but big corporations have been celebrating record breaking profits. It doesn't add up. My office is prepared to use every tool in our toolbox to crack down on price gouging and pandemic profiteering.”

New York's price gouging law bans companies from taking advantage of a crisis to charge excessive prices for vital and necessary goods and services. The rulemaking process will explore growing evidence that big corporations appear to have used the pandemic as an excuse to charge more for necessary goods, such as gas and oil, food, and cars. As evidenced by the recent spike in corporate profits, many companies are not sharing in the burden of the pandemic, nor are they neutral. Evidence indicates that some companies are profiting by increasing costs for the people hit hardest by the pandemic.

Since the start of the pandemic, public reporting has highlighted instances of major corporations steadily increasing costs of goods onto consumers, despite experiencing record high revenue. Some examples of those reports include:

- o Beef prices rose 30 percent, while meatpackers have been celebrating an average of 120 percent increase in profits.
- o The cost of Proctor and Gamble diapers, toothpaste, detergent, and tampons has risen throughout the pandemic while Proctor and Gamble has boasted record-breaking profits.
- o Chipotle prices are up 10 percent from January 2021 to January 2022, which the company blames on labor shortages, but their operating income rose 181 percent.
- o While the cost of a basic cup of coffee at Starbucks has shot up 20 percent, the company profits are up 30 percent.
- o Shipping prices are way up, while shipping company profit margins are breaking records.
- o Chevron and Shell posted record profitability while energy costs soared.

While not all of these may be illegal, some of them may fit

the definition of price gouging under New York law. New York's law bans “unconscionably excessive” prices, which include both “unconscionably extreme” prices and prices set through “unfair leverage or unconscionable means.” New York's statute is also unique in the wide scope of covered goods and services, and the fact that it covers all actors in the supply chain for those goods and services, including manufacturers, retailers, distributors, shipping firms, and online platforms. The law also prohibits price gouging not just of consumers but also small businesses and state and local governments.

The Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) outlines the evidence that some of the price increases for vital and necessary goods may violate New York law and lays out the incentive structures that can lead to price gouging. The ANPR also discusses the unique harms caused by price gouging and the economic justification for prohibiting this form of profiteering. The ANPR has been submitted to the State Register for publication and will be officially available on or about March 9.

The OAG is seeking comment from the public on a wide range of questions about price gouging, including questions about industry tools that may obscure price gouging. Public comments in response to the ANPR may be submitted immediately and until April 22, 2022 at [stopillegalprofiteering@ag.ny.gov](mailto:stopillegalprofiteering@ag.ny.gov).

Requesting public comments is part of the three-step process. Once public comments are submitted OAG will review them then propose new rules. Afterwards, the public will have 60 days to submit comments on the proposed rules. Following the 60 days, OAG will promulgate new price gouging rules.

This is the first rulemaking initiated under the 2020 amendments to New York's General Business Law 396-r, which expanded the scope of the price gouging statute, and granted the Attorney General rulemaking authority.

“It's unconscionable that corporations are using the COVID-19 pandemic as pretext for jacking up prices while so many New Yorkers are struggling,” said State Senator Brad Holyman. “I'm glad to have passed legislation in 2020 to strengthen our price gouging statute and now work with Attorney General James to understand the scope of this costly problem and take additional steps to protect New York consumers through the rulemaking process.”

“Price gouging or profiteering during a time of crisis is simply unacceptable. We must do everything we can to prevent unethical profiteering and stop large companies from putting profit above the lives of people,” said State Senator Kevin Thomas. “I commend Attorney General James for taking a stand against price gouging and corporate greed, diligently looking out for consumers, and ensuring that bad actors cannot use the pandemic to enrich themselves at New Yorkers' expense.”

“As we work to protect New Yorkers from price gouging and predatory sales tactics, I encourage consumers and retailers alike to share their experiences,” said Assemblymember Nily Rozic. “I'm thankful for Attorney General James' partnership in this effort to protect New Yorkers from illegal price gouging.”

This matter is being handled by Special Advisor and Senior Counsel for Economic Justice Zephyr Teachout of the Division of Economic Justice with support from Jane M. Azia and Jack Figura of the Consumer Frauds & Protection Bureau, Elinor R. Hoffmann and Michael Jo of the Antitrust Bureau, and Anisha Dasgupta of the Division of Appeals and Opinions. The Division of Economic Justice is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Chris D'Angelo and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

## \$14 Million Available for Assertive Community Treatment Teams Serving People Who Don't Respond Well to Traditional Services

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the availability of more than \$14 million in annual funding for 14 new Assertive Community Treatment teams across the State. ACT is an innovative and highly effective community-based mental health program that serves individuals who have serious mental illness and have not been successfully engaged by the traditional mental health treatment and rehabilitation system.

"A top priority for my administration is improving the State's healthcare system and ensuring that every New Yorker is able to receive the services they need," Governor Hochul said. "The ACT teams we're funding will help vulnerable individuals who are often difficult to reach and engage, and provide them with appropriate care and services. I am dedicated to helping every New Yorker get the care they deserve, while helping get people off the streets and into safer, healthier situations."

Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, "Three of these new ACT teams will serve counties in New York State that have not previously received this level of care, which is an exciting development for us. The ACT program is one of the most effective programs in our system of care for individuals living with serious mental illness when our traditional system of care doesn't meet their needs. It provides an alternative that has been shown to have success in helping individuals reach their recovery goals."

A Request for Proposals to create the teams was issued by OMH and is available on the OMH website.

Additionally, \$6.3 million in start-up funding is provided through the Federal Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (The American Rescue Plan Act (P.L. 117-2) or the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (P.L. 1160-260). Providers are required to sign a federal certification indicating acknowledgement of the federal rules and regulations governing the use of these funds.

The regions to be served include the following, the boundaries will be determined by need:

- North Country: One 48 slot team covering Jefferson and Lewis Counties;
- Capital Region: One 48 slot team covering Rensselaer and lower Saratoga Counties;
- Long Island: One 68 slot team in Suffolk County;
- New York City: Two 68 slot teams in Brooklyn; Three 68 slot teams in Manhattan; Three 68 slot teams in The Bronx; and Two 68 slot teams in Queens;
- Finger Lakes and Southern Tier: One 48 slot team covering Livingston, Genesee, and Northern Steuben Counties

The 14 new ACT teams are expected to help an estimated 892 new clients in a variety of ways, including managing their symptoms, getting a job, securing and keeping housing, reducing their substance use, and maintaining their relationships with family and friends. ACT teams can assist with the development of a wide range of skills including grocery shopping, cooking, cleaning, budgeting, banking and other everyday living skills. The ACT program provides 24/7 treatment and support to its clients. Services are typically provided in the community, to help clients navigate real world struggles with newly acquired skills.

ACT is an evidence-based program that provides treatment, rehabilitation and support services to individuals who are diagnosed with a serious mental illness and whose needs have not been met by more traditional mental health services. Comprised

of professionals from the fields of psychiatry, nursing, psychology, social work, substance abuse and vocational rehabilitation, there are currently 108 ACT teams in New York State.

ACT clients may be high users of emergency and/or crisis services, have co-occurring substance use disorders, and may find themselves isolated from community supports - including family. Clients may also be in danger of losing their housing, may already be homeless, and may have histories of involvement with the criminal justice system.

Studies have shown that ACT recipients experience greater reductions in psychiatric hospitalization rates and emergency room visits, in addition to higher levels of housing stability after receiving ACT services. Research has also shown that ACT is more satisfactory to recipients and their families and is less expensive than inpatient care. Mental health advocacy groups, including the National Alliance on Mental Illness, have endorsed ACT as a key service with proven positive outcomes.

Treatment plans are developed collaboratively by the ACT team and client based on the individual's strengths, needs, desires, goals and culture. Treatment plans are modified as needed through ongoing assessment and goal setting. ACT teams meet daily to discuss each client's progress, allowing the team to plan or quickly adjust the services to meet clients' needs. (Contd. Pg.

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(From Pg. 32) The ACT teams will support Governor Hochul's comprehensive plan to improve the health care system and deliver services to vulnerable New Yorkers living with mental illness. The Governor's proposed budget includes an historic \$577 million (17.2 percent) increase for critically important community mental health programs and services, as well as a \$25 billion housing plan with a commitment to create and preserve 10,000 units of supportive housing over the next five years to prevent homelessness. Initiatives in the Governor's budget include:

\$11.3 million investment for FY 2023 (\$21 million when fully operational) to develop 20 new Safe Option Support teams comprised of mental health specialists to conduct direct one-on-one outreach with New Yorkers experiencing homelessness;

Workforce investments through an historic 5.4% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for community mental health providers and retention bonuses up to \$3,000, and;

\$35 million investment for FY 2023 that grows to \$60 million in FY 2024 to prepare New York for the nationwide launch of 9-8-8, the suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis hotline system, by providing for the expansion of call center capacity.

Proposals are due by 3:30 p.m. on April 13, 2022, and OMH expects to make the awards by May 18.

State Senator Samra Brouk said, "The pandemic has pressured a mental health care system already working beyond capacity, and this investment in Assertive Community Treatment teams will go a long way in helping us reach people underserved by the traditional system. I look forward to further investing in community mental health services in our State Budget so that we are better prepared to address the unmet needs of so many New York families."

Assemblymember Aileen Gunther said, "As the Chair of the Assembly Mental Health Committee, I have worked tirelessly to increase access to mental health services in our communities. ACT teams have a proven track record of providing services to the people who need them most. I want to thank Governor Hochul for recognizing the serious needs of this community, and I am proud to support any expansion."

New York City Mayor Eric Adams said, "To fully address the mental health needs of New Yorkers, we must transform our mental health system to meet all individuals where they are. There is no one-size-fits-all approach to mental health and Governor Hochul's investment in Assertive Community Treatment teams will continue the important work of getting the right mental health services and supports to all New Yorkers."

