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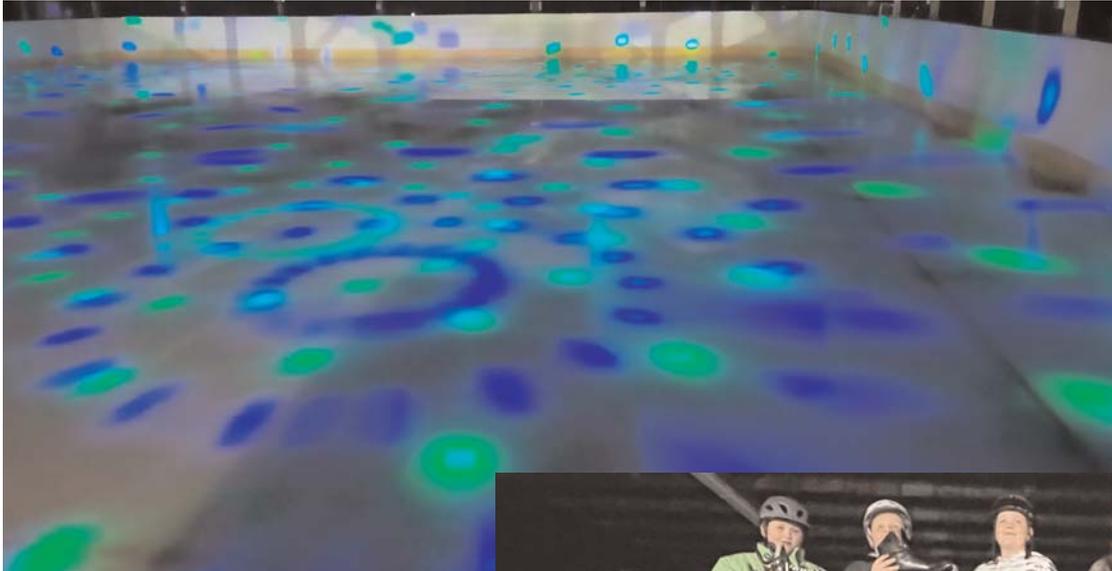


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## News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec



**SPRING IS OFFICIALLY HERE!** The days are getting longer and warmer. The crocuses are starting to pop. The brown landscape is showing bits of green. The heavy winter clothes and shoes are being tucked away until next year.

The youth sports events are all kicking in. And the Community Ice Rink is going into its "melting stage". We all know what that means. It's time to close the Ice Rink. Our last official skating day was Sunday, March 20. And it was with sadness we unplugged the

*Our Community Ice Rink ready for Disco Nite*

chiller, packed up the skates and helmets, and said goodbye to our "old friend" that brought so much joy and fun thru the winter months. We did try and celebrate the end of the Ice Rink season with a Disco Nite at the Rink! The ice rink was ready to go with all its disco lights flashing and some of our favorite (if we can have a favorite!) disco music playing. The goodies were there for everyone to enjoy. And the skaters came---lots of kids wanting to "disco skate" on the rink. The only one that didn't show up was Mother Nature---she decided that we needed 72 degrees weather that day. Our poor rink and its chillers tried so hard to keep the ice frozen at this temp, but it didn't succeed as we had some wet watery spots. So instead, we still lit up the rink with the disco lights, we still blared the 70's disco music, we still had our munchies, and all the parents and kids danced to the music and played at the fairgrounds. As one mom said, we made lemonade from lemons---and everyone had a great time even though they couldn't go on the ice. Check out the pictures of the rink in its disco glory and of all our "disco skaters" with their skating gear that they could not use that night!



*Our Disco Skaters wishing they could skate on Disco Nite*

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE –VOLUNTEERS, TOWN BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF, OUR MASTER SKATE SHARPENER & HIS EQUIPMENT, DONATORS OF SKATING EQUIPMENT AND OUR COMMUNITY FAMILIES FOR MAKING THIS A GREAT YEAR FOR YOUR COMMUNITY ICE RINK. Until next year...(Contd. Pg. 4)**

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will be my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.  
John 12:26

**OBITUARY**

**Margaret Seifert Schiffer**, a long-time resident of Claryville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 12. She was 91 years old. In her home, surrounded by many of her children and grandchildren, she went to



her Eternal Father.

Born in Teaneck, N.J. to the late John and Rose Seifert, Margaret began coming to Claryville as a young girl. As a teen she worked at the Grossinger's Airport, taking her pay in flying lessons. Later she worked at Camp St. Joseph in Forestburgh as a camp counselor and archery instructor. This was where she met her future husband Mike, also a camp counselor, in a canoe in the middle of the lake.

Margaret graduated with a Bachelor's degree from the College of New Rochelle. She was an accomplished artist, teacher, jeweler, and a certified gemologist. With a life-long passion for learning new skills, in her mid-80's she became a talented woodturner and co-founder of Claryville Woodworks.

Margaret was married to the late H. Michael Schiffer for nearly 60 years. Together they raised their family in Bloomfield, CT. Family was always the most important thing in her life. Summers, weekends, and any free time was spent with family and friends in Claryville. In 1994, she and Mike retired to Claryville and immersed themselves in numerous community activities. At the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, she served as a Eucharistic Minister. She was a trustee for the Daniel Pierce Library, active in the Head Start program, and a cemetery board member for the Claryville Reformed Church. As a member of the Claryville Fire Department for 28 years, Margaret served countless numbers of people at the monthly pancake breakfasts and always made everyone feel welcome.

Margaret was predeceased by her beloved husband Mike, her daughter Elizabeth, grandson Brendan O'Donnell and sister Dorothy Hafner. She leaves behind her 11 children and their spouses, 49 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, her sister

Rosemary Clair, many nieces and nephews, and countless friends. She was kind, generous and touched the lives of so many, embracing everyone as if they were her own.

At her request, a celebration of her life is planned for 11:00 am on Saturday, July 2, 2022 at the River's Edge Pavillion, 6 Tannery Way, Claryville, NY. In her memory, donations may be made to the Schiffer Children's Reading Room at the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville, N.Y. 12740.

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY. For additional information, please contact the funeral home at 845-434-7363 or visit the website at [www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com).

**DAYS OF YORE...****Today's History****March 19, 1952**

Miss Dorothea Singer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Singer of Peekamoose, and Mr. Edward Lee Denman, son of Supervisor and Mrs. Bruce Denman of Grahamsville, were married on Sunday at 2:30 in the afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Howard P. West at the Methodist Church in Grahamsville. After a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Denman will make their home in Poughkeepsie where Mr. Denman is employed.

Spring is due to put in an appearance on Thursday but it was hard for resident to believe it Monday morning as they wearily shoveled themselves out of snow banks once more. Neversink snow plows were opening drifts on Mutton Hill, Shumway, Aden, Bradley and Willowemoc. On Red Hill, according to Denning Road Superintendent Ransie Hamilton, roads were drifted badly. The volume of snow in the latest storm was light but a nasty continuous wind kept piling it up in exposed places.

**March 21, 1962**

Mrs. Thorvald Carlsen and Mrs. Frank Carlsen were co-hostesses at a baby shower for Mrs. Fred Costa on Monday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roe Johnson of Neversink are parents of a baby daughter born on Monday. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## DAYS OF YORE...

### Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

Anniversary congratulations to: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Turner, 25 years on the 28th; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bonnell, 20 years on the 28th; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huntsberger, 33 years on the 31st.

Monday evening, the Grahamsville Fire Department spent over three hours pumping out the basement of the Daniel Pierce Library. The fire department had volunteered their services to do me much needed pumping. The library basement, which has been flooded for months, has a weakened main beam in it which is badly in need of repair.

March 29, 1972

Services were held Tuesday for Harry Barnes, 47, of Wildcat Road, Claryville, who died Saturday at home. Born January 5, 1925, he was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Rudolph Barnes. Mr. Barnes was a lifelong resident of Claryville and worked for the Denning Town Highway Dept. He was a member of the Reformed Church of Claryville and a member of the Claryville Fire Department.

Mike McNamara was among the young people confirmed at the United Methodist Church on Sunday. In the afternoon the McNamara family were in Cragmoor visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Foster whose daughter Karen had also been confirmed.

Ralph T. Caldwell, 65, died Tuesday at his home in Grahamsville after a long illness. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on March 24, 1907 to Harvey and Sarah Taylor Caldwell. He was married June 3, 1931 in Grahamsville to Vira Donaldson. Mr. Caldwell was a 26-year resident of Grahamsville, formerly of Ellenville. He was a retired plumber and a World War I veteran. He is survived by his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Sandra Mickelson of Monticello and Mrs. Virginia Bishop of Lexington, Kentucky; four brothers and four sisters

March 25, 1982

The following local students have been placed on the President's List at Sullivan County Community College. To qualify for the President's List, the students must be in full-time attendance and achieve a 4.0 average for the semester. Congratulations to Lisa Arielly of Neversink, a Business Administration major; Penny L. Dean, a Business Administration major, and Gary A. Teitel, majoring in Commercial Art. Both Penny and Gary are from Grahamsville.

Michael James Sheeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sheeley, was born March 16, 1982 in the Kingston City Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Barringer are the proud maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sheeley are the equally proud paternal grandparents and Albert and Elizabeth Rose are the especially proud great-grandparents.

## Household Hint:

### Spring Cleaning Time!

To clean your microwave, place a glass bowl filled with a solution of 1/4 cup vinegar in 1 cup water inside, and zap the mixture for five minutes on the highest setting. Once the bowl cools, dip a cloth or sponge into the liquid and use it to wipe away stains and splatters on the interior. You can also use the leftover vinegar and water to clean the top the outside of your microwave and the range top, too.

**Nature Column** - A tribute to the memory of all of the *Townsmen 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.

## It's Time for the Race

*Watch out for frogs and salamanders crossing the road as they race toward their ancestral vernal pools!*

If you were out driving on Saturday night most likely you saw another kind of commuter on the roadways - amphibians. Saturday night's warm weather and rain was a signal for wood frogs and salamanders to begin their annual migration toward temporary vernal ponds and pools where they will mate and lay eggs.

Wood frogs have the remarkable ability during winter to freeze and not die. They bury themselves in the ground and go into a deep hibernation in which their hearts stop beating, they stop breathing and partially freeze. The warm -above 40 degrees F -spring rains revive them. Shortly after thawing from their winter dormancy, wood frogs migrate to temporary wetlands for breeding. Soon you will hear the raucous, quacking, breeding chorus of the male frogs luring the females to their pools of water for mating.

Spotted salamanders are also beginning to emerge from beneath a blanket of decaying leaves and underground burrows where they have been hibernating through the winter.



One of the largest salamanders, the spotted salamander has a striking appearance. Their chunky bodies are usually about 8 inches long. They are

dark grey, almost black with bright yellow spots. During the mating season the male salamanders arrive at a breeding pool a week or so earlier than the female. They deposit their spermatophores on the bottom of the pool, which attracts the females to meet their male. A courtship begins with a ritual display of swirls, turns and nudging. The female will then engulf the spermatophore, then deposit fertilized, gelatinous eggs around twigs, aquatic plants or branches. After mating, spotted salamanders will advance to the forest where they will live underground dining on insects, worms and slugs.

Forest-dwelling amphibians like spotted salamanders, wood frogs, peepers, and toads are beginning to wake up and leave their winter homes and migrate during the night seeking vernal pools -temporary, fishless ponds or big puddles -for breeding. Almost always the eggs are laid in vernal pools. The nature of vernal pools drying out in late summer and early fall means they are fishless and safe.. Fish would love to have a hearty meal on those huge egg masses.

For the amphibians, it is a race against dryness. They need to select a pool that won't dry up before their eggs have hatched.

It is also a race for these slow-moving amphibians who are just waking up, some of which find their way to a wet well-traveled road.

According to DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos, "New York hosts an incredible array of amphibians, and an even more amazing volunteer network that helps ensure their survival each spring."

"As the State's Wildlife Action Plan identifies road mortality as a significant threat to frogs, toads, and salamanders, I encourage all New Yorkers and visitors traveling through our state to keep an eye out for amphibians, and our committed community of volunteers helping them cross the road."

The amphibian migration to vernal pools to lay eggs is one of nature's signs of spring that also reminds us of all the mysterious miracles and wonders in our own backyards.

When driving, please be mindful of these little miraculous creatures who may want to share the roadways for the next few weeks.

## News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

(From Pg. 1)

Your Parks & Rec team is working on lots of fun things for the rest of the year. We will have our Movies at the Fairgrounds, currently planned for Friday nights and starting when our weather gets a bit warmer. We are looking into something fun for Halloween this year. As part of our partnership with the Rondout Stream Program, we are looking into more Kayaking on the Reservoir days. With Rondout Stream and the Time and the Valleys Museum, we are exploring an Arm of the Sea Theater Workshop. Our Beach Volleyball court will be completed this year and ready to use, along with the horseshoe pits and the refurbished Tennis Courts, Basketball Court and Pickle Ball Courts. And of course we will have our Holiday Tree Lighting festivities and maybe our

second annual Winterfest (weather permitting).

For those of you who read our updates you know that I always try and thank everyone who has made our events happen. I am embarrassed to say that there is one individual I have failed to thank. He has been critical to everyone of our events supporting us in so many ways with helping us with setting up, taking down our events. He has always been there for me brainstorming options on how to "make things work" and what we can use for our events. So THANK YOU JOE BAGLEY! You have been and continue to be a great asset to the Parks & Rec Team!

Well folks that's the update for this month. Keep reading your Townsman and as always, check our Facebook page for additional information on upcoming events. Any questions send them to [cwparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:cwparksandrec@gmail.com). And as always, be safe, stay healthy, and most of all be happy.

Cher (your Parks & Rec Director)

## Jerry Garcia Returns to Sullivan County Museum to Host Music & History Tribute Concert April 3

Hurleyville, NY - By all accounts, when Jerry Garcia and his wildly popular band performed in Sullivan County at a music festival called Woodstock, they blew the gig. It's not hard to imagine what went wrong - a bad day, things didn't line up. It happens...

That was 1969.

Miraculously, 12 years later, at a magical little venue called Music Mountain, at the Avon Lodge Hotel in South Fallsburg, something quite different happened. Jerry performed two sets, and this time, by all accounts, he had one of the finest performances of his career. It was June 16, 1982 - the Jerry Garcia Band drew nearly 10,000 fans back to the gentle sloping fields of Sullivan County.

And it rained...