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*For any other questions*  
845.798.2077 [nickneedsokidney@gmail.com](mailto:nickneedsokidney@gmail.com)

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## UC NOW TRENDING .....

### March 2022

**March 8, 15, 22, 29 Hutton Brickyards Presents PUB NIGHT:** Kingston's coziest Tuesday night hangout. Join us in The Winter Pavilion for cocktails, bonfires, board games and light bites. 5-9 p.m. 200 North St., Kingston. 845-213-4742; huttonbrickyards.com

**March 1-31 Women's History Month Kingston:** A series of events in celebration of women's history month in Kingston through a diversity of perspectives. See Facebook page for event details. Kingston. Facebook: Women's History Month Kingston  
**March 5 Awosting Falls and Mossy Glen Footpath Hike:** Four-mile roundtrip. Hike on the Awosting Falls Carriage Road, Mossy Glen Footpath and Upper Awosting Carriage Road. Peter's Kill Area, 5281 Route 44-55, Kerhonkson. 845-255-0752; parks.ny.gov/parks

**March 12, 20, 26 Maple Family Weekend Activities** at Seed Song Farm: Learn maple sugaring, collect sap and gather 'round the sap boiler. Enjoy pancakes with our own maple syrup (additional fee). Live music. 160 Esopus Ave, Kingston. 845-383-1528; seedsongfarm.org

**March 12, 19, 26 Drop-In Snowshoe Lessons for Beginners:** Learn how to properly wear and adjust the snowshoe. Snowshoes available to rent. 11 a.m. Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Sam's Point Area, 400 Sam's Point Road, Cragmoor. 845-647-7989; parks.ny.gov/parks

**March 12, 19, 26 BornWild Adventures-**"The Secret Ruin Hike:" Traverse a moderate incline up the trail to the skeletal ruins of the Overlook Mountain Hotel. Overlook Mountain Trailhead, 353 Meads Mountain Rd, Woodstock. 765-314 618; bornwild.rock

**March 11 Nature Walk at the Gardiner Library:** 9-10:30 a.m. One-mile leisurely walk on the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail. Enjoy natural curiosities, from birds to trees and more. Pre-registration required, 133 Farmers Turnpike, Gardiner. 845-255-1255; parks.ny.gov/parks

**March 11 MarLoop Around the Lake at Sam's Point:** Three-mile loop on snowshoes to view magnificent Lake Maratanza. Upon return, stop at Sam's Point Overlook. Sam's Point Visitor Center, 400 Sam's Point Road, Cragmoor. 845-647-7989; parks.ny.gov/parks

**March 12 Winter Tree Identification Hike:** Two-mile, winter tree identification hike. Hike to Compass Rock, a cliff edge promontory, with beautiful views of the Catskill Mountains. Peter's Kill Area, 5281 Route 44-55, Kerhonkson. 845-255-0752; parks.ny.gov/parks

**March 12 "Tinder Live! with Lane Moore:"** Critically-acclaimed, totally improvised comedy where Moore swipes through the best of the worst Tinder profiles live on stage. 8 p.m. The Colony, 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 845-679-7625; colonywoodstock.com

**March 12-13 Intro Woodworking:** Join sculptor, woodworker and instructor Michael Puryear for this hands-on build of a functional woodworking workbench. Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org/adult-classes

**March 12, 19, 26 Spring Family Craft Workshops:** Focus will be on learning a craft inspired by the Esopus Munsee Indigenous people. Noon-2 p.m. Purchase tickets online. Children ages 7-12. Historic Huguenot Street, 92 Huguenot St, New Paltz. 845- 255-1660; huguenotstreet.org

**March 13 35th Kingston St. Patrick's Day Parade:** Parade

kicks off from Kingston Plaza and proceeds down Broadway to the Rondout waterfront district. 34th Annual Shamrock Run: 12:50 p.m. Parade at 1 p.m. 845-338-6622; events@ulsteraoh.com; ulsteraoh.com

**March 16 ONLINE EVENT - Lecture: Claire Bellerjeau discusses her book "Espionage & Enslavement in the Revolution: The True Story of Robert Townsend & Elizabeth."** Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org/lecture-series  
**March 16 Irish Tenors:** Declan Kelly, Anthony Kearns and Ronan Tynan have been the acknowledged Celtic music kings since they burst upon the scene during a 1998 PBS special. Ulster Performing Arts Center, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org

**March 19 Hike to Indian Rock:** Hike past Sam's Point Overlook, then around Lake Maratanza. Beautiful views of the Catskills. Terrain: woods, and a rocky footpath. Sam's Point Visitor Center, 400 Sam's Point Road, Cragmoor. 845-647-7989; parks.ny.gov/parks

**March 19 Bowie 75th Birthday Bash at The Colony:** Robert Burke Warren will perform, adding a set of electric material to the intimate acoustic evening. Features songs from Bowie's entire career. 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 945-679-7624; colonywoodstock.com

**March 19-20; 26-27 Maple Weekends:** There are maple producers who will be open for visits. Check our website: ulstercountyalive.com/landing/farms

**March 19, 26 Kingston Outdoor Farmers Market:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Entrance on John St. and Wall St. County Courthouse parking lot, Kingston.

info@kingstonfarmersmarket.org;  
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**March 20 Hike-Lake Minnewaska/Beacon Hill Carriage Road:** Three-mile hike around Lake Minnewaska Carriage Road, Beacon Hill Footpath and Beacon Hill Carriage Road. Lake Minnewaska Visitor Center, Hamilton Point Trail, Gardiner. 845-255-0752; parks.ny.gov

**March 20 35th Annual Wallkill St Patrick's Day Parade:** 2-4 p.m. Line up at 1 p.m.; kick-off at 2 p.m. from John G Borden Middle School, 109 Bona Ventura Ave, Wallkill. Facebook: 35th Annual Wallkill St Patrick's Day Parade

**March 22 High Peter's Kill Loop Hike at Minnewaska:** 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Explore the High Peter's Kill Footpath on this approximately five-mile hike. Lake Minnewaska Visitor Center. Pre-registration required. Hamilton Point Trail, Gardiner. 845-255-0752; parks.ny.gov/parks (Contd. Pg 40)

**March 25 Darlene Love at Bearsville Theater:** Darlene Love continues to captivate audiences worldwide. Billboard hits include "He's a Rebel" and the #1 holiday classic "Christmas Baby Please Come Home." 291 Tinker Street, Woodstock. 845.684.7133; bearsvilletheater.com

**March 25-27 "WE GOT THE BEAT:"** Women in Music Summit: Award-winning performers, DJs, photographers, filmmakers, journalists and music lovers. Concerts, panels and screenings. Bearsville Theater, 291 Tinker St., Woodstock. 845.684.7133; bearsvilletheater.com

**March 26 Animal Tracks & Signs for Kids:** Three-mile hike on Loop Road. We will look for animal tracks and other signs such as scat and browse. Sam's Point Visitor Center, 400 Sam's Point Road, Cragmoor. 845-647-7989; parks.ny.gov/parks

**March 26 Spring Wake Up Hike:** 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Explore Castle Point Carriage Road. Search for signs of the arrival of spring. In Shawangunk Mountains. Lake Minnewaska Visitor Center, Hamilton Point Trail, Gardiner. 845-255-0752; parks.ny.gov/parks (Contd. Pg. 40)

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**March 26-27 The Ashokan Center Maple Fest 2022:** Guided hikes to the sugar shack. Self-guided nature walk. Cozy outdoor campfires, live music and blacksmithing demos. Includes pancake brunch. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 477 Beaverkill Rd, Olivebridge. 845-657-8333; ashokancenter.org

**March 30 Celebrating Women's History Month** at The Rosendale Theatre: Work-in-progress "After the Vote" with director Dawn Scibilia. Explores the stories of NY suffragists after they got the vote in 1917. 408 Main St., Rosendale. 845-658-8989; rosendaletheatre.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

**Feb. 5-July 17 The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz - "Mary Frank: The Observing Heart:"** A retrospective exhibition of Mary Frank's powerful artwork that spans her career of more than six decades. Centered on the twin themes of social justice and the preservation of the natural world. "Museum hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Anderson Gallery and Howard Greenberg Family Gallery, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

## **Governor Highlights Importance of Permanent To-Go Drinks and Other Budget Proposals to Modernize State Liquor Regulations, Support Small Businesses, and Bring Back Hospitality Industry**

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced efforts to support the recovery of New York restaurants and bars, including the proposal to permanently legalize to-go drinks, and to ensure a more efficient State Liquor Authority. The Governor highlighted these proposals and actions at an event at Therapy Wine Bar 2.0, a Brooklyn business that was able to open thanks to a law signed by the Governor in December to allow for temporary permits to serve alcohol. Governor Hochul also announced proposals to update the state's liquor

laws and to fund operational improvements at the State Liquor Authority to revitalize the state's multi-billion-dollar hospitality industry, one of the industries hit hardest by the pandemic. To ensure SLA's policies are as smart, efficient, and effective as possible, Governor Hochul additionally directed SLA to consult with industry representatives and stakeholders to review existing laws and identify red tape.

"New York's nightlife and hospitality industry are second to none, and our state cannot truly come back from this pandemic until we revitalize this crucial sector of our economy and the hundreds of thousands of jobs it provides," Governor Hochul said. "We owe it to our small businesses to provide them with the resources and regulatory framework they need to grow and thrive, which is why it's important that we reform and modernize the State Liquor Authority. This is just one of several steps we are taking to help small businesses come back from the pandemic stronger than ever before."

Aspects of the multifaceted approach to revitalizing New York's hospitality industry contained in the Governor's recent budget proposal include:

### **Increased Funding to Get Businesses Open Quickly:**

As New York's hospitality industry was among the hardest hit by the pandemic, Governor Hochul has made opening businesses quickly a top priority. The Governor has proposed adding \$2 million in spending to the SLA's budget to include the hiring of over 30 full-time employees. Flat and reduced budget and workforce numbers over the years have had an impact on the SLA's efforts to significantly reduce processing times - which currently stand at 20-26 weeks.