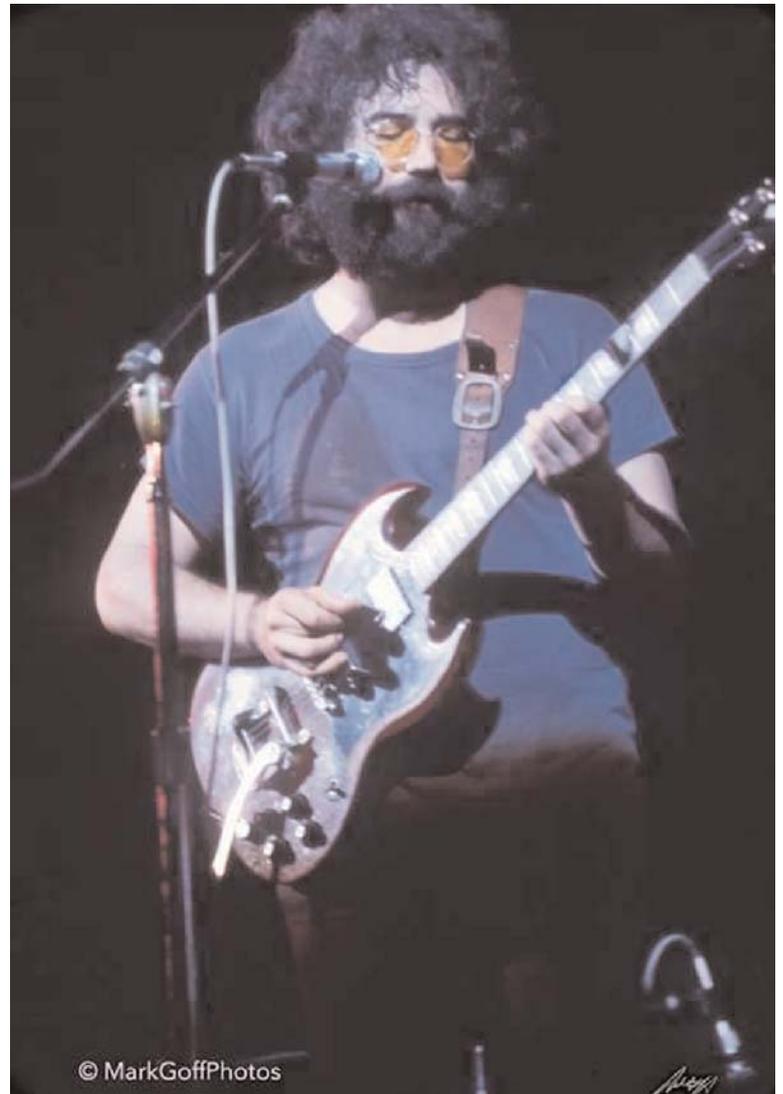
Of his unprecedented success, Jerry Garcia once said, "I feel like I'm sort of stumbling along, and a lot of people are watching me or stumbling along with me or allowing me to stumble for them."

Responding to this, Mikal Gilmore, writing for *Rolling Stone* Magazine opined, "It was as if Jerry Garcia - who lived at the center of one of popular culture's most extraordinary epic adventures - was bemused by the circumstances of his own renown."

His renown endures, and on Sunday, April 3, from 2-4 p.m., the Sullivan County band Little Sparrow will host a tribute concert to the music of the Jerry Garcia Band. JGB, as the band is referred to by Grateful Dead fans, was a side project for Garcia. Drawing influence from jazz, rock, reggae and soul, they explored a wide range of artists - from the Beatles and Bob Marley to Smokey Robinson and Steve Winwood.

Special guests for the show include Ellen Iovino on vocals and congas, Rounder Recording artist Van Manakas on guitar, and Jeff Anderson on bass. Jeff is known locally for his work with guitarist Slam Allen, but he got his start performing with legends like Ben E. King and Esther Phillips.

The free concert is sponsored by the Sullivan County Historical Society and will be held at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. Donations are appreciated and directly support the musicians. For more info, call 845-434-8044.



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Jerry Garcia at Woodstock, 1969



## Undermoney Mysterious Book Report No. 482 by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

*Undermoney*, (Scribner, \$30.00, 484 pages, ISBN 978-1-9821-5602-2), by Jay Newman, is a complex, fascinating and frightening novel of politics, warped patriotism, ambition and ultra amounts of wealth and money by a writer who is infinitely familiar with the subject because he's spent 45 years swimming among the sharks of high finance, hedge funds and edgy government officials.

The word "undermoney" comes from the Japanese. It means *The currency of corruption*. It's first cousin to blood money.

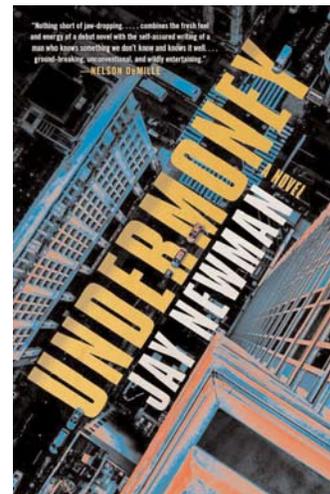
The story begins in the Jordanian desert with the theft of 2.6 billion dollars in cash by a rogue group of American Special Forces who're operating under the auspices of a Major General named Tommy Taylor. The purpose of the heist is to provide seed money for a presidential contender named Ben Corn. He's a sitting Senator from Nebraska and a former member of their elite group of warfighters. But the problem is, they need to launder the money in order to be able to use it. They hide the pallet of consecutively numbered hundred dollar bills in a cave in France for two and a-half years while laying that ground work for their operation. Their plan is to take over the largest hedge fund in America. It's called Industrial Strategies, and run by a man named Elias Vickers . . . a flat-out sociopath . . . a man who'll let nothing . . . and nothing, means nothing is too vile, disgusting or murderous to stand in the way of making evermore money for himself. Those who know Vickers fear and despise him. But there's other players as well, who come in all shapes and sizes and nationalities, some of whom have connections to the highest levels of the Kremlin. They're interested in Vickers and his IS Company too —and they're just as ruthless, amoral and blood-soaked as he is.

The novel is stuffed full of financial terms and insights into hedge funds, as well as an illumination of the mysteries of international business deals. It's both fascinating and frightening because there's so much truth packed into a complex, electrifying and intense thriller. It's a fictional story that illuminates one of the most corrosive aspects of modern life: ruthless sociopaths with unlimited amounts of cash and no boundaries. It's true in large measure . . . and that's what makes *Undermoney* so damn scary!!

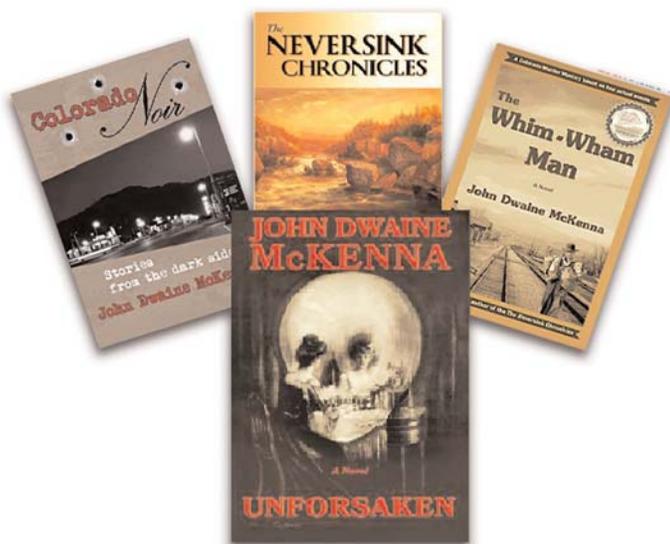
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## Time for Spring Cleaning, Sullivan County!

**Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck Returns April  
1st through June 30th**

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Annual Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck is set for April 1 through June 30, 2022. By resolution of the County Legislature, the disposal fee will be waived during that time for roadside & public trail litter.

This popular annual event is coordinated by the County's Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department and the Division of Public Works.

"This is a great way to 'clean ourselves up' as we start a new tourism season," Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty notes. "One of the first impressions we make on visitors is the state of our roads. Frankly, we all feel better when our roads look better, and this is an opportunity to work on a project we all agree about."

Residents who wish to participate in the Litter Pluck may pick up their free disposal coupons, along with program guidelines, on or after March 21 at their town or village hall, County-operated transfer station, or the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department in the Government Center. Participants will be asked to register at the County-operated transfer station at the time of disposal.

For more information about the Litter Pluck, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification at 845-807-0287 or email [scparks@sullivanny.org](mailto:scparks@sullivanny.org).





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## The Spring, Summer, Fall Gardening Series Begins Wednesday April 6, 2022 at 6pm via Zoom

“Spring Clean Up & Planning New Gardens” kicks off the series at 6pm via zoom. This workshop will focus on early season gardening tasks to prepare for the season or plan a new garden.

The series continues on June 1 with tips for how to plant the perfect garden; and the “thriller, filler spiller” technique of planting containers that will be last the season.

On September 7 the discussion continues with “Planning for Fall and Planting Bulbs.” Maintenance tips will be shared throughout the series.

For more information contact Carmela Hugel, Beautification Program Manager at 845.295.2445.

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## Trail Supporter Patches are Back!

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Purchase a Trail Supporter Patch for \$5 (or the full series for \$25) at any sporting license sales outlet, or online at the DECALS website. The proceeds from patch sales go into the Conservation Fund's Outdoor Recreation, Trail Maintenance, and Development account to help maintain and enhance DEC's non-motorized recreation trails throughout the state.

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## FCSD Acknowledges STAR Award Winners

The STAR Award stands for Staff/Teacher Award Recognition. The purpose of the FCSD STAR award is to recognize students and staff members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty and have made a difference in the life of someone else. At the Board of Education Meeting on March 16, 2022, the BOE honored one student and one staff member for this prestigious award. Staff member Sharon Olvera nom-



*Kindergarten student Aubree VanWolde with Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz and FCSD Board of Education President Debra Barbiani.*

She gave the money to Ms. Olvera, the Teacher's Aide in her classroom. After an announcement over the school loudspeaker, the money was returned to its owner, another kindergarten child. The dollar was for her to purchase a special Valentine lollipop. In presenting the STAR Award, Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz thanked Aubree for always willing to help her fellow students and teachers.



*Left to right Debra Barbiani, BCES teacher Dominick Scanna, BCES Principal Mary Kate Stinehour, and Dr. Ivan Katz. Scanna and Stinehour received the award for Sharon Olvera.*



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inated kindergarten student Aubree VanWolde. Just before Valentine's Day, Aubree found a one-dollar bill by the kindergarten wing doors.

“This is just one example of how this special student makes a difference. She is a great example of a caring and helping young person. This act of kindness and caring made a difference in the life of another student and for that we are recognizing and honoring Aubree VanWolde this evening.”

Before the presentation, young Aubree, with her dad Kyle, entertained the staff in the hallway outside the Board Room with her wonderful vocabulary and her poise. In addition to her kindness, she is bright-eyed and adorable.

Next, Dr. Katz thanked BCES School Nurse, Ashley Herbert, for nominating staff member Sharon Olvera for a STAR Award. Not for her role in Aubree's award, but for her action to save a choking child in the school cafeteria. Nurse Herbert reported that Sharon was present in the cafeteria when a child started choking. She “jumped into action and implemented the Heimlich maneuver.” The student was able to clear the food and, after following up with mom a short time later, the student is home, happy and healthy after he was cleared by the doctor.

Dr. Katz acknowledged the teacher's aide for her willingness to help her fellow students and teachers. “She is a great example of grace under pressure and the Fallsburg Central School District is exceptionally proud of Ms. Sharon Olvera!”

Ms. Olvera was unable to attend the ceremony. Principal Mary Kate Stinehour and teacher Dominick Scanna received the award for Sharon. A few years ago, Dominick saved a choking student in the BCES cafeteria.

## Celebration of the 50th Anniversary Edition of "To The Mountains by Rail" by Manville B. Wakefield

Hop on an express train for an epic voyage through Sullivan County history!

For the first time in decades, we're celebrating Manville B. Wakefield's history masterpiece - TO THE MOUNTAINS BY RAIL

From the original book printed in 1970:

"To The Mountains by Rail is a landmark in railroad history. Written by renowned rail historian Manville B. Wakefield, the book is ground-breaking in its treatment of the details of the New York, Ontario and Western Railway, and in its exploration of Sullivan County history. The book takes readers back to a time when the Catskill Mountains were the major vacation destination on the East Coast, playing host to tens of thousands of visitors each summer. Wakefield has recreated this era in masterful style. He has assembled an unusually detailed photographic record of the O&W line, the people who traveled it, and the great bygone resort hotels of the area."

This is why it became an instant hit among locals, history lovers and railway enthusiasts. However, it went out of print in 1989 and has been so difficult to find. With Barbara Wakefield's permission, Myron Gittell took it upon himself to resurrect Manville Wakefield's work. It took an entire decade to get this done, but with the help of so many amazing people, it's finally back and we're full steam ahead!

We're hosting a book re-launch event where both Myron and John Conway, renowned Sullivan County Historian, will discuss and sign copies of the 50th anniversary edition.

Whether you're a railroad history enthusiast, an artist, historian, educator or just one who loves to have social insight and support good causes, we'd love to see you at this event. The store will be decorated in line with the book and we can't wait for you to see the large model train on full display operating before and during the event.