A bar or restaurant without a temporary operating permit must either wait for its license before opening, or open without alcoholic beverage service, which represents as much as a third of its revenue. With the influx of resources the Governor has proposed, the SLA will be able to trim months off of current processing times. Giving these months back to the businesses will allow them to generate revenue and hire staff sooner to better serve their neighbors and communities.

### **Streamlining the Application Process:**

The Governor's budget also proposes cutting red tape to expedite the application process by eliminating burdensome and over-inclusive requirements currently required by law for applicants. Extensive review by the SLA of licensing procedures determined time-consuming requirements, such as citizenship documentation and requiring financial documents and personal information from minority stakeholders, provide little value in licensing decisions and public health and safety, and create needless barriers to obtaining a license.

### **To-Go Drinks:**

The Governor's budget also proposes, as a key part of her Billion Dollar Rescue Plan for small businesses, permanently bringing back to-go drinks for restaurants. This policy provided a vital economic lifeline to our bar and restaurant industry during the pandemic, and reestablishing it, under proper limitations, will help to ensure our bars and restaurants get back on their feet and thrive.

### **Modernizing the SLA:**

As the agency charged with overseeing approximately 70,000 licenses and permits statewide and processing tens of thousands of applications annually, it is imperative the SLA continues to modernize and streamline its operations.

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## Governor Highlights Importance of Permanent To-Go Drinks and Other Budget Proposals to Modernize State Liquor Regulations, Support Small Businesses, and Bring Back Hospitality Industry

(From Pg. 40) The Governor's Budget continues funding for a comprehensive overhaul of the SLA's decades-old licensing and compliance databases. The current process requires mailing paper applications to the SLA, then scanning and logging, before they can be sent to an examiner for review. This and other processes can be handled more efficiently by computer programs. Under a new system, set to go live this year, applications and payment will be submitted electronically, eliminating the need for snail mail service and manual data entry, thus eliminating many deficiencies in applications which lead to longer review times.

The Governor also highlighted a number of recent legislative changes and administrative policy updates implemented by the SLA to support the state's economy:

**Temporary Permits to Expedite Business Openings in New York City:** On December 21, 2021, after negotiating an agreed-upon expansion with the Legislature, Governor Hochul signed a bill allowing new restaurants, bars, and grocery stores in New York City to be eligible for a temporary operating permit for the first time. These permits, already implemented by the SLA, are allowing these previously ineligible businesses to be open and operating for alcoholic beverage sales typically in less than 30 days.

**Temporary Permits for Craft Manufacturers:** The Governor signed another bill on December 21, 2021, crafted by the SLA, to provide new permits for craft beverage manufacturers to serve and manufacture alcoholic beverages while their full licenses are pending. These permits, effective later this month, will allow craft manufacturing businesses to start operating and bringing in revenue in a matter of just a few weeks, ensuring New York, which now ranks in the top five in the U.S. for its number of craft beverage producers in every category, remains a leader in the craft beverage industry.

**Movie Theaters:** On January 19, 2022, the SLA issued a ruling that businesses operating movie theaters, another industry devastated by the pandemic, are now eligible to apply for a license to serve beer and wine to their adult patrons. Prior to this ruling, movie theaters were licensed only if they also meet the definition of a restaurant: service of full meals at tables inside the theater, which is impracticable for many theater operators and costly for all.

**Lowering Costs for Bars and Restaurants:** The SLA will be seeking to amend existing rules on fair limitations on "split case fees": the extra fees charged to restaurants and bars who lack the cash flow, resources, and/or storage space to purchase full cases of the liquor and wine they sell to the public. These split case fees can be as much as \$3 per bottle, a significant extra expense which has a disproportionate impact on smaller neighborhood bars and restaurants.

**Increase Transparency:** Governor Hochul has made transparency a top priority. As part of SLA's continued pledge to

transparency, business friendliness, and community responsiveness, the SLA has added the following items to its long list of available public information: general processing times have been added to application receipts and website; Board minutes and Board item dispositions have been added to the Full Board record; and shortly, an estimated date of determination will be added to an applicant's license application status. Additionally, the SLA has recently completely revamped its LAMP GIS mapping system and continues to work to refine its capabilities and data presentation. And as always, as the SLA moves forward, it does so with a focus on public access and accountability.

**State Liquor Authority Chairman Vincent Bradley** said, "The State Liquor Authority is proud to play a role in Governor Hochul's continuing efforts to revitalize our state's vital hospitality industry, an industry that has faced unprecedented challenges over the past two years. By creating fast-tracked permits, cutting red tape, and providing resources to get new businesses open quickly, the Governor's comprehensive strategy will ensure this industry will continue to be an economic engine for our state."

**State Senator Jessica Ramos** said, "Streamlining the state liquor authority's temporary permitting process, bringing back to-go drinks, and the other relief measures outlined in the Governor's proposal are exactly the shot in the arm New York's hospitality industry needs. We can make things easier for small businesses and in turn, keep our commercial corridors vibrant. The warm weather is coming and the NYC Council is taking action to improve Open Restaurants, so I'm ready to do my part to get to-go drinks across the finish line."

**President and CEO, New York State Restaurant Association Melissa Autilio Fleischut** said, "Governor Hochul clearly understands the plight of the state's hospitality industry and is working to expedite our recovery. These proposed reforms will go a long way toward improving business conditions as we are still dealing with the lasting impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. While we're still not in the clear, we are optimistic about the future, and we value Governor Hochul's leadership on issues like this and making drinks to-go permanent."

**Empire State Restaurant & Tavern Association Executive Director Scott Wexler** said, "Governor Hochul's efforts to support New York's restaurants and taverns are critical to returning the industry to its pre-pandemic levels of employment. These measures will allow businesses open their doors more quickly, generate new revenue for owners and workers, and will help restore the economic vitality in neighborhoods all across New York State."

**President, NYS Latino Restaurant Bar & Lounge Association Arelia Taveras** said, "We applaud Governor Hochul for taking real and bold steps today to modernize and revamp the State Liquor Authority and strengthen its ability to serve the restaurant and business community with higher staffing levels and the implementation of electronic filing of applications. These measures along with the proposals the Governor put forth in her executive budget including To-Go Drinks and streamlining the application process will make a tremendous difference for new and existing restaurants and bars that are struggling to navigate the SLA process while trying to stay afloat during pandemic times."

CONGRESSMAN

# ANTONIO DELGADO

NY-19

## Weekly Recap

Dear Neighbor,

After another great week, which started in Washington and ended back home in the district, I wanted to give you an update on how I've been serving you.

Bringing the Small Business Administrator to NY-19

On Friday, I was honored to bring Small Business Administrator Isabella Guzman to our district for a visit in Cooperstown, NY. We highlighted the local impacts of the American Rescue Plan and discussed how to continue supporting small businesses in upstate New York.

We were joined by small business owners and local elected officials, including Cooperstown Mayor Ellen Tillapaugh and Otsego County Treasurer Allen Ruffles. We started our visit at the Cooperstown Distillery where we were able to see the facilities and better understand where federal funding from the American Rescue Plan went and how it helped local businesses to grow and thrive.

We then visited Cooperstown Bat, which has a storefront in Cooperstown and a manufacturing facility in Hartwick, NY. It was great to catch up with Tim and Connie who I saw last year during my 'Made in America' roundtable that we held at their manufacturing facility.

Next, we stopped by the National Baseball Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame and Museum brings hundreds of thousands of visitors to Cooperstown every year, where folks are able to learn about the history of the sport and see all that the Village of Cooperstown has to offer. It was great to see some of their special exhibits, including Ideals & Injustices: A Chronicle of Black Baseball as well as Diamond Dreams, their exhibit chronicling the pioneering and historic efforts of women in baseball which is spotlighting these stories during Women's History Month.

Our last stop was at the Village Hall, where we met with members of my Small Business Advisory Committee and Administrator Guzman had the chance to hear the stories and challenges from the past couple years directly from upstate small business owners. We had a great afternoon and I truly appreciate her support and voice in Washington on behalf of local, small businesses. I will keep working to advocate and lift up the voices of New York small businesses that do so much for our communities.

### Updates from Washington

Before heading home at the end of the week, we made some great progress on issues affecting our veterans, farmers, and students.

I started the week by sending a letter to President Biden urging him to take immediate steps to lower energy costs and lessen the energy burden Americans are facing across the country. Following calls from constituents and analysis from the U.S. Energy Administration (EIA) showing significant increases in the cost of natural gas, propane, and heating oil, I am calling on him to consider another funding increase for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to continue to combat the rising prices of energy. Additionally, I urged the administration to release inventory from the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve in order to lower costs and support Americans across the country.

I also joined colleagues on both sides of the aisle in sending a letter to the State Department, urging the agency not to raise

fees on farmers. The proposed adjustments would raise the fee of H-2A visas from \$190 to \$310 this year. This 63% cost increase for the H-2A visa will have detrimental impacts on farmers. We urged the State Department to reconsider the change and prevent increasing costs for local farmers and producers.

Next, I had a special visit from a group of students from the Ichabod Crane School. I spoke with them outside the Capitol building and answered some of their questions about my job and what it means to be in public service.

I'm proud to announce that we also passed some important, bipartisan legislation to support veterans and ensure they receive the care they deserve when they come home. On Thursday, I voted to pass the Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act or Honoring our PACT Act, which will treat toxic exposure as a cost of war by addressing the full range of issues impacting toxic-exposed veterans, including access to earned benefits and healthcare through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

This week, I was also proud to announce \$3,894,901 in funding for Head Start Programs in Otsego and Sullivan Counties. The grants were allocated through the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The upstate organizations, Opportunities for Otsego, Inc. and Sullivan County Head Start, Inc., will receive \$2,118,396 and \$1,776,505 respectively in funding. Head Start programs promote the school readiness of infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children from low-income families.