### Here are the details:

Date: Saturday March 26, 2022

Venue: Hurleyville General Store 238 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY 12747

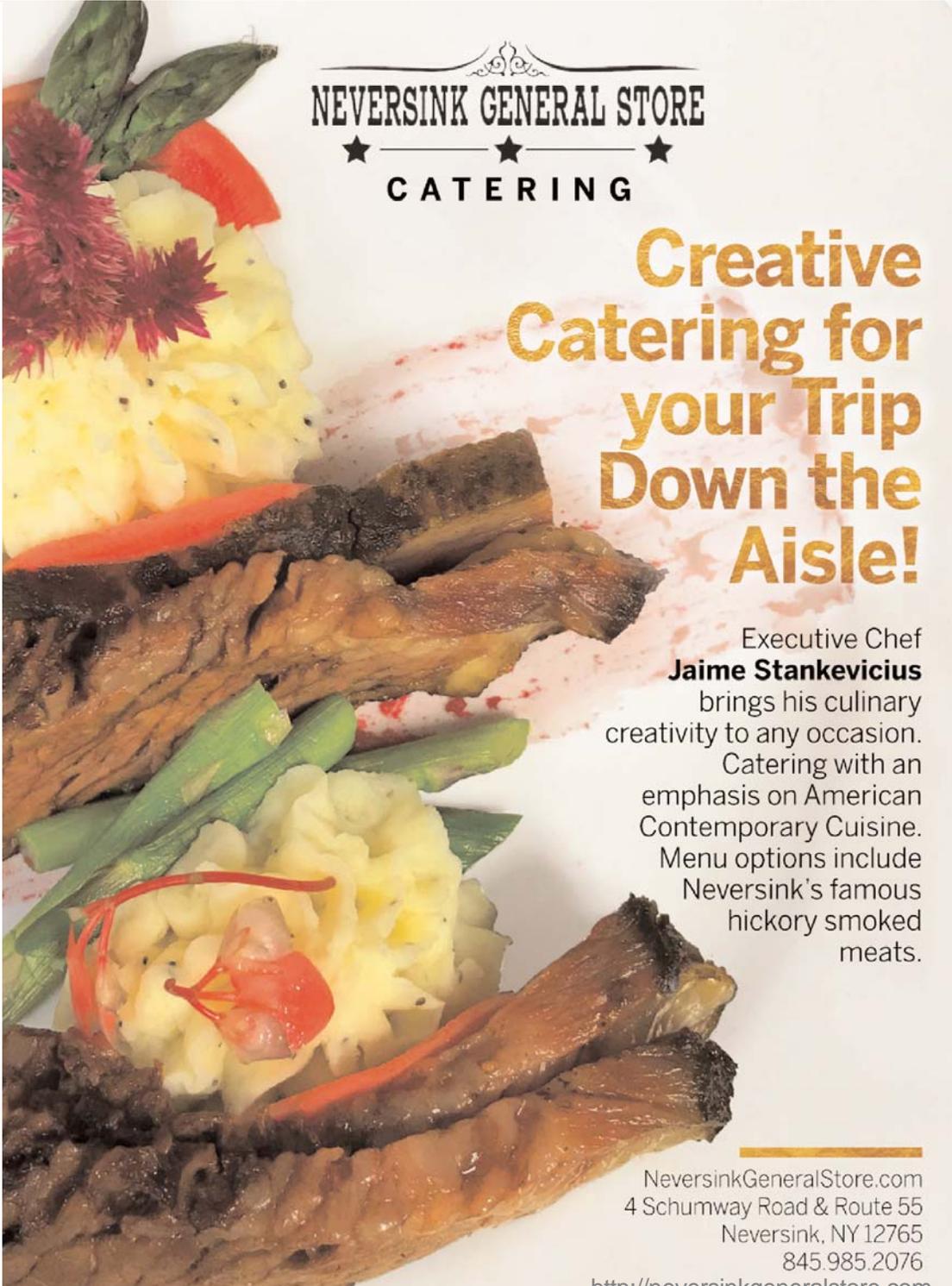
Time: 2PM

Between the fact that this will be an educational experience, a nostalgic journey down memory lane, and a beautiful, artistic display; we're sure you'll find reasons to "grab a ticket" and attend.

### ALL ABOARD!

Don't get sidetracked! RSVP now to Denise@hurleyvillegeneral.com so we can prepare for your arrival and make sure we have enough books on hand should you decide to purchase. The book talk is free!

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## **Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee will be holding its Annual Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, April 8**

The Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee will be holding its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 8, 2022 at the Elks Lodge in Napanoch NY. Dinner includes salad, spaghetti, Italian bread, soft drinks, dessert and coffee/tea.

There will be 4 seatings: 4pm, 4:45pm, 5:30pm and 6:15pm. Take out orders are encouraged. Reservations are required. Call 845 647-5963 or email joecath69@hotmail.com

Proceeds from the event will benefit the 4th of July Celebration, including an historic parade and amazing fireworks on the 4th!

The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 per person, children under age 5 eat free when attending with a parent.

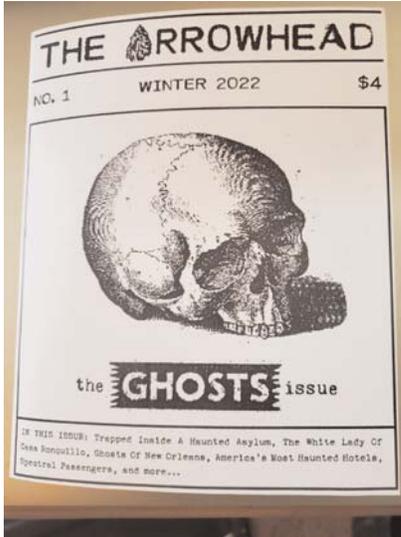
The Elks Lodge is located on Route 55 in Napanoch.

There will be no cancellations for inclement weather.

## The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

When my friend JESSE P POLLACK says he's going to do something, he does it. Last week saw the unveiling of his newest venture, THE ARROWHEAD, a small magazine that relies on others for its content. Upon receiving my copy last week, I was impressed by the unique look of it. As you can see, it's small...just the size a Victorian lady might tuck into her handbag or a Victorian gentleman may tuck away in their breast pocket to read later. That society did love their ghosties.



the ambiance and the back cover sports what can only be described as a ghostly hand print.

I have read this baby cover to cover. Each of the stories is unique in the writing and content, coming from ordinary people all over the country. They do not sensationalize their experiences but more recount them as "...something weird happened to me." much the same as a really good short story would. And now the bad news....the magazine went on sale in Jesse's Etsy shop and is pretty much - if not completely - sold out. In less than a week. I guess I'm not the only one who likes ghost stories. Well done, my friend!!

Although this particular one deals strictly with ghosts, I've heard the next will feature another subject yet to be determined.

As March comes to an end and April is on the horizon, I find people itching to get out of the house and I'm not talking about the grocery store, now that CoVid restrictions have eased. Not many venues are throwing open their doors yet, other than Open Mics, but I see it happening soon. Right now, (and throughout the winter months) it's been CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville that has worked very hard to keep the ball of live music rolling in these difficult times.

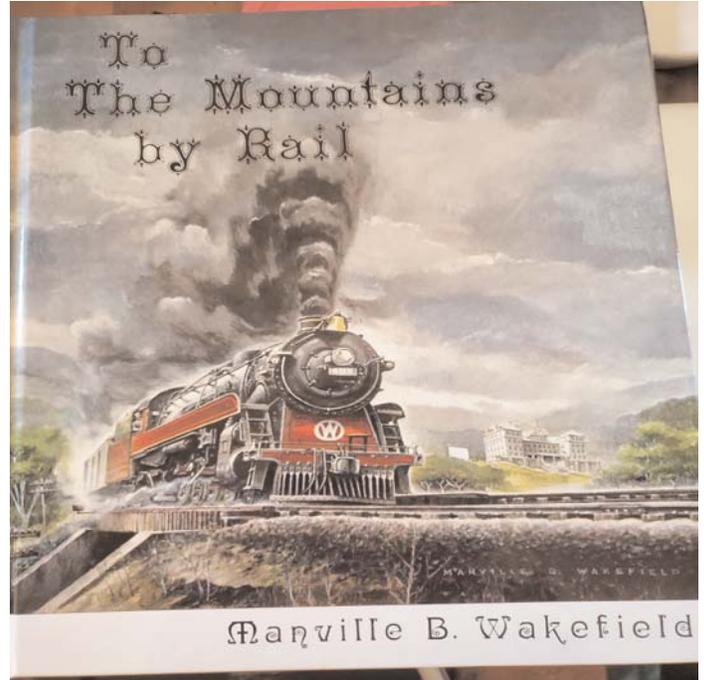
**At CABERNET FRANK'S next weekend:**

Friday night, **March 25** it's **THE JOHNNY JULES BAND** at 7pm  
 Sunday afternoon, **March 27** is a tribute to our friend **NICKY REDD**, who passed away recently: 1:30pm to around 3 with an Open Mic afterwards.



**THE HURLEYVILLE GENERAL STORE, on Main Street in Hurleyville**

Saturday afternoon is a talk at 2pm by Sullivan County Historian JOHN CONWAY in connection with the book signing of the 50th year reprinting of TO THE MOUNTAINS BY RAIL by MANVILLE B WAKEFIELD (Thank you publisher MYRON GITTELL)



I'll be at all three events which means the cats will have to fend for themselves next weekend.



And for those who have asked about the socks I was making with the unique yarn color name of 'Vampire Vibes', I finished them, wore them once and hated them. Absolutely hated them. Strictly my fault, not the pattern, the yarn or the needle size. There is a fair amount of nylon woven into the washable merino wool and I didn't even think about it. BIG mistake. Wool 'gives' a bit, fitting the foot, nylon (for strength) does not. Sooo...since it only takes a few weeks to knit a pair, these will be reknit (waste nothing!) and wearable soon.

Stay well, stay safe and if you are more comfortable, mask up. (I often do)  
 Until next time.



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## Trail Towns Conference *Recreational and Economic Benefits of Trails in our Communities*

[LIBERTY] - What is the key to a successful trail town? Come find out! Sullivan Renaissance and the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance present the Trail Towns Conference on Thursday April 7 and Friday April 8. The conference will include a keynote and discussion with David Kahley, Co-founder, President and CEO of The Progress Fund, a nonprofit that founded the Trail Town Program, the first economic development program in the nation to capture the potential of rail-trail based recreation.

The Trail Town program can help municipalities and local businesses make the most of the outdoor recreational assets near them. Mr. Kahley will draw examples from the Great Allegheny Passage a 150-mile rail trail in Pennsylvania and how dozens of communities benefit from increased visitation and visitor spending; and business growth and development.

Each day will focus on different aspects of trails and the towns that support them along with some on location activities. Thursday night will begin with a 5:30 networking reception. Kahley will present the “big picture;” the basics of the program and easily achieved projects our businesses and communities can complete to start benefitting from existing sections of Sullivan O&W Rail Trail. Friday morning will begin at 8:30am with an overview and deeper discussion into how the Trail Towns program works and fosters larger and longer-term projects and goals.

“Trails provide an array of proven benefits, said Sullivan County Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg. “They serves as a source of recreation and transportation for residents and they also strengthen our tourism- based economy.”

Not on the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail? The Trail Towns program offers strategies for community revitalization applicable to all Sullivan County communities that can capitalize on our outdoor recreational resources.

“Volunteers have been active building, clearing and enhancing our trails for decades. We are at a point now where it is all coming together for everyone to enjoy,” said Denise Frangipane, Executive Director for Sullivan Renaissance.

The Trail Towns Conference is presented with support from Catskills Agrihood, the County of Sullivan and the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association. It is a continuation of a series of events to connect the community with the Sullivan O&W and other trails throughout the county.

The conference is free but registration is requested at [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org)

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development initiative of the Gerry Foundation.

Learn more at [SullivanRenaissance.org](http://SullivanRenaissance.org)  
or [Facebook.com/SullivanRenaissance](https://Facebook.com/SullivanRenaissance).

## Time and the Valleys Museum Scholarship Available for Graduating Tri-Valley School District Seniors

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - A \$500 scholarship is now available for graduating Tri-Valley Seniors from the Time and the Valleys Museum. To help raise interest in the history of our community and the importance of the connections between water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum has created a scholarship for Tri-Valley Central High School's graduating seniors.

Interested students should be in good academic standing, with an average of 80 or above with plans to pursue a post secondary course of study at a two or four year college or technical school AND be willing to volunteer 10 hours of time at the Museum over the summer. The following is required: application form, transcripts and a one page essay about the importance of water, people and the Catskills. The essay and attachments must be submitted to the Tri-Valley CSD Guidance office by May 13th. Applications are available from the TVCSD Guidance office and the Time and the Valleys Museum. For more information, please contact the Time and the Valleys Museum at 845 985-7700 or [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org).

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September. Current exhibitions:

- 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 newly renovated 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

- o Once Upon a Time: One Teacher, 8 Grades, One Room School .

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org). Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

## Celebrating Our 55+ Volunteers!

Monticello, NY - Last week, Sullivan County celebrated the valuable contributions of RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers who pledged to "get things done" for our nation as part of the annual AmeriCorps Week, March 13-19.

"The weeklong celebration - highlighted by a video we created for our social media pages - honors our volunteers plus the contributions and support of thousands of local organizations that make AmeriCorps programs possible," explained RSVP Coordinator Martha Tully. "Sullivan County's RSVP is proud to be part of AmeriCorps and grateful for the AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers who are getting things done."

At the national level, AmeriCorps engages 250,000 Americans each year in sustained, results-driven service through AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs. These dedicated citizens help communities manage COVID-19 response, ensure students stay on track to graduate, combat hunger and homelessness, respond to natural disasters, fight the opioid epidemic, help seniors live independently, support veterans and military families, and much more. More than 1.2 million Americans have served their country through AmeriCorps, and millions more have served in AmeriCorps Seniors since 1994.

A growing body of research shows that service has an effect on more than just the communities served, but also on the members themselves. AmeriCorps alumni credit their year of service for developing leadership skills that bridge divides, solve problems, and open doors to career and educational advancement.

"Volunteers choose how, where, and when they want to serve, with commitments ranging from a few hours to 40 hours per week," Tully said. "We can definitely find an opportunity that fits you with one of our 60 participating not-for-profit partners."

RSVP volunteers enjoy many benefits, including:

- Opportunities to meet new people in the community while making a significant difference in the lives of others
- Sharing talents and experiences with one or more of the participating non-profit partners
- Special recognition events
- Flexible placements with regard to time commitments
- The satisfaction of making a difference in the community
- Help to transition into retirement
- Partial mileage reimbursement (full mileage reimbursement for medical transportation and home delivered meals)
- Supplemental excess accident medical coverage for medical treatment and hospitalization, excess volunteer liability insurance and excess automobile liability insurance.

Current RSVP opportunities include distributing home-delivered meals to homebound seniors in the community; preparing taxes for senior citizens and low-income families; providing telephone reassurance to isolated seniors to ensure their wellbeing; providing medical transportation to important doctor's appointments and specialty services throughout Sullivan and Orange Counties; hospice care; helping out at local museums and historical societies; and much more.

"Our volunteers themselves report better health and longevity having served in their community," Tully noted. "There is research that demonstrates the mental and physical health benefits associated with volunteering, including lower mortality rates, increased strength and energy, decreased rates of depression and fewer physical limitations. We even have two 100-year-old active volunteers!"

If you are interested in joining RSVP of Sullivan County AmeriCorps, please contact RSVP Coordinator Martha Tully at (845) 807-0255 or [Martha.Tully@sullivanny.us](mailto:Martha.Tully@sullivanny.us). To watch the video, visit <https://youtu.be/XCaiyvz5abV0>.

## FCSD Andrew Rein Named All-Section for Football 2021-2022 Season

Andrew Rein was named All-Section for football for the 2021-2022 Season. Covid postponed the original date, but he was honored yesterday at Kuhl's Highland House in Middletown.



Left to right mom and FCSD teacher Maria Rein, Andrew Rein Jr., dad Andrew Rein Sr., and sister Jamie Rein, FCSD Graduate Class of 2021



Fallsburg Football Coach Dominick Scanna with Andrew Rein

## Frost Valley YMCA Announces the Retirement of its CEO Jerry Huncosky



Jerry Huncosky

CLARYVILLE - With immeasurable gratitude, Frost Valley YMCA announces the planned retirement of Jerry Huncosky in the spring of 2023 after a successful twenty-year tenure as Chief Executive Officer. Jerry's unwavering commitment to Frost Valley and the campers, school groups, families, non-profits, and scouting organizations it serves has been the driving force behind the creation of many successful programs and partnerships during the last two decades.

Highlights of Jerry's leadership include the establishment of Frost Valley's Farm Camp in 2003, located on a 515-acre working farm in Claryville, NY where children learn to tend to animals and grow and harvest vegetables. He also founded the East Valley Ranch, a girls' equestrian program where campers ride the many trails of the Catskills and learn to care for horses. Jerry oversaw a capital campaign which funded, among other buildings, a state-of-the-art 16,000 square-foot Wellness Center. This assured the future of the Dialysis Program and Frost Valley's ability to serve all children regardless of their health conditions.

Jerry achieved all of this and more while facing unpredictable challenges including, among others, a flood of the Neversink River in 2011 which caused significant property damage and these last two years of the COVID pandemic. Through it all, Jerry championed Frost Valley's commitment to provide 20% of its campers and visitors with financial assistance.

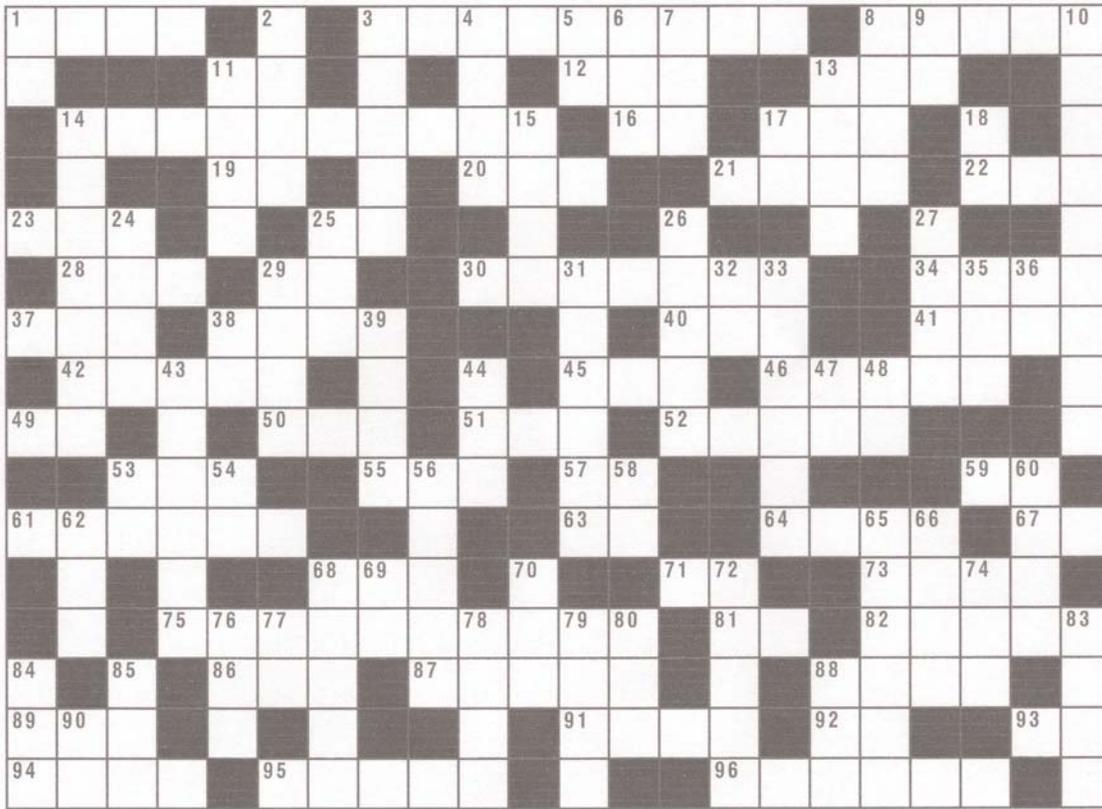
"While Jerry's retirement comes as no surprise to us, we are faced with the enormous task of filling his incomparable shoes," says Kate Lewis, president of Frost Valley's board of trustees. "The legacy he has created will benefit countless future generations of campers and guests."

Frost Valley's board of trustees will lead the search for his replacement which will begin in the fall of 2022. The expected start date for the new CEO will be the spring of 2023. To learn more about the

position, please contact Jerry Huncosky by phone at 845-985-2291 Ext 220, or email at [jhuncosky@frostvalley.org](mailto:jhuncosky@frostvalley.org).

Frost Valley YMCA is a values-driven organization with a mission to foster youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and recreational programs for all. Located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, Frost Valley provides year-round access to nature and fun through programs such as summer camp, adventure trips, farm camp, equestrian programs, group and family retreats, family weekends, school trips, teambuilding and more. Frost Valley, a not-for-profit organization chartered through the YMCA of the USA, is guided in this pursuit by its core values which serve as pathways for guests as they bond with nature and each other: Caring, Community, Diversity, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Respect, Responsibility, and Stewardship.

Spring into Spring! - L. Comando



**ACROSS**

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- 8 Ebony
- 11 A preposition
- 12 Hot brewed beverage
- 13 Move at high speed
- 14 Egg shaped
- 16 Advertisement
- 17 Human male adult
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- 25 A thing in general
- 28 Electrically charged atom
- 29 Rural Route
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- 40 Grand Old Party
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- 15 Solitary
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**Easy Taco Salad**

For the beef filling:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 1/4 pounds lean ground beef
- 1 cup bottled fire roasted salsa
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin

Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
For the salad:

- 1 head romaine lettuce or iceberg lettuce, chopped
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed (optional)
- 1 cup Shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 2 roma tomatoes, diced (or 1 1/2 cups grape tomatoes)
- 1 avocado, diced (optional)
- 5 tablespoons sour cream (optional)
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion (optional)

crunchy tortilla bowls OR tortilla chips for serving (optional)

In a 12-inch skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Add beef to the skillet, cooking thoroughly until browned and cooked through. Drain the fat. Stir in the salsa, chili powder, and cumin. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Allow to warm all ingredients and then remove from heat. Create your individual salads in crispy tortilla bowls or on plates. Layer lettuce, beans (if using), cheese, tomatoes, and additional optional toppings such as sour cream, avocado, and red onion. Serve with tortilla chips if not using a tortilla bowl!

Kids' SpringFun Page

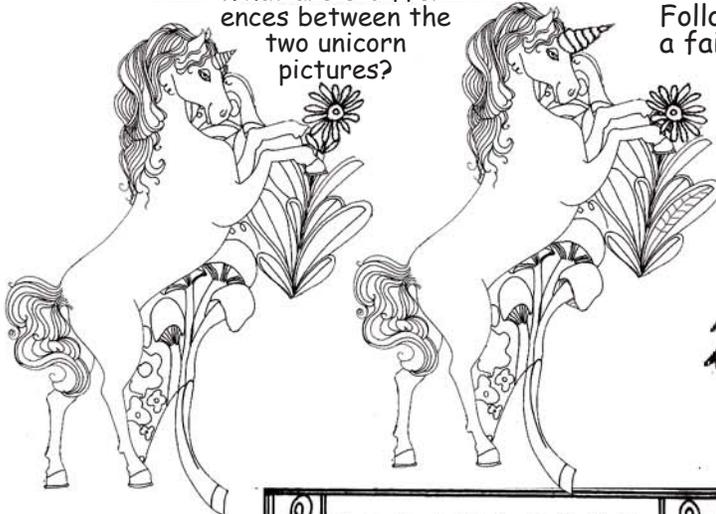
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A Spring Message from Kermit

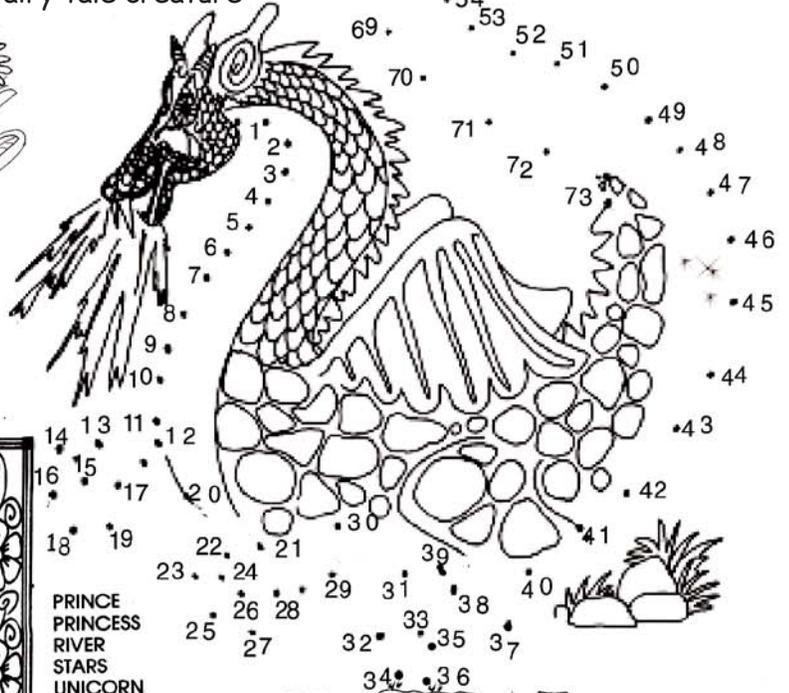
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## UC Executive Pat Ryan Appoints Loren M. Johnson to Serve as Director of Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today the appointment of Loren M. Johnson as the new Director of Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT). Johnson brings to Ulster County 18 years of experience in providing servant leadership within private and public sectors, including state and local government, social services, public education and transportation.



*Director of Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) Loren M. Johnson*



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“UCAT is an essential service in Ulster County, and Loren Johnson will be a tremendous asset as Director of UCAT with his proven commitment to improving services and equitable access in transportation,” County Executive Pat Ryan said. “Loren is eager to build upon the foundation of sustainability that we’ve set forth, particularly with our Green Fleet goals.”

“It is with great honor, humility, and gratitude to be entrusted by County Executive Ryan to lead UCAT in providing quality transportation services for the residents and visitors of Ulster County,” Loren M. Johnson said. “I believe in the wisdom found in an African Proverb ‘If you want to go fast go alone, and if you want to go far go together.’ This has defined my approach of working with others to lead operations to achieve sustainable successes over the years and I look forward to building new relationships within Ulster County.”

Johnson attained a dual Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Criminal Justice (2005) from nearby Southern Vermont College in Bennington, VT. He is currently enrolled in DePaul’s University Kellstadt Graduate School of Business where he is working towards a Master in Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in data analytics. Johnson is known for his development and implementation of the largest nonprofit transportation operation in Northwest Ohio, Community Transit Services (CTS). He was also the first minority elected as the Director At-Large for Ohio Association of Pupil Transportation for his dedication to advocating for the pupil transportation industry, ensuring safe, equitable service for students throughout Ohio.

## Ulster County Habitat for Humanity Seeks Volunteers

Let’s build homes, hope, and communities together! Volunteer with Ulster Habitat ReStore today and make a difference in your community! We need volunteers to assist staff with customer service, unloading donations, organizing the warehouse and prep rooms, repairing gently used furniture, testing electronics, and preparing and pricing donated goods for resale. There are several volunteer opportunities available Tuesday through Saturday between 9:30 and 4:30.

How do I sign up to volunteer with Ulster Habitat? Follow the instructions at <https://ulsterhabitat.org/volunteer-registration/> to register. Once we get your registration, we’ll contact you to schedule your orientation. For additional information, please call Carolyn at 845-340-0907 x 105 or email [volunteers@ulsterhabitat.org](mailto:volunteers@ulsterhabitat.org).

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

## Immediate Openings Liberty Central School

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 at [libertyk12.tedk12.com/hire](http://libertyk12.tedk12.com/hire)

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## Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

On Thursday, March 24, 2022,  
 the Tri-Valley CSD Board of Education  
 anticipates a proposed Executive Session  
 for personnel

Meeting opening call to order 5:30 p.m.  
 Room 50

Anticipated Proposed

Executive Session 5:30 p.m. Room 50

## Fallsburg CSD Board of Education Meetings

April 12, 2022  
 (Tuesday: BOCES vote)

May 4, 2022

## Please Take Notice: Covid-19 Home Test Kits

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 Town of Denning Town Hall  
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**is tracking distribution**

### ATTENTION:

Please be aware that the **2021 Sullivan County Annual Report** has been delivered to the Legislature, per County law, and is now available for public review at: <https://sullivanny.us/sites/default/files/departments/CMGR/AnnualReports/2021/2021%20Annual%20Report.pdf>. A quick link has been provided on the County website as well: <http://www.sullivanny.us>.

## Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

**Tuesday, April 12, 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 #19 resumes approximately 7:00 p.m.,  
 Secondary School Library Lower Level.

# The Lenape: Their Language, Culture and Legacy

*In Person and Virtual Presentation*

*Sunday, April 3rd, 2 p.m.*

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] Join Sullivan County Historian John Conway (on zoom or in person), on Sunday, April 3rd at 2 p.m. to explore the lives of the Lenape Native Americans who lived in Sullivan County and the surrounding area.

Many archeologists believe that the Lenape, a Native American tribe of Algonquin culture, lived along the banks of the Upper Delaware River as early as 12,000 years ago, hunting, fishing, and eventually farming, growing corn, squash and beans. They held great council fires and annual green corn festivals along the Delaware River-- and celebrated the region's natural beauty and its healing qualities. They referred to the area as Lenapehoking-- "land of the Lenape." Ongoing clashes with the more aggressive Iroquois tribes to the north and growing tensions with the ever-increasing number of Europeans moving into the region prompted the Lenape to move westward, abandoning this area by about 1730. But a legacy remains, for example, in the form of local place names still in use today. Sullivan County Historian John Conway examines that legacy in this fascinating program...

Admission to the program is free for Museum members and \$5 for non-members. For virtual attendance: Non-members can make a donation on the Museum's website: [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org). To register and receive a program link, please email [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) and put Lenape Talk Zoom Link Request in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700.

In person registration is not required and includes admission to the Museum's three floors of interactive exhibitions. The program will be held at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville. For more information please email [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) 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.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org). To schedule a group



# Delaware Aqueduct to be Shut Down October 2022 through the Spring of 2023

## Please Attend DRBC - Regulated Flow Advisory Committee (RFAC) Meeting on March 23 to learn more and ask questions

NYCDEP is repairing a leak in their Delaware water supply system which will require the Delaware Aqueduct (the tunnel that conveys water from the NYC Delaware reservoirs to NYC) to be shut down for approximately 5-8 months beginning on October 1, 2022.