On Wednesday, I held my 66th town hall since taking office. I updated folks on the situation in Ukraine, spoke about my recent legislative work, and took questions on a host of issues. Throughout my time in office, I have prioritized transparency and accountability by holding regular in-person and telephone town halls. I heard from members of the community and answered questions about Ukraine, voting rights, efforts to lower costs and home heating prices, mental health support, and more.

This week, I also announced mobile office hours for the month of March. Mobile office hours are an opportunity for constituents to meet with my staff and receive assistance with constituent services. See below for dates, times, and locations.

### Mobile Office Hours for March

Monday, March 7th  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm.  
Sidney Memorial Public Library  
8 River Street  
Sidney, NY 13838

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Deposit Village Hall  
61 Front St.  
Deposit, NY 13754

Monday, March 14th  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Sand Lake Town Hall  
8428 NY-66  
Averill Park, NY 12018

10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library  
479 Broadway  
Monticello, NY 12701

Monday, March 21st  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Coxsackie Village Hall  
119 Mansion Street  
Coxsackie, NY 12051  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Richfield Springs Public Library  
102 W Main St  
Richfield Springs, NY 13439

Monday, March 28th  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Plattekill Public Library  
2047 Route NY-32,  
Modena, NY 12548

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Red Hook Public Library  
7444 South Broadway  
Red Hook, New York 12571

## Rep. Delgado Weekly Recap (From Pg. 42)

### Resources for Residents

#### NYS Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

If you need help with water and sewer services, the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is here to help. This program helps low income households pay the cost of water and sewer services and can assist households who have past due bills (arrears) for water and/or sewer services.

#### Deadline Extension - Dairy Margin Coverage

The USDA has extended the deadline to enroll in Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) and Supplemental Dairy Margin Coverage (SDMC) for program year 2022. The deadline to apply for 2022 coverage is now March 25, 2022. As part of the ongoing efforts to support dairy farmers and rural communities, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) opened DMC and SDMC signup in December 2021 to help producers manage economic risk brought on by milk price and feed cost disparities.

To determine the appropriate level of DMC coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can use the online dairy decision tool.

### IRS Child Tax Credit Letters

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

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

People receiving these letters should keep them. Do not throw them away. These letters can help taxpayers, or their tax professional prepare their 2021 federal tax return.

### COVID-19 Booster Information:

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

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

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

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

Learn more at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or [COVID-19 Vaccine | COVID-19 Vaccine \(ny.gov\)](https://www.covid19vaccine.ny.gov)

### Connect With Us

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

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

Sincerely,  
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## Free Fly Tying Seminar Ashokan-Pepacton WCTU

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Sign-up below.

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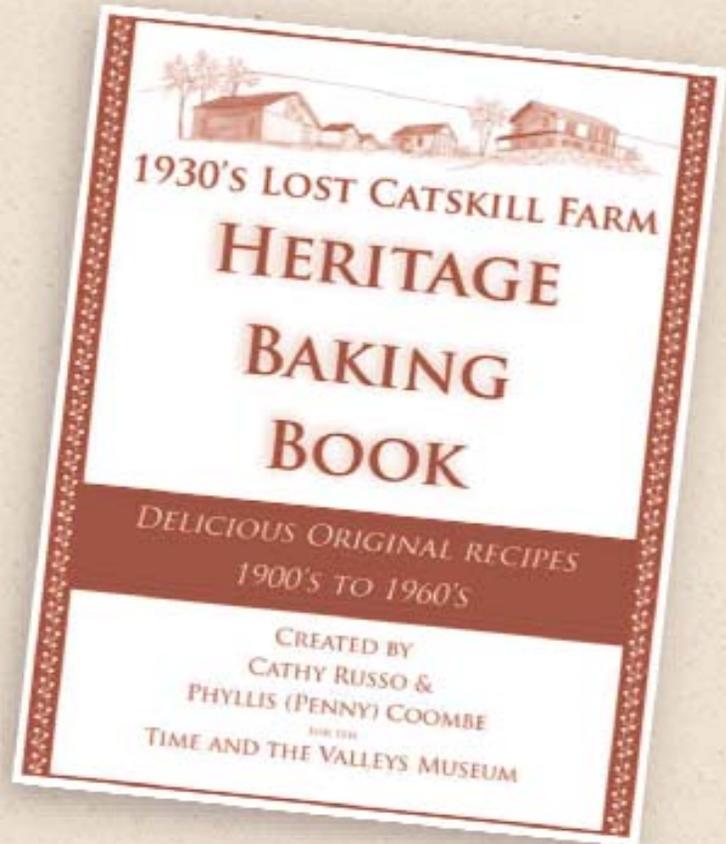
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## Important Announcement from OverDrive



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## **DEC Announces Summer Camp Registration to Open April 10 Registration Postponed One Month; Additional Camp Program Changes Anticipated DEC Seeking Counselors, Lifeguards, and Cooks for the 75th Anniversary Season**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that the start of registration for the 2022 DEC Summer Camp season is being postponed from Sunday, March 6, as previously announced, to Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 1 p.m.

In addition, due to current staffing challenges, this summer's camp program offerings have changed. Camp Rushford and Pack Forest will open for a seven-week season. DEC may open registrations for Camp DeBruce if additional staff become available this spring. Camp Colby will remain closed until 2023 to complete major renovations to the camp.

Updates and changes can be found on the DEC Summer Camps webpage, on DEC's Facebook page, and the Summer Camps Facebook page. Campers and camp families can contact EducationCamps@dec.ny.gov with any questions.

DEC's Summer Residential Camps are now hiring counselors, lifeguards, and cooks for the 2022 season. These are great opportunities to be involved in the education and enrichment of New York's youth at locations designed to create a life-long passion for nature and a dedication to environmental stewardship. Employment at camp begins in mid-June and ends mid-August, and all positions include room and board. Visit DEC's website to learn more about the qualifications and opportunities as a DEC camps staff member.

Additional information, including plans to limit the spread of COVID-19 and other updates about DEC summer camps, will be provided

## **DEC Releases Draft Recovery Plan for Hudson River American Shad Public Comments Due May 2 on Plan Highlighting Restoration Progress and Remaining Challenges for Ecologically Important Species**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the release of the draft Recovery Plan for Hudson River American shad (PDF) for public comment. American Shad is an economically and ecologically important migratory fish species that once supported a robust fishery in the Hudson River. Decades of intense fishing pressure coupled with years of low reproduction and non-fishing-related mortality events have further impacted the stock's resilience and exacerbated declines.

"American Shad is an iconic Hudson River species and I'm proud of DEC's efforts to restore their population," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "Today's release of DEC's draft Recovery Plan for Hudson River American Shad high-

lights actions taken to date and outlines a transparent and science-based roadmap to reopening fisheries as the population recovers."

Native and colonial Americans fished for shad for sustenance often smoking the flesh and consuming the roe as a delicacy. American shad continued to be an important recreational and commercial fishery throughout the 20th Century. However, Hudson stock declined, and as a result, all recreational and commercial fisheries for American shad were closed in 2010.

Highlights of the draft recovery plan include:

- Annual monitoring to support an up-to-date understanding of Hudson River American shad stock status;

- Short- and long-term recovery goals and benchmarks; and
- Fishery reopening thresholds that would prompt the development of a Sustainable Fishery Management Plan.

Since 2010, DEC, federal, and local partners have taken measures to address the Hudson River American Shad stock including:

- Development of Delaware Basin American Shad Sustainable Fishing Plans in 2016 and 2022;

- Initiation of a shad bycatch monitoring project with Cornell University; and

- Reduction of shad mortality at Hudson River water intakes through plant closures and intake improvements.

The public is invited to provide comments on the draft Recovery Plan (PDF) until May 2, 2022. Comments, questions, or requests for copies of the draft plan should be sent by e-mail with the subject line "Shad Recovery Plan" to hudsonriverfish@dec.ny.gov or by regular mail to ElizaBeth Streifeneder, NYSDEC - Hudson River Fisheries Unit, 21 S. Putt Corners Rd., New Paltz, NY 12561. Please call (845) 633-5466 with questions regarding how to submit comments.

Additional information about American

## **DEC Announces 2022 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the 2022 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge, designed to highlight the world-class tourism destinations and recreational opportunities in New York's Hudson Valley. Starting Jan. 1, 2022, visitors are challenged to hike each of the six fire towers in the Catskill Park and submit information about their visit at any time during the year to earn recognition and prizes.

"Since 2019, the Catskills Fire Tower Challenge has introduced thousands of New Yorkers to the unparalleled experience of viewing the natural wonders of the Catskill Mountains from one of the park's historic fire towers," said Commissioner Basil Seggos. "To introduce even more New Yorkers and visitors to this awe-inspiring experience, we are announcing the 2022 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge. The Fire Tower Challenge is a great way to keep the history and traditions of our Catskills fire towers alive for future generations to appreciate and enjoy."

For nearly a century, observers watched the forests of New York State-including the Catskill and Adirondack forest preserves-from more than 100 fire towers perched atop the highest peaks, searching for the dangerous, telltale signs of forest fires. The Fire Tower Challenge highlights the remaining public fire towers in the Catskill Park. Launched in 2019, the first Challenge drew 878 finishers who submitted nearly 4,400 selfies from the base of the region's five remaining fire towers. (Contd. Pg. 48)

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## DEC Announces 2022 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge

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The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) received challenge entries from every region of the state, 12 additional states, and Canada, and participants hiked an estimated 21,000 miles in the Catskills. The 2019 challenge was part of the State's 'See the Catskills Like Never Before' tourism campaign, developed in collaboration with Empire State Development and I LOVE NY.