This is an unprecedented system repair project that will completely shut off water diversions to NYC from their Delaware River basin reservoirs.

The project has generated many questions among watershed stakeholders about the potential impacts to the communities below the dams and the recreational economy of the UDR tailwaters region.

Please attend the DRBC - RFAC meeting via zoom on March 23 where Decree Party representatives will convene to discuss the aqueduct shutdown project and listen to presentations from both NYCDEP and the UDR conservation community.

The RFAC meeting will be an important opportunity for the public to learn more about the aqueduct shutdown project and to ask questions such as:

- o How concerned are NYC and the other Decree Parties about the potential for downstream flooding once the diversions from the reservoirs are shut off?
- o When will the reservoirs be drawn down in preparation for the shutdown, and how can the public be assured that selected draw down levels will adequately protect against the potential impacts of flooding below the dams?
- o If water builds up in the reservoirs in the absence of diversions, how will this affect releases to the rivers below the dams?
- o Are normal operations under the FFMP sufficient to manage the potential impacts of the shutdown, or is there a need for a separate project management plan?
- o Does NYC plan to conduct public outreach to potentially impacted communities and other Delaware River watershed stakeholders to maximize public knowledge about the project?
- o Are there external conditions, such as drought or storms, that would cause the project to be delayed, postponed, or cancelled?
- o What are the concerns of the other Decree Parties (NY, PA, NJ, DE)?

Here's a link to the NYCDEP Fact Sheet on the aqueduct shutdown:

[https://www.state.nj.us/drbc/library/documents/NYCDEP\\_DelawareAqueductRepair\\_fact-sheet.pdf?mc\\_cid=31e5e42aca&mc\\_eid=87e819f2f8](https://www.state.nj.us/drbc/library/documents/NYCDEP_DelawareAqueductRepair_fact-sheet.pdf?mc_cid=31e5e42aca&mc_eid=87e819f2f8)

### Here's the RFAC meeting information:

DRBC Regulated Flow Advisory Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The committee will meet via Zoom. An agenda will be shared closer to the meeting date.

### To Join:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82673491721?pwd=dkNnVENJblJMeUZ2NTV3U1kzaWgxQT09>

- o Meeting ID: 826 7349 1721
- o Passcode: 464666
- o Dial in: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York); Toll-Free: 877 853 5257
- o Contact: Amy Shallcross, P.E., for more information

**We hope to see you via Zoom on March 23!**

# DEC Announces Climate-Adaptive Design Studio Opportunity for Hudson Waterfront Communities

**Innovative Design Projects to Reduce Flood Risks and Help Communities Adapt to Climate Change**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced an opportunity for Hudson Riverfront municipalities to host the Cornell University Department of Landscape Architecture's Climate-adaptive Design (CaD) Studio this fall. The CaD Studio links Cornell University students in landscape architecture with communities interested in exploring design alternatives for more climate resilient and connected waterfront areas.



*CaD Stakeholder meeting*

"DEC is proud to partner with Cornell University and local experts on the ground to help prepare New York's waterfront communities for the challenges that go hand-in-hand with our changing climate," said Commissioner Seggos. "The Climate-adaptive Design Studio opportunity announced today supports New York State's ongoing efforts to boost and improve community readiness for the threats posed by extreme weather events and sea-level rise on the tidal Hudson River and is an example of the all-hands-on-deck approach required to meeting the climate challenge head on."

The CaD Studio is a collaboration between DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program and the Cornell University Department of Landscape Architecture. Student design teams meet with community members and other local stakeholders to develop an understanding of the unique waterfront opportunities and challenges, focusing on public access, economic development, as well as ecological and climate resilience. Over four months, the students create waterfront designs that encourage water-dependent use of shoreline property, provide public access to waterfronts, improve resilience to current and future flood risk, and use nature-based solutions for stormwater management and shoreline stability. Community stakeholders have opportunities to provide feedback to student teams as the designs are developed, and the host community is provided with the designs at the end of the semester.

Brian Rahm, Director of the New York State Water Resources Institute at Cornell University said, "The design studio, one part of a long-term partnership between DEC, Cornell University and Hudson Valley communities, is the creative force driving conversation about inspiring and practical climate change adaptation opportunities."

Riverfront municipalities in the tidal portion of the Hudson are eligible to submit a letter of interest to host the Fall 2022 CaD Studio. Applicants are asked to characterize risk to their

waterfront, identify relevant policy and planning efforts already underway, and demonstrate support from a cross-section of waterfront commu-



*Kingston Point Phase*



nity stakeholders for participation in the CaD Studio process. The host community must commit to engaging key stakeholders to interact with the student design teams

through in-person and online meetings. The host community must also demonstrate willingness and ability to promote and advance CaD Studio concepts and principles after the end of the semester.

In 2021, DEC awarded \$250,000 grants to the town and village of Ossining and the city of Hudson, previous CaD Studio host communities, to advance the design and implementation of CaD-inspired projects on their riverfronts.

Interested municipalities can learn more about the Climate-adaptive Design Process by visiting the Cornell CALS website. An informational webinar about the CaD Studio opportunity will be held on April 5 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Register for the webinar. Interested participants must submit a letter of interest to Lyndsey Cooper, Hudson River Estuary Program Climate Outreach Specialist, via email at [Lyndsey.Cooper@dec.ny.gov](mailto:Lyndsey.Cooper@dec.ny.gov) by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2022. Visit the Cornell CALS website for instructions on submitting a letter of interest.



*Poughkeepsie CaD Studio*

Funding for the CaD Studio is provided by New York's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) and is administered by DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program in partnership with the New York State Water Resources Institute. In her 2022-23 Executive Budget, Governor Kathy Hochul proposed increasing the EPF to \$400 million, the highest-ever level of funding in the program's history. The EPF provides funding for critical environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, enhanced recreational access, water quality improvement, and an aggressive environmental justice agenda.

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Sundown United Methodist Church

**Covered Dish Supper  
April 2**

**Bake Sale April 16th 9 - 12**

**Easter Breakfast April 17th - 9:30**  
*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*



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For information contact:  
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Canon Missioner of the Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry  
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vicardcem@gmail.com  
845-887-3201 • 717-870-7874 cell

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)  
**6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY**

**Weekend Mass schedule:**  
Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm  
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

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

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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**First Thrift Sale of the Season!**

**April 9th  
9 am-12 noon**

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

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

Dial by your location  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

*The Church with a friendly welcome*  
**Pastor Kenneth Ronk**  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship Service 9:30 am  
P O Box 238 - Route 55  
Grahamsville, NY 12740  
845-985-7480

**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor  
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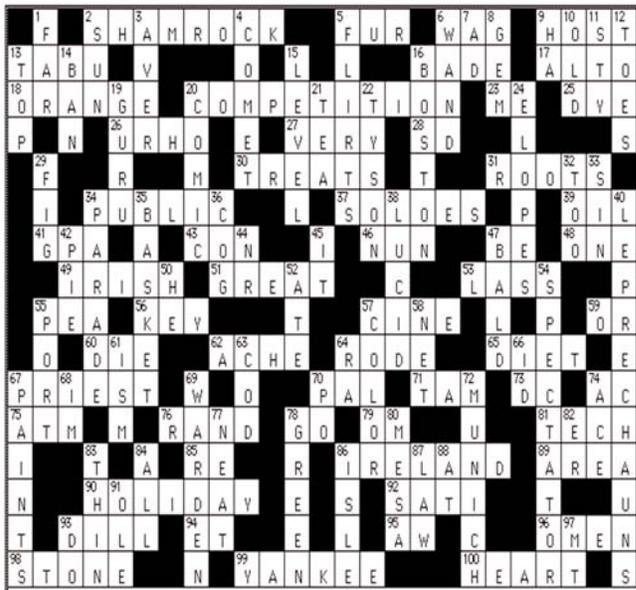
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**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
*Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY*

Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
Holy Days 5:30 pm  
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



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

Also  
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 People to play cards

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## Grahamsville United Methodist Church



356 Main St. P.O. Box 86  
 Grahamsville, NY 12740  
**Thrift Sale Schedule 2022**  
 All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

- April - 9th and 23rd
- May - 7th and 21st
- June - 4th and 18th
- July - 9th and 23rd
- August - 13th and 27th
- Sept - 10th and 24th
- October - 8th and 22nd
- Nov - 5th and 19th

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment.

Call Lee (985-3128) or Ruth (985-7222).

<http://grahamsvilleumc.org> • [grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com)

Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

## Sundown United Methodist Church

### Covered Dish Supper

Saturday, April 2, 2022 5:30 pm  
 at the Church Hall

*(Covered Dish Suppers will be held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)*

### WSCS Ladies of Sundown UMC

### Bake Sale

April 16th 9 am - 12 noon  
 at the Church Hall

### Easter Breakfast

April 17th - 9:30 am  
 at the Church Hall

Following  
**Easter Service**  
 at 8:00 am

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 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m.  
 Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne  
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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

**LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

4/2/22 **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 church Hall  
 4/5/22 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm  
 4/6/22 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm  
 4/9/22 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon  
 4/10/22 Claryville Fire Department **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 8 am - 12 noon  
 4/12/22 Denning Town Board Meetings 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall  
 4/13/22 Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm  
 4/15/22 Town of Neversink Holiday - **GOOD FRIDAY**  
 4/16/22 Sundown UMC **Bake Sale** 9 am - 12 noon Church Hall  
 4/17/22 Sundown UMC **Easter Breakfast** 9:30 am Church Hall  
 4/19/22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm  
 4/21/22 Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall  
 4/23/22 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon  
 4/28/22 Neversink Fire District Monthly meeting 7:30 PM

**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 21 – March 25, 2022

**Monday, March 21**

6:00 PM – Ulster County Trail Advisory Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

**Tuesday, March 22**

No Meetings

**Wednesday, March 23**

8:00 AM – Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Board, at 5 Park Ln, Highland

6:00 PM – Commission on Reapportionment, Powered by Zoom Meetings,

Meeting ID: 820 4911 2461, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

7:30 PM – Ulster County Fire Advisory Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

**Thursday, March 24**

No Meetings

**Friday, March 25**

12 Noon – Resolution Deadline

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

Classified ads - \$5.00  
for the first 20 words/  
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1" Boxed ad (1" x 3")  
- \$6.00 per week

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/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!

## The First Thrift Sale of the Season will Happen! Remember All the Fun You Had at the Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sales? We Can't Allow that to Change!

The first Thrift Sale at Grahamsville UM Church will be held on April 2. Volunteers are still needed to make sure they can continue to hold all the Thrift Sales posted on their calendar!

We all had a lot of fun 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 gave 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 continue to 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 future **Thrift Sales!**

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**; or if you come to the Thrift Sale on April 2nd, bring the form with you and give it to one of the 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 continue to 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!**

# DEC Announces New Forest Conservation Easements for Land Trusts Grant Program

## \$1.35 Million Available to Conserve Forested Land

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the first round of competitive grants for the Forest Conservation Easements for Land Trusts (FCELT) Grant Program. In partnership with the Land Trust Alliance, a total of \$1.35 million in grant funding is available for DEC to award to eligible, accredited land trusts to purchase conservation easements on forested land for the purpose of protecting these lands from future development. The goal of the grant program is to increase the pace of forest land conservation to keep forests as forests and combat climate change.

"Forest land's capacity to absorb and store carbon makes conserving New York's forests an essential tool in addressing the climate crisis," Commissioner Seggos said. "Today's announcement builds on the success of DEC's Conservation Partnership Program by working with the Land Trust Alliance and our land trust partners statewide to invest in protecting New York's forests from development pressures and providing forests' essential benefits to New Yorkers, like clean air, clean water, wildlife habitat, forest products, and carbon storage."

Jennifer Miller Herzog, the Land Trust Alliance's Chief Program Officer, said, "At a time when we must increase the pace of conservation to help prevent the worst effects of climate change, this new program will leverage the strength of New York's land trust community to protect the forests we all depend on. New York is well known for preserving its forests, especially in places like the Adirondacks and Catskills. The Forest Conservation Easements for Land Trusts Program will empower New York's land trusts to help with smaller parcels that are critical for climate resilience, including those that are family owned. We are proud to partner with DEC to launch this innovative approach to protect one of our most important natural resources for the many climate, economic and health benefits forests provide. On behalf of the Land Trust Alliance, I applaud Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Sen. Todd Kaminsky, Assemblyman Steve Englebright and DEC Commissioner Seggos for their work toward ensuring the continued availability of clean water, outdoor recreation, and economic opportunity in the face of climate change."

Applicants may apply for up to \$350,000 to fund the acquisition of conservation easements on forest land in New York State. To apply, a 25 percent match of grant funding requested is required and land trusts must be accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

Funding for the grant program is provided by the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). In the 2022-23 Executive Budget, Governor Hochul proposed increasing the EPF to \$400

million, the highest level of funding in the program's history. The EPF provides funding for critical environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, enhanced recreational access, water quality improvement, and an aggressive environmental justice agenda.

FCELT grants will further goals/strategies identified in the New York State Open Space Plan, the New York State Wildlife Action Plan, the New York State Forest Action Plan, and/or other local, regional or statewide land protection plans.

As noted in the 2020 Forest Action Plan, privately owned forestlands cover 13.62 million acres and represent 74 percent of New York's forests. More than 10 million acres are considered family-owned or non-corporate forests. Nearly 700,000 private forest landowners provide the public with the benefits of clean air and water, carbon sequestration, wildlife habitat, and a forest-based economy. The plan identifies some of the biggest threats to keeping privately-owned forests healthy and intact: development pressure, inconsistent or lack of professional forest management practices, succession planning, and invasive pests which are often exacerbated by climate change and have the potential to devastate or completely wipe out entire tree species.

FCELT has a two-step application process, which includes a letter of interest followed by a full application. Letters of interest are now being accepted and are due by May 16, 2022. Full applications are by invitation only. Applicants invited to submit a final application will be notified by June 13, 2022, after which final applications will be due by July 28, 2022. Complete details about this grant opportunity including eligibility requirements and other program elements can be found on the FCELT webpage.

### About the Land Trust Alliance

Founded in 1982, the Land Trust Alliance is a national land conservation organization that works to save the places people need and love by strengthening land conservation across America. The Alliance represents more than 950-member land trusts and their 6.4 million supporters nationwide. The Alliance is based in Washington, D.C., and operates several regional offices. More information about the Alliance is available on the Land Trust Alliance website



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

**NEW FOR 2022-2023:  
FULL DAY PRE-K PROGRAM!**  
(2 classrooms with 18 students in each)  
(that 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 ofrece)

- 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.

# DEC Announces Adoption of New Freshwater Fishing Regulations Streamlined Rule Changes to Take Effect on Apr. 1 2022 Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide Available Soon

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the adoption of new freshwater fishing regulations that will take effect on April 1, 2022. Following a public comment period on the draft proposals earlier this year, the new regulations reflect the input received and the support of the angling community in DEC's efforts to make fishing New York's waters less complicated and easier to understand.

"The new regulations adopted today coupled with the reformatted Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide reflect DEC's sustained commitment to ensuring the enjoyment of both novice and expert anglers in New York State by making fishing easy and accessible," Commissioner Seggos said. "Amendments to fresh-



water fishing regulations provide greater consistency and significantly reduce special regulations while still maintaining protective measures to sustain the health of the State's fisheries."

DEC is implementing changes to reduce the number of special regulations while still providing the protections necessary to ensure sustainable fisheries, including changing some statewide regulations for certain species and eliminating special regulations that are no longer necessary. Some of the new statewide regulations were already broadly applied via special regulations. Some special regulations are still necessary, particularly for waters that require unique management strategies to achieve desired fisheries outcomes, but DEC has significantly reduced the number of special regulations. Additional changes include opening the season for all sportfish on a hard date and allowing ice fishing in waters inhabited by trout in most of the state.

DEC also adopted more conservative harvest regulations for sunfish to protect populations from overharvest and increased the minimum size limit for crappie to 10 inches to improve the stability and size structure of populations. DEC also placed experimental regulations on 11 waters to determine if larger sunfish can be produced under a 15-fish-per-day harvest limit and an eight-inch minimum size limit.

## Notable Regulation Changes

A complete compilation of changes and an assessment of public comment associated with the final rulemaking is available on the DEC website. Major regulation changes include:

New statewide regulation for rainbow, brown trout, and splake in lakes and ponds. The season will now be open year-round, with a five-fish daily limit, any size, with a "no more than two longer than 12 inches" harvest rule;

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Statewide Atlantic salmon regulations will now allow for a year-round open season;

Ice fishing is permitted on all waters in New York unless specifically prohibited with the exception of Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Warren, and Washington counties where previous rules remain;

New specific dates replaced floating dates for statewide season openers to include:

May 1 - Walleye, Northern Pike, Pickerel and Tiger Muskellunge;

June 1 - Muskellunge. Note that in 2022, DEC will allow for the fishing of muskellunge beginning the last Saturday in May to accommodate previously planned fishing trips; and

June 15 - Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass.

A five-fish daily walleye limit in Oneida Lake;

A new regulation to limit the growth of the walleye population in Skaneateles Lake. No daily possession limit; 12-inch minimum size limit, open year-round;

The statewide sunfish daily harvest limit has been reduced from 50 to 25 fish; and

The statewide minimum size limit for crappie has been increased from nine inches to 10 inches.

## New 2022 Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide

In 2021, DEC removed advertisements and articles from the annual fishing regulations guide to make it easier to use. This approach and larger print size continues this year, along with more improvements to facilitate finding regulations. Measuring 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches, the new guide allows anglers to keep a copy in their glovebox or tacklebox.

The new guide will be posted to the DEC website to download or print at home later this month. Hard copies of the guide are currently being produced and guides are anticipated to be available at License Issuing Agents by the second week of April. Hard copies can also be requested by emailing [FWFish@dec.ny](mailto:FWFish@dec.ny)



# The Daniel Pierce Library Children's Programs 2022



*The library is a wonderful place to ignite your child's love of reading.*

The following children's programs are open to caregivers and their children ages 12 months to five years who are residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District. The spring eight-week long session begins the week of April 4, 2022. These programs are free and are made possible through the generosity of our community. Registration is required.

## **Mother Goose Time–**

This program is specially designed for very young children. It includes "read together" time (each child has his or her own board book), nursery rhymes, felt stories, playtime, and music for our tiniest patrons ages 12-23 months. Program will be held each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

## **Toddler Time–**

Stories, felt stories, crafts, music, and friendship-building geared for wee ones ages 24-35 months. Program will be held each Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

## **Story Hour–**

Our classic, beloved program for three, four, and five year-old children, featuring the "Magic Bag," a read-aloud, felt stories, crafts, homework, and music. Program will be held each Friday 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

## **Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour–**

Our "Story Hour on the Road" program visits the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central School. (Children will be registered at school.)

Give your child a head start by enrolling him/her in one of these valuable programs this spring. Please register online at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org) by April 1st.

If you have any questions, please email [dmchugh@rcls.org](mailto:dmchugh@rcls.org) or call (845) 985-7233 x105.



Come visit us at the library, remember to check out our website for upcoming events, and like us on Facebook and Instagram!

# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee

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## Attorney General James Announces Guilty Plea of Former Not-For-Profit Executive for Stealing Hundreds of Thousands From Medicaid

**Shirley Goddard, Former Executive Director of H.O.M.E., Expected to Pay More Than \$650,000 in Restitution**

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced the guilty plea of Shirley L. Goddard - 75, of Dewitt, New York - for embezzling more than \$650,000 from Humanitarian Organization for Multicultural Experiences, Inc. (H.O.M.E.), where she served as executive director for nearly 30 years. H.O.M.E. - a Syracuse-based not-for-profit organization started by Goddard and her husband, Tyrone M. Goddard, in 1992 - received funding from Medicaid to provide outpatient, community-based services to children and adults who are developmentally disabled. In submitting her plea today, Goddard admitted to stealing the funds from H.O.M.E. from January 2014 to September 2018, and has agreed to repay the stolen amount in restitution to the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU). The funds will be returned to H.O.M.E. to replenish the amount that Goddard stole.

"Stealing public funds that are intended for New York's neediest residents is as shameful as it is unlawful," said Attorney General James. "Medicaid funds are intended to help serve our state's most vulnerable communities, but Shirley Goddard defrauded this program and illegally pocketed hundreds of thousands of dollars. To be clear, my office has zero tolerance for this type of fraud, which is why we will hold accountable, to the fullest extent of the law, all those who seek to illegally profit from the state and off the backs of our most vulnerable residents."

Today, before Onondaga County Court Judge Thomas J. Miller, Goddard pled not guilty to the felony complaint, waived presentation to a grand jury, and entered a guilty plea to a superior court information, in which she admitted to embezzling \$650,809.32 from H.O.M.E. during the period of January 1, 2014 to on or about September 30, 2018. Goddard is scheduled to be sentenced on May 13, 2022.

In addition to the criminal prosecution conducted by MFCU, OAG's Charities Bureau filed a civil lawsuit against Shirley and Tyrone Goddard that seeks the recovery of the funds Ms. Goddard has admitted to stealing, as well as other misappropriated charitable assets and seeks a permanent bar prohibiting the Goddards from holding any fiduciary role in a charitable or non-profit organization operating in New York.

MFCU's investigation was led by Detective Timothy Bates with the assistance of Supervising Detective Christopher M. Burns, all under the supervision of Deputy Chief Commanding Officer William Falk. The underlying financial analysis was completed by Senior Auditor-Investigator Christine Rhody, under the supervision of Syracuse Regional Chief Auditor Dejan Budimir.

MFCU jointly investigated this case with Assistant Attorney General Sharon Sash with the assistance of Associate Accountant Darren Beauchamp, under the supervision of Charities Bureau Enforcement Section Co-Chief Emily Stern. The Charities Bureau is led by Bureau Chief James Sheehan and Deputy Bureau Chief Karin Kunstler-Goldman, and is a part of the Division for Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy

Attorney General Meghan Faux.

The criminal case is being prosecuted by Regional Director Ralph D. Tortora, III. MFCU is led by Director Amy Held and Assistant Deputy Attorney General Paul J. Mahoney. The Division for Criminal Justice is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General José Maldonado. Both the Division for Criminal Justice and the Division for Social Justice are overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

Reporting Medicaid Provider Fraud: MFCU defends the public by addressing Medicaid provider fraud and protecting nursing home residents from abuse and neglect. If an individual believes they have information about Medicaid provider fraud or about an incident of abuse or neglect of a nursing home resident, they can file a confidential complaint online on the OAG website or by calling the MFCU hotline at (800) 771-7755. If the situation is an emergency, please call 911.

MFCU's total funding for federal fiscal year (FY) 2022 is \$59,918,216. Of that total, 75 percent - or \$44,938,664 - is awarded under a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The remaining 25 percent of the approved grant - totaling \$14,979,552 for FY 2022 - is funded by New York state. Through its recoveries in law enforcement actions, MFCU regularly returns more to the state than it receives in state funding.



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## Environmental Conservation Police on Patrol

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Division of Law Enforcement enforces the 71 chapters of New York State's Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York. In 1880, the first eight Game Protectors proudly began serving to protect the natural resources and people of New York State. In 2021, 282 Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and Investigators across the state responded to 26,207 calls and worked on cases that resulted in 11,562 tickets or arrests for crimes ranging from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the black market pet trade, and excessive emissions violations. Some of these incidents result in injuries, property damage, or even death, and starting this year, 'ECO Highlights' is transitioning to a new title, 'Environmental Conservation Police On Patrol.'

"DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers and Investigators are on the front lines each and every day protecting our natural resources by upholding New York's environmental laws and regulations and safeguarding public health," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "From ensuring hunters and anglers follow rules and regulations afield and on the water, to sustaining partnerships with local law enforcement agencies investigating crimes that include solid waste dumping and air emissions violations, ECOs and Investigators are on patrol, ready to serve their communities. Each year brings new challenges, and fortunately, these Officers and Investigators are expertly trained to perform their duties with persistence, integrity, and good judgment, as they've done for over a century."

### Fisher in Distress

On March 10, ECO Doig responded to State Route 10 in the town of Delhi after receiving reports of an injured fisher approaching humans. Lieutenant Nichols, also in the area, assisted ECO Doig in safely capturing the fisher with a catch pole. Officer Doig then contacted the DEC Wildlife Pathology lab in Delmar and explained that the animal was exhibiting unusual behavior by approaching people, which is not normal for fishers. The lab is conducting tests to identify the reason for the fisher's condition and behavior. For more information on fishers, go to DEC's website.

### Multi-agency Terror Attack Training

On March 8 through 10, DEC's Division of Law Enforcement (DLE) in Region 9 participated in multi-agency chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and cyber impact security training exercises. More than 200 participants from several agencies across the United States and Canada took part in the training, which included updates on current threats. (Contd. Pg. 36)

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

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

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

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## Environmental Conservation Police on Patrol

### Multi-agency Terror Attack Training

(From Pg. 33)



The three-day training was designed to prepare for potential attacks on critical infrastructure in the greater Buffalo area. In all, 12 Army National Guard and two Army Reserve units, along with local, State, Federal, private sector, academic, and Canadian partners participated with DEC's Division of Law Enforcement, including the New York Army National Guard, New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Emergency Management, New York Power Authority, New York State Department of Transportation, and numerous other local law enforcement agencies, first responders, and private sector agencies. The training exercises were held at the Seneca One Tower in downtown Buffalo, Key Bank Center, and Highmark Stadium.



## New York State Climate Action Council Announces Public Hearing Schedule

*April and May Public Hearings at Upstate and Downstate Locations to Provide Public Opportunities to Share Input on Draft Scoping Plan Public Comment Period Extended through June 10, 2022*

New York State's 22-member Climate Action Council, established under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), will hold 10 public hearings across the State to receive public input on the Draft Scoping Plan and advance work on a Final Scoping Plan to guide the implementation of the State's nation-leading climate goals under the CLCPA.

The Council released the Draft Scoping Plan on Dec. 30, 2021, and is accepting public comments on the draft through June 10, 2022. The Council extended the comment period beyond 120 days to allow for additional public input.

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), Co-Chairs of the Climate Action Council, today announced eight in-person hearings in locations across the State, as well as two virtual hearings. In-person hearings will also be live-streamed to allow for remote viewing of the proceedings. All persons, organizations, corporations, and government agencies are encouraged to attend the public hearings and to submit oral or written comments.

Climate Action Council Public Hearing Schedule

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022 4:00 PM Bronx**  
Bronx Community College Roscoe Brown Student Center Hall of Fame Play House 2155 University Avenue Bronx, NY 10453

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022 4:00 PM Brookhaven**  
Brookhaven Town Hall 1 Independence Hill Farmingville, NY 11738

**Tuesday, April 12, 2022 4:00 PM Binghamton,**  
Binghamton University Symposium Hall 85 Murray Hill Road Vestal, NY 13850

**Thursday, April 14, 2022 4:00 PM Albany** Empire State Plaza Meeting Room 6 Albany, NY 12242

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022 4:00 PM Syracuse** SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Gateway Center, 1 Forestry Drive, Syracuse, NY 13210

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022 3:30 PM Buffalo**  
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Mason O. Damon Auditorium, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, NY 14203

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022 4:00 PM Brooklyn,** New York City College of Technology, The Theater at City Tech, 285 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

**Saturday, May 7, 2022 10:00 AM VIRTUAL** Via WebEx  
Event number: 2599 706 6384

Event password: climate  
Call in number: +1-415-655-0003  
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**Tuesday, May 10, 2022 4:00 PM Tupper Lake,** The Wild Center, 45 Museum Drive, Tupper Lake, NY 12986

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022 4:00 PM VIRTUAL** Via WebEx  
Event number: 2595 530 3236

Event password: climate  
Call in number: +1-415-655-0003  
Call in access code: 2595 530 3236

If in-person hearings cannot be held due to changing COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, hearings will shift to virtual at the same date and time. Each participant will be given two minutes to address the Climate Action Council. Lengthy statements should be submitted in writing and summarized for oral presentation. PowerPoint presentations are not allowed, but individuals may provide written supporting documents or visuals. (Contd. Pg. 38)

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- 10:30am - Laurel Avenue by Apartments
- 10:40am - Griff Court
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(From Pg. 36) Pre-registration is encouraged but not required for the in-person hearings. Priority in seating and speaking will be given to those who pre-register. Individuals can pre-register at the Climate Act website. Hearings will be webcast for viewing purposes only, professionally recorded, and transcribed as part of the official record and posted on the Climate Act website.

Members of the public who want to provide oral comment must attend either in-person or join a virtual hearing. Equal weight will be given to oral and written statements. American sign language and language interpretive services shall be made available upon written request at no charge. Any additional information, including instructions for joining each event remotely to view the proceedings, will be made available prior to each event.

The virtual public hearings will include live captioning in multiple languages. To view live captioning during the virtual hearings, attendees can join the presentation through PowerPoint Live using a computer or smartphone. For details on how to use PowerPoint Live for live captioning, view the PDF.

Written comments can be submitted through June 10, 2022, via the online public comment form, via email to scop-

ingplan@nyscrda.ny.gov, or via U.S. Mail to Attention: Draft Scoping Plan Comments, NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203-6399.