Empire State Development Vice President and Executive Director of Tourism Ross D. Levi said, "The Fire Tower Challenge is yet another opportunity to showcase the unparalleled opportunities for outdoor recreation that exist in New York State. I LOVE NY encourages residents and visitors alike to come be a part of the Catskills by planning a 2022 getaway with a fire tower hike as its centerpiece, as well as skiing, ziplining, fly fishing, craft beverage and farm-to-table dining experiences, and a stay at a world-class resort. It's sure to be a vacation they will never forget."

Stewardship of the fire towers is a partnership with the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development. The Catskill Center, through the Catskill Fire Tower Project, manages six fire towers in the Catskill Park for public access and interpretation under a Volunteer Stewardship Agreement with DEC. Dedicated volunteers help maintain and staff each of the fire towers on weekends and holidays throughout the summer and fall seasons.

"The Catskills Fire Tower Challenge is a great way to introduce new visitors to hiking and outdoor recreation in the Catskill Park," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. "By bringing visitors to the fire towers, we are directing them to durable trails, great views, and the opportunity to interact with our Fire Tower Stewards to get information about the Park, fire tower history, and much more. We are very excited to have the Upper Esopus Fire Tower included, as the Challenge will bring more people to the Catskills Visitor Center where they can learn about the Park, get information on how to recreate responsibly while they visit, and learn more about the communities of the Catskills that they can visit before and after their hikes."

The 2022 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge encourages experienced hikers to visit the region's five historic fire towers located on Balsam Lake Mountain (Hardenburgh), Hunter Mountain (Hunter), Overlook Mountain (Woodstock), Red Hill Mountain (Denning), and Tremper Mountain (Shandaken), as well as a new sixth fire tower that was opened in the Catskills in the fall of 2019. The Upper Esopus Fire Tower is located at the Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center in Mt. Tremper and allows all visitors who may not otherwise be able to undertake the challenging hike of several miles to experience a fire tower on the high peaks in the Catskills.

To participate in the challenge, hikers must hike to all six DEC-owned fire towers in the Catskills between Jan. 1, and Dec. 31, 2022. Once completed, participants submit a log of their completed hikes along with a favorite photo to the Challenge email address: CatskillsChallenge@dec.ny.gov or via mail. Entries must be post-marked by Jan. 7, 2023. Participants that complete the challenge will receive a letter, commemorative 2022 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge patch, and a one-year subscription to DEC's Conservationist magazine, currently celebrating its 75th year in circulation. Upon completion, finishers will also be able to download a customizable certificate and will be eligible to win hiking accessories after the challenge period is closed.

Interested hikers can complete their first fire tower of the challenge during two of the guided First Day Hikes recently announced by Governor Hochul. The Catskill Center, in partnership with DEC, will host two guided fire tower hikes on Jan. 1, 2022, to Overlook

Mountain Fire Tower and Upper Esopus Fire Tower. Space is limited and preregistration is required for both hikes. For additional details and to register, visit DEC's website.

Participants are encouraged to practice Leave No Trace™ principles and Love Our New York Lands by recreating safely and sustainably, hiking in suitable conditions based on weather and experience level.

For more information about the Catskills and to experience the Upper Esopus Fire Tower, the newest and easiest-to-reach fire tower in the region, consider a visit to the Catskills Visitor Center on Route 28 in the heart of the Catskill Park. For more information on the fire towers and complete challenge rules, visit DEC's website.

Under the Adventure NY initiative, DEC is making strategic investments to expand access to healthy, active, outdoor recreation; connect more New Yorkers and visitors to nature and the outdoors; protect natural resources; and boost local economies. Read more about the Adventure NY initiative on DEC's website.

## NYS DEC Forest Ranger Rescues Injured Hiker

On Feb. 28 at 9 a.m., Forest Rangers Allwine, Dawson, Gullen, and Mitchell responded to a call for an injured hiker who temporarily lost consciousness while camping with a group near Pecoy Notch. Rangers Allwine and Gullen made contact with the group at 12:20 p.m. The 23-year-old from Massachusetts advised he was feeling dizzy and nauseated. His hiking companions had food, but no water, and their stove was inoperable. Rangers provided the group with food and water and helped them back to the trailhead. Resources were clear at 2:45 p.m.



*Rangers Allwine and Gullen help rescue campers*

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY, Adirondack Backcountry Information, and Catskill Backcountry Information webpages for more information. If a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on state lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, the DEC website has phone numbers for every Ranger listed by region.

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# Claryville Fire Dept.

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## Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper



# Saturday, March 12

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## Following Biden Soto Call to Address CHIP Shortage, Gillibrand Joins NY Delegation in Push to Bring Major CHIPS Program to NYS

### *Letter Follows Gillibrand's Bipartisan, Bicameral Call on Biden Administration to Invest in U.S. Semiconductor Production and Leadership to Strengthen Made in America Products and Manufacturing*

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined the full New York delegation in a letter to Department of Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo calling for the National Semiconductor Technology Center (NSTC) and National Advanced Packaging Manufacturing Program (NAPMP)-created under the CHIPS for America Act-to be established in New York State. This letter speaks to the goals outlined in President Biden's State of the Union address calling for increased manufacturing capabilities to shore up domestic supply chains, create well-paying jobs, and spur the nation's 21st century economy. The letter highlights the dozens of semiconductor manufacturers established in New York that-with the support of federal investments-could supercharge the nation's chip manufacturing industry.

"New York is uniquely positioned to alleviate the short-term chip shortage that is crimping economic growth, while simultaneously propelling long-term American semiconductor innovation," the members wrote. "The \$52 billion in emergency appropriations to fund the CHIPS for America Act will give the Department of Commerce a sorely needed set of tools to build a more resilient semiconductor supply chain. We believe a critical component will include establishing an NSTC and NAPMP that leverages the proven semiconductor innovation ecosystem of New York to boost the supply of chips and broaden access to research and development capabilities to maximize economic impact."

Gillibrand has long championed increased efforts to expand the domestic semiconductor and broader microelectronics industries, by cosponsoring legislation like the bipartisan American Foundries Act, which she negotiated with Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, in combination with pieces of the CHIPS Act, as an amendment to the FY21 NDAA. Last month, Gillibrand introduced her bipartisan, bicameral Made in America Manufacturing Communities Act of 2022, which would incentivize private-public partnerships that would be eligible for federal financial and technical assistance designed to expand and support domestic manufacturing. Gillibrand also led a push with Senator Schumer and Representatives Tonko and Katko calling on President Biden to invest in U.S. semiconductor production. Last year, Senator Gillibrand led a bipartisan call on the Biden administration to implement these provisions.

Read the full letter at:  
[https://tonko.house.gov/uploadedfiles/chips\\_nstc\\_delegation\\_letter\\_tonko\\_3.22.pdf](https://tonko.house.gov/uploadedfiles/chips_nstc_delegation_letter_tonko_3.22.pdf)

## Gillibrand Applauds House Passage of the Bipartisan Honoring our PACT Act; Urges Senate to Quickly Pass the Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is applauding the House passage of the bipartisan Honoring Our PACT Act, which passed by a vote of 256-174. The Honoring Our PACT Act includes provisions from Senator Gillibrand's bipartisan Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act, which would streamline the process for veterans to obtain VA benefits for illnesses due to exposure to burn pits and other toxic exposures. Approximately 3.5 million veterans have been exposed to burn pits that spewed toxic fumes and carcinogens into the air.

Now, Gillibrand is urging the Senate to swiftly take up and pass her legislation.

"When our country sent our brave service members on tours of duty, we didn't just expose them to danger from the enemy, but also from our own toxic burn pits. Now, many are sick and dying of respiratory diseases and cancers - and they need access to the health care they have more than earned. Today, the House has taken the first step by passing the Honoring Our PACT Act, which would provide comprehensive toxic exposure coverage to our veterans," said Senator Gillibrand. "I thank Veterans' Affairs Chair Congressman Takano for his leadership. Now, I will be working my hardest to ensure the Senate passes my bill, the Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act. I am grateful to Senator Rubio, Congressman Ruiz and Congressman Fitzpatrick for their partnership on that bill, and will continue to work with them until we ensure that the VA cannot delay or deny care to suffering veterans for one more day."

The Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act would remove the "burden of proof" from the veteran to provide enough evidence to establish a direct service connection between their health condition and exposure. Rather, the veteran would only need to submit documentation that they received a campaign medal associated with the Global War on Terror or the Gulf War and they suffer from a qualifying health condition. Campaign medals are awarded to members of the armed forces who deploy for military operations in a designated combat zone or geographical theater.

Presumptive conditions include a wide range of cancers and respiratory illnesses, including: asthma that was diagnosed after service, head cancer of any type, neck cancer of any type, respiratory cancer of any type, gastrointestinal cancer of any type, reproductive cancer of any type, lymphoma cancer of any type, lymphomatic cancer of any type, kidney cancer, brain cancer, melanoma, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis, emphysema, granulomatous disease, interstitial lung disease, pleuritis, pulmonary fibrosis, sarcoidosis.

## Catskill Park Coalition Priorities for the SFY 2022- 23:Public Safety and Catskill Park Management

Given the exponential growth of visitors and the subsequently increasing pressure on the Catskill Park's infrastructure, natural resources, and management, the Catskill Park Coalition calls for:

Increased staffing at the NYSDEC's Division of Lands and Forests in Region 3 and 4 to better manage the Catskill Park and its more than 1.7 million annual visitors;

Continued annual Forest Ranger Academies to maintain and increase Ranger staff to provide a safe experience for all who visit the Catskill Park; and

Proper support of the newly created Catskill Park Coordinator position within the NYSDEC with adequate resources. Environmental Protection Fund Priorities to Enhance and Protect the Catskills-- The Environmental Protection Fund should be funded at \$500 million to adequately protect New York's Environment and specifically for the responsible protection and management of natural and recreational resources in the Catskill Park. Within the EPF, the Catskill Park Coalition calls for the following funding:

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

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

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

• Continued inclusion of funding of at least \$300,000 for Smart Growth Grants dedicated annually to help Catskill communities and nonprofits sustainably improve the Park; • Continued inclusion of funding for continued upgrades and improvements to the state-owned Belleayre Ski Center;

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

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

Supporting Local Economies-- Supporting Catskills Communities by investing in projects with direct community benefits, while at the same time addressing increasing visitor pressures is key to supporting local economies and protecting natural resources, therefore the Catskill Park Coalition calls for:

• \$500,000 to develop a swimming area at the Kenneth Wilson State Campground;

• \$250,000 to implement and construct previously approved mountain biking trail system for the Shandaken Wild Forest; and

• Implementing the recommendations of the Governor's New York Upstate Cellular Coverage Task Force to expand cellular service across the Catskill Park.

## Gillibrand, Schumer Push for Boost in Cybersecurity Funding as Russia Cyber Attacks Threaten NYS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer (D-NY) today pushed for a significant increase in cybersecurity funding to help New York State combat the threat of Russian cyber attacks.

Given the increased threat to New York State from Russian cyber attacks, Schumer and Gillibrand sent a letter to Senate Appropriations Committee leadership pushing for a significant increase in cybersecurity funding for the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) program, a successful example of a partnership-based approach to building cybersecurity resilience and coordination between federal, state and local entities. The MS-ISAC program was funded for FY21 at \$27.014 million and Schumer and Gillibrand are pushing to increase funding for this program.

"Due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the U.S. and our allies have leveled severe sanctions against Russia, which has increased the risk of retaliatory cyber attacks, particularly against New York State infrastructure and individuals," said Senator Gillibrand. "It is critical that we boost funding to protect New York State and the country from cyber threats from Russia. The United States must act quickly to strengthen our cyber defenses to meet this unwarranted and unprovoked Russian aggression."

"Protecting our government, our businesses, critical infrastructure, and our utilities from cyberattack has assumed even greater importance with Putin's unjustified aggression in Ukraine and recklessly threatening cyberattacks throughout the world," said Senator Schumer. "That's why we are pushing for increased funding to the Center for Internet Security's Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) - a New York based national leader in building cybersecurity resilience and coordination between federal, state, and local entities."

In 2010, DHS designated the MS-ISAC as the focal point for cyber threat prevention, protection, response, and recovery for the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal (SLTT) governments as well as Fusion Centers. The MS-ISAC is used by all 56 states and territories and more than 12,500 other local governments to receive up-to-date information on and analysis of cyber threats. Additionally, the Center for Internet Security, which houses the MS-ISAC, also houses the Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing & Analysis Center (EI-ISAC), which provides election systems professionals with a full cyber-defense suite of hardware, software, and expertise to fend off the threat of foreign interference



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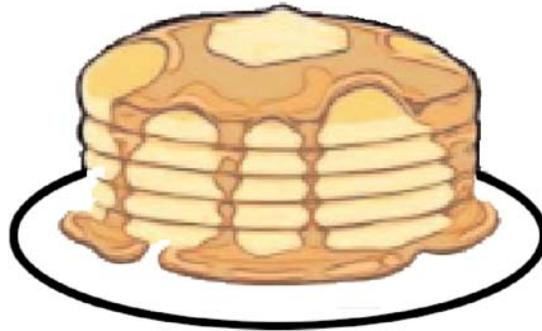
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# Claryville Fire Dept.

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## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



**Sunday, March 20th**  
**Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon**

**Adults: \$9**  
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**Take-outs are available (845) 985-7270**

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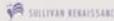
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**March 18, 2022**  
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
 at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Center  
 To register, please visit: [www.Sullivan180.org](http://www.Sullivan180.org)











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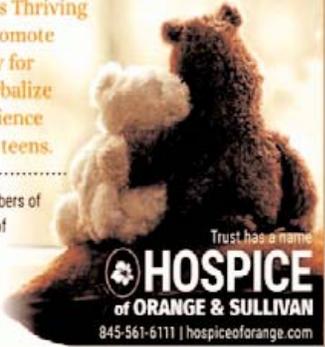
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Our bereavement services are available to all members of our Orange and Sullivan Communities, regardless of whether a loved one received hospice care.



Thriving Families: building resilience  
A Virtual Family Grief Program



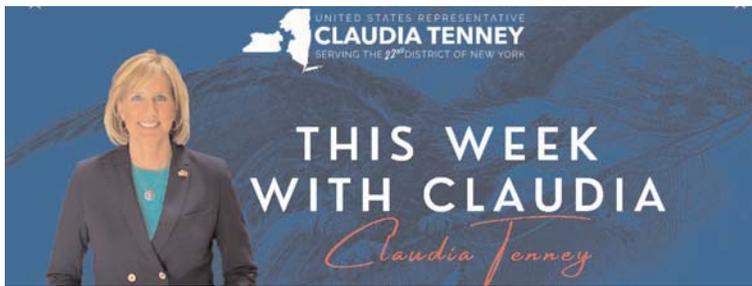
**If your child is grieving the loss of a loved one, please call 845-561-6111 and ask for Kristin Palmieri, LMHC.**

**If you know a family who may need this support, consider sharing this information.**



**Thriving Families: building resilience**  
 A Virtual Family Grief Program  
*Circle of Friends*  
**Children & Family Grief Support**

**March 7/8**  
**March 21/22**



## Fighting to Restore U.S. Energy Independence!

*Tenney Discusses U.S. Dependence on Foreign Energy*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6MQT-wb371&feature=youtu.be>

As of Friday, the average price of a gallon of gas nationally reached \$3.83, and in New York, the average price is up to \$4.05, according to AAA. Experts expect prices to rise even higher. This is unacceptable. American families need relief immediately, which is why I am fighting to restore American energy independence and end our reliance on oil and gas from tyrannical regimes.

Energy independence is a national security imperative for the United States. President Trump understood this basic principle, which is why in 2019, the United States became a net total energy exporter for the first time since the 1950s. Unfortunately, since taking office last year, the Biden Administration instead pushed a Green New Deal agenda, which is exactly what Vladimir Putin hoped would happen. This has destroyed our energy independence, eradicated well-paying American jobs, and forced American consumers to rely on regimes like those in Russia and maybe even Iran for vital supplies of oil and natural gas.

Not only does American energy independence protect our national security, it creates high-quality American jobs and supports domestic industry production that is cleaner than energy produced elsewhere. Anti-energy policies from Democrats in Washington and Albany have hamstrung our communities, and we will continue to pay a dire price until they are reversed.

Here in upstate New York, the Utica Shale remains inaccessible due to self-defeating progressive policies. Now, amidst the unprecedented backdrop of Vladimir Putin's unprovoked war on a sovereign nation, we can, and should, pursue safe natural gas exploration in upstate New York. In addition, the Biden Administration must restart construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and re-open federal lands to oil and gas exploration to drive down prices at the pump.

I support robust legislative efforts in Congress to restore American energy independence, including:

Keystone XL Pipeline Construction and Jobs Preservation Act to restart construction of the pipeline;

American Energy Independence From Russia Act to require the Biden Administration to submit an energy security plan evaluating energy imports posing a security risk, restart construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, and unleash U.S. liquified natural gas (LNG) exports to boost natural gas production; and

Prohibition on Imports of Russian Oil Act to ban Russian petroleum imports to the United States.

And last week, I joined a group of my colleagues in a letter to President Biden demanding he commit to rebuilding U.S. energy independence in his State of the Union address this week. We must take immediate action to solve this crisis or else we will continue to be held hostage by war criminals like Vladimir Putin!

## My Fight to Remove Russia as a Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council

On Monday, I introduced a bipartisan resolution directing the Biden Administration to take all steps necessary to remove the Russian Federation as a Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council, where it currently holds an influential seat with vast veto powers.

Following Russia's unprovoked and violent invasion of Ukraine, the United Nations (UN) Security Council proposed a resolution condemning Russia's actions. Russia, as a Permanent Member of the Security Council, used its veto power to stop the resolution from moving any further. All the while, the Russian Ambassador to the UN presided over the Security Council meetings as president of the Council for the month of February.

Russia is setting a new and dangerous precedent by abusing its role on the UN Security Council to legitimize its operation, fuel propaganda, and shield itself from accountability for its blatantly illegal and unprovoked invasion of a sovereign country. We must call out the hypocrisy of Russia's actions, and force Moscow to publicly defend its continued position on such an important body given its reckless actions and increasingly rogue status on the international stage. A country willing to take such blatant steps to provoke war, jeopardize the safety of civilians, and undermine the sovereignty of a founding UN member state should not retain its powerful position as a Permanent Member of the Security Council.

I stand in strong support of the Ukrainian people and will continue to push for a robust diplomatic response to Vladimir Putin's evil actions.

Senator Marsha Blackburn introduced a companion bill in the Senate.

## Responding to President Biden's First State of the Union Address

*Tenney Discusses Biden's First State of the Union Address with C-SPAN*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxldjYqCSOA>

The state of our nation and our world is much worse than it was one year ago. Virtually every major crisis our nation faces today has been caused or exacerbated by President Biden. Americans deserved to hear real solutions. The State of the Union was an opportunity for President Biden to acknowledge the challenges we face and deliver a call to action that was unifying, bipartisan, and results oriented. It was a chance for Joe Biden to stop talking about how he's the "unity" president and to finally start acting like it.

Unfortunately for our nation, President Biden failed to deliver. I deeply appreciated the bipartisan solidarity shown for the brave Ukrainian people as well as the strong condemnation of Vladimir Putin's premeditated and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine. But beyond that, this speech was a return to Joe Biden's same partisan rhetoric. It was a divisive attempt to shift blame and salvage a failing presidency, while ignoring our country's most pressing issues.