For more information about the New York State Climate Action Council, visit the Climate Act website.

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

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**March 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-miles 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 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; seedsong-farm.org

**March 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 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.rocks

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

**March 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; kingstonfarmersmarket.org  
**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

**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 catskillschallenge@dec.ny.gov or mail to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Outdoor Recreation, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-1010. Entries must be postmarked by January 7, 2023. Limit one entry per person. Participants will receive a commemorative patch and will be entered to win great outdoor prizes including hiking accessories. Catskills Visitor Center, 5096 Route 28, Mt. Tremper. 845-688-3369; catskillsvisitorcenter.org

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

## Become a Volunteer at Mohonk Preserve

Are you looking for an exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunity? Join us for one or more of Mohonk Preserve's virtual orientations listed below. Most orientations take place online and will require advance registration to attend. Please check our Volunteer Opportunities Directory for descriptions and requirements for all volunteer activities.

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Register Here. or for more information, contact Andy Reynolds, Volunteer Programs Manager at: volunteers@mohonkpreserve.org or 845-255-0919 x1269

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3/5/22 - Photographers - 9:30 am-10:30 am

3/19/22 - Interpretive Guides - 9 am - 11 am

3/26/22 - Backcountry Patrol - 9 am - 11 am

3/26/22 - Special Events - 12 pm - 1 pm

3/30/22 - Volunteer Educators - 6 pm - 7 pm

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4/16/22 - Trailhead Ambassadors - 9 am - 10:30 am

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR: The Russian Pariah

Putin is Hitler reincarnated. Hitler tried to create a German empire throughout Europe during WWII. Putin wants to recreate a Russian empire in Europe starting with the invasion of Ukraine. Unfortunately, the democracies are currently showing similar military wariness tendencies as the Allies showed against Hitler's initial invasions.

Putin thought he would overrun Ukraine, but he is meeting fierce resistance from the Ukrainians. Increased military preparedness by NATO, especially in Poland, and severe economic sanctions might deter Putin from his expansionist policy, but it will not save Ukraine. NATO and the U.S. should have sent military forces into western Ukraine. Out of fear of Russia the Biden administration balked at transferring Polish aircraft to Ukraine. We let down Ukraine, and this will embolden Putin.

The free world must continue to support Ukraine with military and economic assistance, and sanctions must be maintained against Russia until it leaves Ukraine. Subsequently, Russia should be subjected to TRILLIONS of dollars in war reparations starting with their seized assets; and Putin and his henchmen must be charged with war crimes.

The U.S. has to reevaluate its national security posture versus Russia.

Russia's standing among countries has been irreparably damaged, and Putin and Russia are considered pariahs of the world and the enemies of mankind.

Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry NH

## Senator Gillibrand Joined Nine Fellow Senators and Met with U.S. Military Leaders, NGOs, and Ukrainian Refugees In Poland

Full video of the press conference can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/SenKirstenGillibrand/videos/703896077464696>

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, chair of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel, joined her colleagues for a press conference following their bipartisan delegation visit to Germany and Poland this weekend. During the press conference, the senators discussed their engagements with top military leaders amid Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. The delegation was led by Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA). Additionally, Gillibrand was joined by Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Susan Collins (R-ME), John Cornyn (R-TX), Steve Daines (R-MT),



Angus King (I-ME), Roger Marshall (R-KS), Jerry Moran (R-KS), and Jacky Rosen (D-NV).

"Our trip to Poland and Germany provided invaluable insight into how we can support the people of Ukraine and our NATO allies during this global and humanitarian crisis. President Putin has invaded Ukraine without any provocation and the world must remain united as Ukrainians fight for their freedom and independence from an autocratic government," said Senator Gillibrand, chair of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel. "We must remember that the role of our military in this moment is to assure our allies that we are committed to the region and to deter Russian actions that widen this brutal war. Ukrainians don't want to just survive this conflict, they want to win this war against Russia and we must remain resolved in our resiliency against this unjustified attack."

The bipartisan delegation engaged with military leaders from United States Army Europe and Africa (USAREUR-AF) in Wiesbaden, Germany about the United States' and NATO alliance's commitment to protecting freedom against authoritarian governments.

From there, the delegation met with U.S. officials in Berlin at



the U.S. Embassy to get an up-to-date brief on American-German long-term economic and security cooperation goals.

In Berlin, the group of bipartisan senators discussed our continued security partnership with German State Secretary of the Federal Foreign Office Andreas Michaelis. The members met with German parliamentarians over dinner in Berlin.

The next day, the senators had a security briefing with leaders from the 82nd Airborne Division stationed in Poland and learned more about their effort to assist and deter Russia from further aggression. The military leaders then led a roundtable discussion with the senators, and non-government organizations (NGOs) helping with the humanitarian needs in Ukraine and throughout Europe.

The delegation then visited a refugee processing center near the Ukrainian-Polish border where they saw firsthand how organizations are working with the Polish military and government to care for Ukrainians who've fled their homes. Included in the visit was a meeting with volunteers from World Central Kitchen who are helping feed the refugees coming through this facility.

The final stop in Poland was a discussion with members of Ukrainian civil society. This included a group of passionate women who provided a clear message to the senators: Ukraine needs more support to win this fight. Included in the meeting were State Department officials originally stationed at Embassy Kyiv who continue to provide services to Americans leaving Ukraine and representing the U.S. government's interests under extraordinary circumstances.

On the last day of the CODEL, the 10 senators visited a U.S. Army base in Grafenwöhr, Germany. They received a firsthand briefing on the military mission, Senator Gillibrand was able to meet with many New Yorkers training in Germany, and saw the might of the U.S. Army in action.

CONGRESSMAN

**ANTONIO DELGADO**

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## Weekly Recap

This week in Congress, I voted to take an additional concrete step to isolate Russia and support the people of Ukraine. Read more about the effort and my work to serve New Yorkers.

Supporting Ukraine By Suspending Trade with Russia and Belarus

This week, Congress heard directly from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. His address underscored the need for strong American leadership in the face of Russia's brazen and illegal invasion of Ukraine.

Last week, I was proud to vote for \$13.6 billion in humanitarian aid and security assistance for Ukraine. This week, President Biden announced that \$800 million in support will be delivered to Ukraine in the form of 9,000 anti-aircraft and anti-armor weapons, 20 million rounds of ammunition, and 25,000 sets of helmets and body armor, among other items.

On Thursday, I also voted for a bill to withdraw the normal trade relations status from both Russia and Belarus and allow the President to further increase tariffs on products from both countries. This measure will complement last week's bill to ban the import of Russian oil and energy products, further isolating Russia on the world stage. These bipartisan votes send a strong and unified message that the U.S. will not stand for Putin's criminal actions and inhumane war.

### Fighting for Hudson Valley Veterans

This week, I joined my colleague Rep. Maloney in sending a letter calling on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to protect local veterans' access to health care. We sent this letter to Secretary McDonough in response to a recent VA realignment report that included a recommendation to close the Castle Point VA Medical Center (VAMC).

The letter demands that the VA ensure that any veteran who utilizes Castle Point will maintain equally accessible and high-quality care through a VA facility nearby before any steps are taken to close the Castle Point VAMC. As we work to address this issue, I will keep pushing to support New York veterans and ensure they are able to receive essential care within their communities.

### CALLING FOR ACTION TO REDUCE ENERGY COSTS

I also joined a bipartisan, bicameral group of colleagues in sending a letter urging the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra to take additional steps to reduce energy costs in the wake of Vladimir Putin's illegal war in Ukraine.

High energy costs are hurting New Yorkers and we need to use every tool available to help families, seniors, and small businesses and grow American energy independence. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) plays a critical role in offsetting home heating costs that strain the budgets of hardworking New Yorkers. While Putin continues his unprovoked war in Ukraine, I am calling on the Biden Administration to do more here at home to fund LIHEAP and help lower costs.

### U.S. Naval Academy Summer STEM Program

Are you thinking of a career as a coder, game developer, designer, or robotics engineer? The Naval Academy's Summer STEM Program involves a week of problem-solving, exploratory learning, critical thinking, and team building for rising 9th-11th graders interested in a future in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Learn more about the program and apply by March 31, 2022.

### Cybersecurity Resources

Stay safe when you use the internet. Find the the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) publication of a list of free cybersecurity services and tools to help organizations reduce cybersecurity risk and strengthen resiliency.

### 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.

### New York Statewide Burn Ban

The New York Statewide burn ban goes in effect from March 16 through May 14.

Open Burning - NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation

Congressman Delgado Weekly Recap

(From Pg. 42)

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### 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.cdc.gov/covid19/vaccine)

My team is doing mobile office hours throughout 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

### Monday, March 28th

10:00 am - 12:00 pm	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Plattekill Public Library	Red Hook Public Library
2047 Route NY-32,	7444 South Broadway
Modena, NY 12548	Red Hook, New York 12571

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

## Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, Congressman Antonio Delgado, Senator Michelle Hinchey, and Local Veterans Rally to Save VA Services in the Hudson Valley

*Earlier this week, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs recommended closing the Castle Point VA Medical Center and proposed other reductions in local healthcare services for veterans in the Hudson Valley region.*

*Ulster County Veterans already travel up to an hour for VA services, the closure will significantly increase travel time and eliminate essential services for seniors, addiction recovery, mental health, womens' health, and more*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, Congressman Antonio Delgado, Senator Michelle Hinchey, and local Veterans today held a rally in response to the recent report by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that recommended the closing of the Castle Point VA Medical Center (VAMC) and a series of other reductions in local and regional healthcare services for veterans. The event was organized and led by County Executive Pat Ryan, a West Point graduate and combat veteran, and called for the preservation of a VA medical center level facility in the Hudson Valley along with adding essential services related to mental health, substance abuse recovery, burn pit and other toxic exposures, and more. "Earlier this week, the VA recommended drastic cuts to critically-needed Veteran health services in the Hudson Valley, including closing the Castle Point VA Medical Center, which tens of thousands of veterans and military families rely on." Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "This is unacceptable and we are rallying to push back on these recommendations and push for real investment in strengthening our regional VA services."

Ulster County has over 11,000 veterans who currently access VA services at Albany Stratton Veteran Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) and Castle Point VAMC. Currently the Ulster County Veteran Services Agency transports thousands of veterans annually to both of these locations. Veterans in Ulster County, depending on where they live, already travel up to an hour for these essential services.

"Closing the Castle Point VAMC without first clearly establishing a replacement facility that provides equally accessible services of the same or higher quality is unacceptable," Rep. Delgado said. "I was glad to join Ulster Executive Ryan, Senator Hinchey, and the local veteran community today in expressing our deep concerns with the VA's recently proposed recommendation. I will keep fighting for the health care needs of the nearly 40,000 veterans in our district and do all I can to support them."

"Our upstate communities suffer disproportionately from limited access to healthcare, and this federal proposal to remove the Hudson Valley's closest in-patient VA facility would drive us further into a healthcare desert," Senator Michelle Hinchey said. "Castle Point serves thousands of vet-

erans and military families across the Hudson Valley, and it is unacceptable that our federal government would consider a plan to drastically reduce the critically-needed in-patient care they rely on close to home. I'm proud to stand with our veteran community and my colleagues in government to push back against this flawed proposal and fight for real investment that strengthens healthcare access and regional VA services for Hudson Valley veterans.

The Veterans Administration realignment report calls for the closure of Castle Point VAMC and proposes downgrading to an outpatient clinic (CBOC) to serve the region, which would remove all inpatient services and close an existing fully-occupied senior living center (CLC). In addition, the VA's report recommends that other local and regional hospitals could "absorb" the growing demand for inpatient and urgent care services in the Hudson Valley, which is concerning given recent divestments by WMC in mental health and addiction recovery services in Ulster County and compounding layoffs of over 40 senior staff members at end of 2021. The report will now undergo a one-year committee review with recommendations on the future of Castle Point and other VA hospitals and facilities ultimately being sent to the President and Congress.

## Joint Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul and Deputy National Security Advisor for Cyber and Emerging Technology Anne Neuberger Following Meeting at Joint Security Operations Center

"Today's meeting of local, state and federal partners is part of a new era of collaboration in protecting our critical infrastructure and citizens from cyber attacks."

"President Biden has made it a priority to bolster the nation's cybersecurity networks, improving information-sharing between the U.S. government and the private sector and strengthening the United States' ability to respond to incidents when they occur."

"New York is also leading the nation on efforts to harden cyber defenses and recently launched the first-of-its kind Joint Security Operations Center (JSOC) to serve as the nerve center for the State's cyber operations, where city, state and federal cyber experts will work alongside one another collecting intelligence on potential threats, keeping an eye out for intruders and breaches, and quickly responding to cybersecurity threats and incidents. This is a joint effort with Mayors Eric Adams, Kathy Sheehan, Ben Walsh, Byron Brown, Malik Evans, Mike Spano, and the State is also investing \$30 million to support local government cyber efforts."

"Together, we commit to working collaboratively with our local and private sector counterparts to keep New York's critical infrastructure safe and secure. We hope this collaboration will serve as a model for others across the country."

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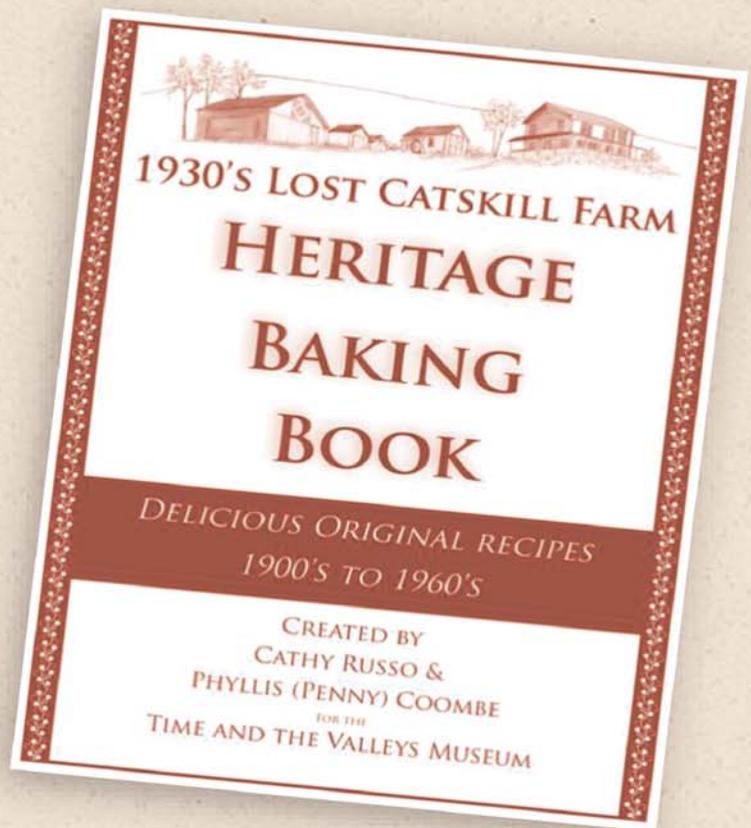
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## **Gillibrand Announces Unanimous Senate Passage of the Sunshine Protection Act to Make Daylight Saving Time Permanent**

***Gillibrand: "The Senate Has Passed This Commonsense Bill. Now It's Time For The House To Spring Forward So We No Longer Fall Back on This Tired Tradition."***

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is announcing the Senate's unanimous passage of the Sunshine Protection Act. This bill would make daylight saving time permanent and is now headed for a vote in the House of Representatives. While Congress is following several states' lead - over the past four years, 18 states have enacted legislation or passed resolutions to provide for permanent daylight saving time - it must act before the states can adopt the change.