The list of challenges is long and growing: 40-year high inflation, an open border, a deadly fentanyl epidemic, a hollowed out domestic energy industry, war in Europe, a failed withdrawal from Afghanistan, unprecedented government spending, and massive supply chain disruptions. President Biden once again failed to acknowledge these challenges let alone present a unifying, commonsense vision for how he plans to address them. (Contd. Pg. 56)

## This Week With Claudia

(From Pg. 55)

### Removing Big Tech's Corrupt Influence From Our Elections

This week, findings released in Wisconsin by a state-appointed special counsel exposed Zuckerbucks for exactly what they are: a shady and corrupt influence operation designed to undermine free and fair elections. In particular, the special counsel determined that the funding provided by Mark Zuckerberg and funneled through a liberal non-profit to Democrat-leaning counties violated the state's anti-bribery laws.

States around the country that have not yet banned Zuckerbucks from future elections, such as New York, must act now to save our elections and protect the democratic process from being sold to the highest bidder. I am continuing to fight as co-chair of the House Election Integrity Caucus to ensure my End Zuckerbucks Act, which would prohibit private organizations from providing direct funding to official election organizations, is passed to prevent non-profits from engaging in this corrupt practice in the future.

**ICYMI:** In the 2020 election, Mark Zuckerberg used a non-profit organization called the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) to shell out \$350 million to local boards of elections to provide safety protocols to voting sites. Unfortunately, the majority of this money was funneled in a partisan manner to Democrat-leaning counties or election precincts. The money was provided with little-to-no oversight on spending, and reports indicate it was used to fund advertising, vehicle purchases, and other activities completely unrelated to the pandemic.

### My Votes Explained

Transparency in government is key, and I'm pleased to keep you updated on how I voted on legislation in the House of Representatives. For a more detailed explanation of my votes on each of the bills below, go to:

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I voted "Yes" on S.321, the "Six Triple Eight" Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2021, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Women's Army Corps (WAC) who were assigned to the all-African-American, all-female comprised 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 422 - 0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 55, the Emmett Till Antilynching Act. This bill designates lynching as a federal hate crime and imposes strict criminal penalties, such as prison time, a fine, or both, for violators. Lynching was an evil practice far too common throughout the United States until the 1960s, and this legislation will help close the book on that ugly chapter of our Nation's history. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 422 - 3.

I voted "No" H.R. 2116, CROWN Act of 2022. Discrimination against anyone is wrong, which is why the Civil Rights Act of 1966 rightfully bans discrimination based on race, color, or national origin for employment, public accommodations, and housing. While supporters of this bill argue there is a need to explicitly ban discrimination on hair texture or hair style, this bill simply duplicates civil rights pro-

tections already included in federal law while opening commonsense good-faith workplace standards to burdensome and potentially frivolous litigation. The courts have repeatedly found that grooming and appearance policies applied in a discriminatory manner violate existing federal laws. In turn, this language change may ban job-critical standards such as ensuring a firefighter's hair does not infringe on the proper functioning of their respirator. Overall, this legislation is far too sweeping and top down. This bill required a 2/3 majority to pass the House and failed by a vote of 235 - 188.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 956, Supporting the People of Ukraine. This resolution expresses support for the people of Ukraine, calling specifically for an immediate cease-fire and withdrawal of Russian forces from Ukraine, affirming our support for the nation's citizens and the imposition of sanctions against Russia, and reaffirming our support for Article V of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Further, this resolution promises to provide additional aid and humanitarian relief to Ukrainian refugees, as well as work with Europe to strengthen its energy security and reduce dependence on Russian energy imports. Congress should act where the president has failed to deter Putin's belligerence. The United States must hit Putin where it hurts by imposing severe sanctions and diplomatic consequences for this unprovoked aggression, as well as reaffirm our unwavering commitment to the territorial integrity of Ukraine and to the Ukrainian people. We must stand with the people of Ukraine in their struggle for freedom, democracy, and peace. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 426 - 3.

I voted "No" on H.R. 3967, the Honoring our PACT Act of 2021. I strongly support efforts to deliver much-needed relief to Veterans suffering from exposure to toxins. Congress has been working for years to craft targeted legislation to provide support and assistance to veterans. Unfortunately, the bill considered today in the House politicized the issue and was a partisan effort to score points, rather than support our veterans. First, this bill could severely increase wait times at the VA for veterans, as the VA has not yet testified to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs about its ability to implement the legislation, and estimates suggest that the backlog of cases at the VA could grow to as many as 1.53 million claims by the end of Fiscal Year 2023. Rushing a bill through Congress that is not even implementable is bad enough, but doing so when we know this bill could increase wait times for veterans at a very significant cost is absolutely inexcusable. I firmly believe that every veteran exposed to toxins deserves the health care that we promised them when they signed up for service to our nation. As the mother of a Marine officer, this issue truly is a personal one for me. And there is a way to provide this expanded care for veterans effectively today - the Health Care for Burn Pit Veterans Act is a bipartisan bill that I strongly support and voted in favor of as an amendment in place of the Honoring our PACT Act. This commonsense bill has already passed the Senate unanimously and would deliver immediate relief to veterans, without increasing wait times and jeopardizing other vital services. Unfortunately, instead of considering this legislation, Speaker Pelosi instead chose to move forward with the Honoring our PACT Act. It is deeply disheartening how the Democrat majority in the House continues to play politics with our veterans. Instead of delaying access to lifesaving care any longer, Speaker Pelosi can, and should, take up the Health Care for Burn Pit Veterans Act as soon as possible and send it to President Biden for his signature. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 256 - 174.

# **\*FREE\***

## **RABIES CLINIC**

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**Town of Rockland  
Livingston Manor Firehouse  
93 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY  
Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 2022  
6PM to 7:30PM**

**\*Sullivan County Residents only -Proof of ID required**

**\* Everyone must wear a mask while at clinic site**

**\*Appointments are required**

**\*Pre-registration of ALL animals is required**

**<https://tinyurl.com/yckmx6jm>**

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

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

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

**Dogs – Cats – Ferrets**

**All Pet owners must clean up after their pets.**

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

**All pets must be at least 3 months old.**

**Aggressive dogs should be muzzled to prevent any biting incidents**

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

# Spring Forward: Ditch Disposables!

Let's get rid of single-use packaging—bad for the environment, bad for your health!

Introducing Climate Smart tiffins—reusable take-out containers!

Featuring the new, local MAP of places you can shop plastic-free, buy in bulk, refill liquids, & bring your own container

## March 16th - 6pm

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## The Rise with John Shaner

Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum  
Virtual program this Thursday 3/10  
The Rise with John Shaner  
March 10, 2022  
6:30pm-7:30pm



Join John Shaner explore this group of specimen flies owned by John Alden Knight, a famous American angler and author. One of a kind collection and relate the stories behind the flies. Then come to the CFFCM and see the framing for yourself!

To sign up go to:

[https://cffcm.com/programs/signup?ss\\_source=sscampaigs&ss\\_campaign\\_id=622666010770af3f0e00cff1&ss\\_email\\_id=622748e7bace5374e1931ec&ss\\_campaign\\_name=Virtual+Program+3%2F10&ss\\_campaign\\_sent\\_date=2022-03-08T12%3A17%3A15Z](https://cffcm.com/programs/signup?ss_source=sscampaigs&ss_campaign_id=622666010770af3f0e00cff1&ss_email_id=622748e7bace5374e1931ec&ss_campaign_name=Virtual+Program+3%2F10&ss_campaign_sent_date=2022-03-08T12%3A17%3A15Z)

Recently, a unique piece of fly fishing history was uncovered at the CFFCM. This is a group of specimen flies owned by John Alden Knight, a famous American angler and author. The framed collection of flies is composed of examples of fly tying craft by some of the most famous fly dressers of the early to mid 20th Century, including Theodore Gordon, Preston Jennings, Joseph Messenger, and many more.

Join John Shaner as he explores this one of a kind collection and relate the stories behind the flies. Then come to the CFFCM and see the framing for yourself!

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*The Rise* is a monthly virtual program with different experts of the fly fishing world, that dives into Catskills fly fishing history, regional literature, artifacts from our permanent collection and more!

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MARCH 19-MAY 7, 2022

## DVAA Presents Thurman Barker Trio

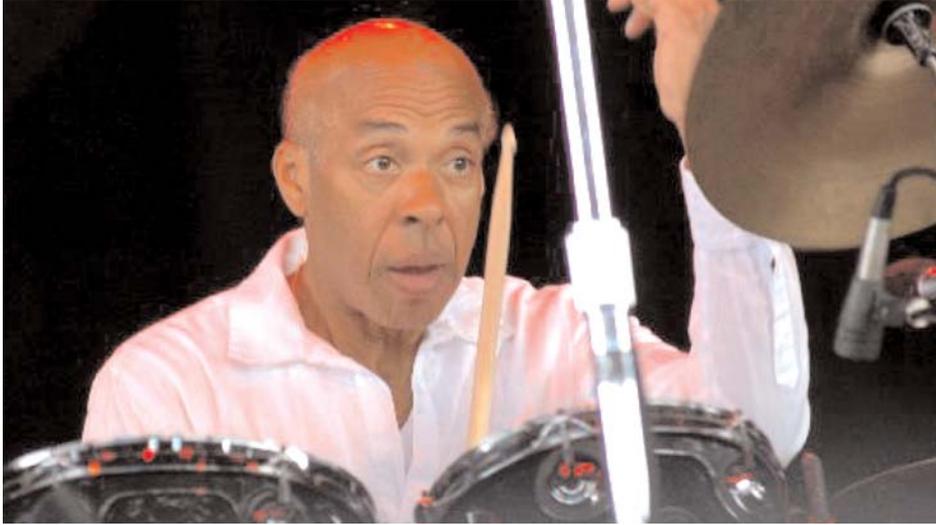
DVAA's 2022 Salon Series welcomes Master Percussionist, Thurman Barker and his trio to perform his favorite jazz standards and originals on Saturday, March 12 at 2pm at Krause Recital Hall, located on the 2nd floor at DVAA, 37 Main St. Narrowsburg, NY 12764 and live streamed on Facebook.

Attendance is free and open to the public. Advanced registration is required for in-person attendees

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's Salon Series 2022 continues on Saturday, March 12 at 2 pm, with master percussionist, composer, and jazz professor Thurman Barker. He returns to DVAA with his trio to amaze audiences with an afternoon filled with music, melody, and improvisation.

### ABOUT THE ARTIST

Blending world-renowned style with refreshing individuality, Thurman Barker is a celebrated percussionist who built his career on innovation. As a professional musician, composer, and college professor, he brings endless passion and decades of experience together to entertain, educate, and expand the horizons of his art. His



career has spanned decades, and his talent encompasses and crosses over into many musical genres. From jazz and blues to contemporary, classical, and beyond, he aims for a unique experience that blurs traditionally rigid lines to the delight of his audiences.

Barker's wealth of knowledge was built through countless incredible collaborations. He was the house drummer at the Schubert Theater in Chicago for ten years and has played behind the likes of Bette Midler, Marvin Gaye, Billy Eckstein, Vicky Carr, and blues legend Mighty Joe Young. He was a founding member of the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (AACM) and is an ASCAP member. He has six recordings under his own label, Uptee Productions, and has recorded as a sideman on 50+ albums. He has currently finished a new composition for jazz quintet and chamber orchestra entitled Pandemic Fever.

Capacity is limited and advanced registration is required. Click [here](#) to register. Audiences are asked to socially distance. DVAA requires proof of vaccination or current negative test results. Masks are required for all.

This event will also be streamed live via DVAA's Facebook page.

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is delighted to announce the return of its annual Salon Series presented in-person and live



streamed. This year's series will feature performances and events that focus on the concept of "building up" - the process of creative construction

The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support from the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. For more information contact: Matt Carpenter, Performing Arts Director at 845-252-7576 or email: [matt@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](mailto:matt@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org)

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Celebrate the opening of the 2022 Music on Market season and St. Patrick's Day with Eric Banger and the Mashers!

**Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 7:30 PM**

Appropriate refreshments will be served. Dancing and singing will be encouraged!

This concert will be in person at MISU, 40 Market St. Ellenville, NY and live-streamed on Zoom. Pre-registration on Eventbrite is required for both. Please consider making a donation for your ticket.



# Local Partners Work Together to Promote the Central Catskills

The Catskill Center, Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce, and Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway have collaborated on a poster campaign to promote the Central Catskills. The posters have been installed at Belleayre Mountain Ski Center with the aim of attracting skiers to nearby businesses and communities.

There are three posters at Belleayre, all with QR codes - one promoting the Catskills Visitor Center; one for the Scenic Byway (which runs mainly along Route 28 in parts of Ulster and Delaware Counties); and a third for the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce.

“The new marketing strategy developed through collaboration among Belleayre Mountain, the Catskill Center/Catskills Visitor Center, the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce, and the Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway is a valuable example of

how to work together to support our local economy and to welcome visitors to our region,” said Carol O’Beirne, Executive Director of the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce. “The goal is simple messaging and ease of access to information.”

“The Catskills Visitor Center is an integral part of the Central Catskills and the Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway experiences, and we’re proud to team up with the Chamber of Commerce and the Scenic Byway to promote opportunities for visitors to explore, enjoy, and support our local communities,” said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. “Partnerships like this benefit us all and help extend the reach of the Catskills Visitor Center to more visitors, which in turn helps those visitors learn about the Catskill Park, responsible recreation, and our many communities. We look forward to even more collaboration in the Central Catskills and beyond.” In addition to Belleayre, the poster images are in the March issue of the Catskill Mountain Region Guide.

“Belleayre Mountain is very happy to partner up with the chamber, Catskills Visitor Center, and the Scenic Byway,” said Joe McCracken, Marketing Manager for Belleayre Mountain Ski Center. “Our goal is to get guests who are visiting us at the mountain to explore the rest of the region, and these posters are an easy way of putting information in front of our guests.”

The Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce serves as the administrator for the Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway. The

Catskill Center manages and operates the Catskills Visitor Center.

Get to Know the Central Catskills!

We partnered with the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce & Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway on a poster campaign to promote the Central Catskills. The posters are at Belleayre Mountain so skiers know to check out nearby businesses and communities.

One poster promotes our Catskills Visitor Center!




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(RATED G / 1952 / 2hr 9min / Romance/Comedy,  
*The Quiet Man*—a retired American boxer returns to  
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 spirited redhead whose contemptuous brother scorns  
 their union.



Directed by John Ford. Starring John Wayne as Sean Thornton,  
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 'Oge' Flynn, Ward Bond as Father Peter Lonergan, Victor McLaglen as  
 Squire Red Will Danaher, Mildred Natwick as The Widow, Sarah Tillane,  
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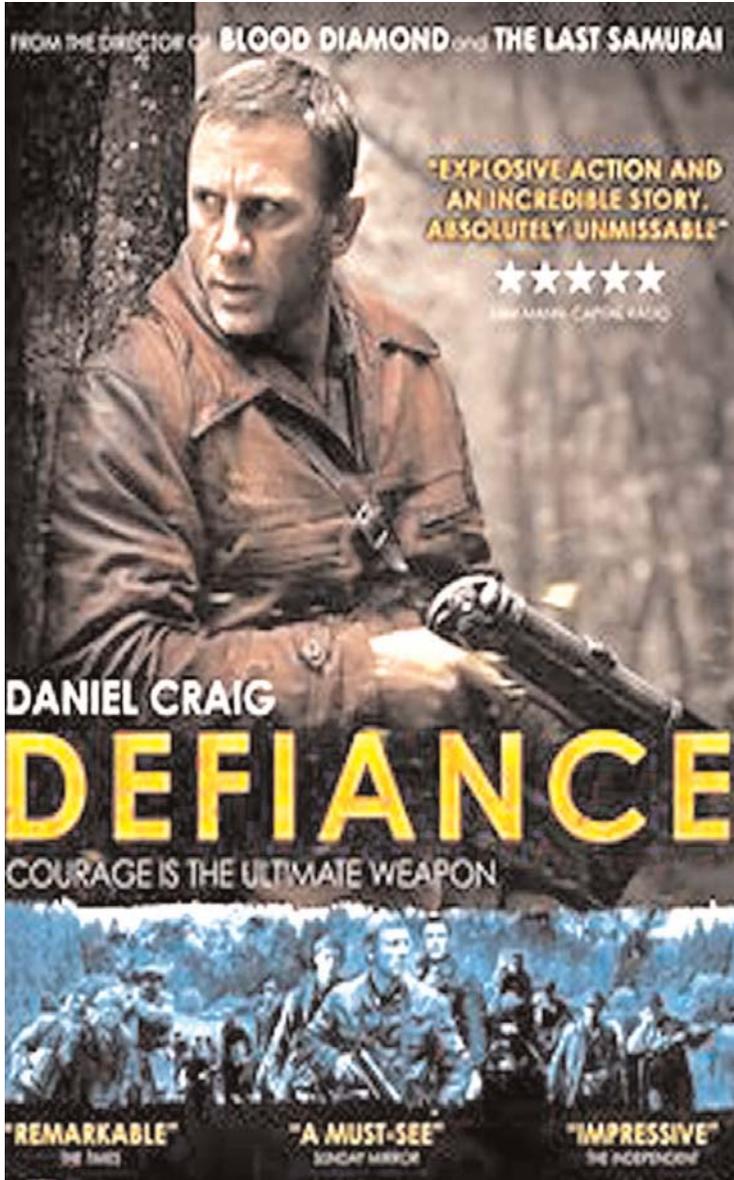
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**“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II  
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## DEFIANCE

(2008 / NR, SUGGEST 13+ / 2 HR 20 MIN  
/ WAR / DRAMA)

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1034303>



Polish Jewish brothers in Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe escape into the Belarussian forests, where they join Russian resistance fighters and endeavor to build a village in order to protect themselves and about one thousand Jewish non-combatants.

Directed by Edward Zwick. With Daniel Craig, Liev Schreiber, Jamie Bell, Alexa Davalos.

**“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III  
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## GANDHI

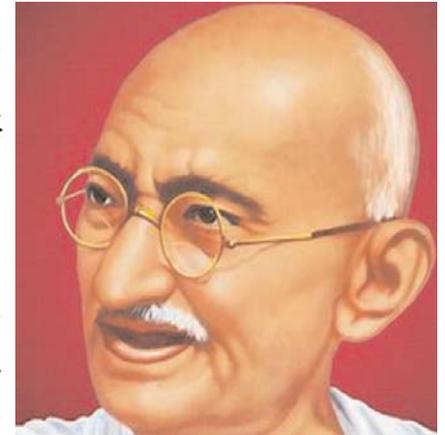
(PG-13 / 2008 / 1hr 35min / Romance/Comedy)

Biography of Mohandas Gandhi,  
Indian Freedom Leader

<https://www.thoughtco.com/mohandas-gandhi1779849>

**MOHANDAS GANDHI (OCTOBER 2, 1869 –JANUARY 30, 1948) WAS THE FATHER OF THE INDIAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT.**

While fighting discrimination in South Africa, Gandhi developed satyagraha, a nonviolent way of protesting injustice. Returning to his birthplace of India, Gandhi spent his remaining years working to end British rule of his country and to better the lives of the Indian people.



<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Mahatma-Gandhi>

What did Gandhi try to accomplish with his activism?

Initially, Gandhi's campaigns sought to combat the second-class status Indians received at the hands of the British regime.

What were Gandhi's religious beliefs?

Gandhi's family practiced a form of Vaishnavism, one of the major traditions of Hinduism, that was inflected through the morally rigorous tenet...

What other social movements did Gandhi's activism inspire?

Within India, Gandhi's philosophy lived on in the messages of reformers such as social activist Vinoba Bhave, and abroad, Martin Luther King and the rest of the world who seek peace.

**... and following the teachings of Jesus –**

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. - John 14. 27

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