"Americans changed their clocks at 2 AM last Sunday, and hopefully the sun is setting on this dated practice. There should be no daylight between the House and Senate on this issue," said Senator Gillibrand. "Times have changed, and this commonsense legislation will end a disorienting and tired tradition. Making daylight saving time permanent could help reduce energy costs and seasonal depression, and I encourage the House to pass this bill before the clock runs out."

## **Gillibrand's Provision Would Create a 9/11-style Commission to Investigate the COVID-19 Outbreak and Identify Lessons Learned Regarding U.S. Preparedness, Response and Recovery to Improve our Nation's Ability to Respond to Future Outbreaks**

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand applauded the passage out of committee of her provision to create a 9/11-style commission to investigate the COVID-19 outbreak and identify lessons learned regarding U.S. preparedness, response and recovery to improve our nation's ability to respond to future outbreaks. The bill was incorporated into the Prepare for and Respond to Existing Viruses, Emerging New Threats, and Pandemics (PREVENT Pandemics) Act, which passed the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee in a bipartisan 20-2 vote. Gillibrand introduced the bipartisan legislation in late 2021, alongside Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Roger Marshall (R-KS), and Joni Ernst (R-IA).

"Just as we established an independent commission in the aftermath of 9/11, this COVID-19 commission is the best way to strengthen our nation's emergency response preparedness and build resiliency against any future pandemic or public health crisis," said Senator Gillibrand. "I am grateful for Senator Marshall's tireless work to include this important legislation in the bipartisan PREVENT Pandemics Act, and I look forward to working with our colleagues, Senators Feinstein and Ernst, to shepherd this critical bill to final passage. The American people deserve a thorough examination of the origins

of this pandemic and our response in order to protect and equip the United States in the event of another devastating emergency." Gillibrand's bipartisan provision would establish a 9/11-style "National Task Force on the Response of the United States to the COVID-19 Pandemic" to examine the initial emergence of SARS-CoV-2 and to examine and assess the United States' preparedness for and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Task Force would identify gaps and make recommendations to Congress, and would be required to submit a report to the president and to Congress. The Task Force would be composed of membership appointed by bipartisan congressional and committee leadership. The Task Force would have authority to hold hearings and to issue and enforce subpoenas.

Specifically, the Task Force would:

- o Examine, assess, and report upon the United States' preparedness for, and response to, the COVID-19 pandemic, including
  - o the initial and ongoing federal, state, and local responses to COVID-19,
  - o the impact of the pandemic on public health and health care systems,
  - o and the initial outbreak in Wuhan, China, including efforts to determine the potential causes for the emergence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and federal actions to mitigate its spread internationally
- o Build upon existing or ongoing evaluations and avoid unnecessary duplication by reviewing the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of other appropriate task forces, committees, commissions, or entities established by other public or non-profit private entities related to the United States' preparedness for, and response to, the COVID-19 pandemic
- o Identify gaps in public health preparedness and medical response policies, processes, and activities, including disparities in COVID-19 infection and mortality rates among people of color, older adults, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable or at-risk groups, and how such gaps impacted the ability of the United States to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- o Submit a report to the president and to Congress on its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to improve the United States' preparedness for, and response to, future public health emergencies, including a public health emergency resulting from an emerging infectious disease. The final report would be due not later than 18 months after the date on which the last member of the Task Force is appointed.

The Task Force would be composed of 12 members with subject matter expertise, of whom-

- o 1 member shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- o 1 member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- o 2 members shall be appointed by the chair of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the Senate;
- o 2 members shall be appointed by the ranking member of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the Senate;
- o 1 member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- o 1 member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;
- o 2 members shall be appointed by the chair of the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives; and
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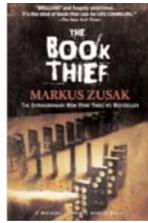


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# Olive Free Library Events

## BETWEEN THE LINES YA BOOK CLUB

Meeting the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.  
All 9th-12th graders welcome!



TUESDAY  
**MARCH 22ND**  
AT 6:00 P.M.

**THE BOOK THIEF**  
by Markus Zusak

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# BOOK FAIR

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Saturday, June 4th, 10am - 4pm

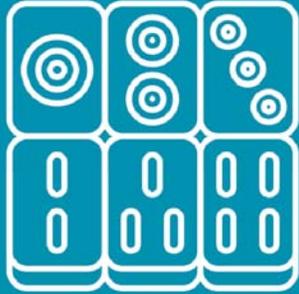
What we need:

- book donations
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every Thursday at 3:30



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WITH CHRISSY LAWLOR

Saturday, March 26th at 11am

Come sew with us!

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Upcycled "Artist's Smock" project

We are here for it all!



## In 15 words or less...

The past few months—and years—have been rough on all of us. In the spirit of community, we ask that you share with us **in 15 words or less** how the pandemic, quarantines & everything in between has affected you.

It can be anonymous, decorated, a poem that has helped you make it through—anything that you like. Just **in 15 words or less**.

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**STARTING MARCH 21**  
Pick up cards at the library for your 15 words or less

**BY APRIL 4**  
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## SNAPSHOTS FROM THE FIELD:

A Pandemic Success Story by the Ashokan Watershed Detectives



**MARCH 31, 2022 6 P.M.**

Onteora Central School District's Ashokan Watershed Detectives club—a very popular after school program run by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County (CCEUC)—survived and even thrived during the pandemic. They will be unveiling their culminating project for the 2020-21 school year: a 20-minute science education video called "Snapshots from the Field" to share the results of their year-long investigations.



## Catskill Center Statement on Passage of One-House Budget Bills

March 15, 2022 -- Arkville, NY: The Catskill Center lauds the New York State Senate and Assembly for passing one-house budget bills that contain vital funding for the continued operation of the Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center (CVC) and the Catskill Stewards Program.

"We're grateful for the strong leadership of our local bipartisan Catskill Park delegations in the Assembly and Senate who have ensured that this critical funding be maintained in their respective budget bills," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. "We're especially thankful for Senator Michelle Hinchey's leadership on Catskill Park and Forest Preserve issues. She secured funding for the Stewards Program in

last year's final budget and ensured that funding continues in this year's budget."

The CVC is the official visitor center for the Catskill Park and serves as a gateway for the entire Catskills region. The CVC and Catskill Stewards Program are both partnerships with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

"Funding for the Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center and the Catskill Center's Catskill Stewards Program translates into more education, more outreach, and more resources leveraged across the Catskill Park to welcome visitors, connect them with our Park communities, and protect natural resources," Senterman said.

The \$150,000 for the CVC will be part of the Environmental Protection Fund, where it has been included for the past two years. There also will be \$50,000 for the Catskill Stewards Program. (Contd. Pg. 49)

## Catskill Center Statement on Passage of One-House Budget Bills

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"As co-chair of the Catskill Park Coalition, we know that our advocacy of more than ten years for the Catskill Park has made a difference, and we look forward to ensuring that this funding makes it into the final budget," said Senterman.

The CVC opened in 2015, and sits on 60 acres of forest, fields, and wetlands in the hamlet of Mount Tremper, Ulster County. In addition to the Visitor Center itself, visitors can enjoy walking trails; picnic areas; a covered pavilion; wildlife viewing; access trails to the Esopus Creek; and a Fire Tower.

### THE CATSKILL CENTER

Since 1969, the Catskill Center has protected and fostered the environmental, cultural, and economic well-being of the Catskill region. It is the major force advocating for both the Catskill Park and entire region. Formed in 1969 and headquartered at the Erpf Center in Arkville, NY, the Catskill Center is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501C(3) corporation. It employs an executive director and staff and is guided by an all-volunteer board of directors with representation from local, regional, and New York City metropolitan areas.

For more information, visit [www.catskillcenter.org](http://www.catskillcenter.org).

## Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from across New York State.

In 2021, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 426 search and res-

cue missions, extinguished wildfires, participated in prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate hundreds of acres of land, and worked on cases that resulted in thousands of tickets or arrests. Some of these incidents featured each week result in injuries, property damage, or even death, and starting this year, the "DEC Statewide Forest Ranger Highlights" is transitioning to a new title, "Forest Rangers - Week In Review."

"Over the last decade, as well as during the COVID-19 pandemic, DEC saw an uptick in people visiting State lands to experience New York's abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "DEC's Forest Rangers are on the front lines to help visitors get outside responsibly and get home safely, as well as to protect our state's irreplaceable natural resources. Rangers' knowledge of first aid, land navigation, and technical rescue techniques



*Rangers Ellis and Kreft conduct technical rope rescue training*

are critical to the success of their missions, which for more than a century have taken them from remote wilderness areas with rugged mountain peaks, to white water rivers, and throughout our vast forests statewide."

On March 4, Forest Rangers in the technical rope rescue cadre from DEC Regions 3 and 4 met at Kaaterskill Falls for winter rescue training. Nine Rangers participated in the training, which includes traversing steep terrain in snow and ice, and using crampons and ice axes. Rangers also practiced safely and efficiently moving an immobilized patient through mountain terrain.

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



## Attorney General James Issues Statement on Comptroller DiNapoli's Audit Audit Affirms AG James' Findings That DOH Undercounted Nursing Home Deaths

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James issued the following statement in response to Comptroller Tom DiNapoli's audit of the New York State Department of Health's (DOH) response to COVID, which affirmed some of the findings of Attorney General James' January 2021 nursing homes report, most notably that DOH misrepresented the true number of deaths that occurred at nursing homes:

"This audit affirms many of the findings that we uncovered last year about the state's response to COVID, most notably that DOH and the former governor undercounted the number of deaths in nursing homes by as much as 50 percent. I am grateful to Comptroller DiNapoli for bringing much needed transparency to this critical issue. My office will continue to monitor nursing home conditions and ensure the safety of our most vulnerable residents. If anyone has concerns about nursing home conditions, I urge them to contact my office." Attorney General James encourages anyone with information or concerns about nursing home conditions to file confidential complaints online or by calling 833-249-8499.

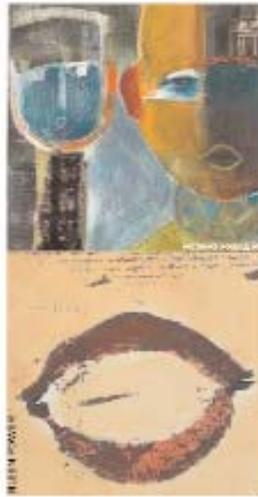
## Governor Hochul Announces Applications Now Available for Fast Tracked Permits for Craft Beverage Manufacturers

*New Permit Expedites Openings of New Breweries, Distilleries, Cideries and Meaderies*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that the State Liquor Authority is now accepting applications for new permits to allow craft beverage manufacturing businesses the ability to manufacture and sell alcoholic beverages while their liquor license is pending. These new permits can generally be processed and approved in less than 30 days, compared to applications for new licenses that currently take an average of six months, expediting the time it takes to open a new craft beverage manufacturing businesses throughout the state.

"New York's craft beverage industry is not only a source of local pride, but also creates jobs and drives tourism in every cor-

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ner of the state," Governor Hochul said. "These fast-tracked permits will allow new businesses to hit the ground running by opening quickly and making immediate contributions to their local economies. This is another step in furthering our administration's efforts to cut red tape, ease regulations, and make commonsense reforms to help these businesses grow and thrive."

Legislation signed by Governor Hochul on December 21, 2021, created new temporary permits for breweries, wineries, distilleries, cideries and meaderies, allowing them to open while awaiting the final approval, preventing accrued costs in rent and maintenance after the location and equipment have been acquired. There are currently eighty-one permit applications pending for craft manufacturers statewide.

These permits allow businesses to manufacture and sell alcoholic beverages for a period of six months, or until the full application is approved, for a fee of just \$125. The new permits may be extended for a three-month period for an additional \$50 fee if necessary. The application for craft manufacturers to apply for the new temporary operating permits are available here.

**State Liquor Authority Chairman Vincent Bradley** said, "Governor Hochul recognizes that getting craft producers open quickly is important for both these individual businesses and for our state's entire economy. When our craft manufacturers grow and thrive, they create jobs, put money back into their local economies and set the stage for future growth. New York has been a leader in the craft beverage industry, and these fast-tracked permits will no doubt help ensure this trend continues."

**State Senator Michelle Hinchey** said, "The launch of New York's fast-tracked temporary permits is a major turning point for craft beverage producers across our state, and I'm proud to have authored the legislation to help these small businesses bring their exceptional products from farm to glass sooner. As a strong tourism driver and local job creator. (Contd. Pg. 52)



# SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday May 14, 2022

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## Governor Hochul Announces Applications Now Available for Fast Tracked Permits for Craft Beverage Manufacturers

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New York's burgeoning craft beverage industry represents an exciting growth sector for upstate economies, and it's one that I've been thrilled to elevate as Senate Agriculture Chair. I thank Governor Hochul for her avid support of temporary permits and I look forward to our continued work to expand New York's competitive edge in the craft beverage industry."

**Assemblymember Donna Lupardo** said, "If a craft beverage business has a location and is ready to operate, they should be able to while awaiting their final license. Temporary permits will make it easier for these businesses to get goods to market sooner and generate income. I am glad that the application process is now opening, and I thank Governor Hochul and the SLA for their partnership getting us to this point."

**New York State Brewers Association President Paul Leone** said, "The New York State craft brewing industry continues to grow, even through COVID. With wait times lasting up to six months, many brewery owners were paying rent on buildings they couldn't open, making monthly payments on new brewing equipment they couldn't use, and not making any money to pay themselves or their employees while they were waiting for their permits. This temporary permit will allow breweries who are currently waiting on their permits to open sooner, and for those considering opening their own brewery, an avenue to open quicker. The New York State Brewers Association thanks Governor Hochul for signing this legislation into law as well as her continued support of the craft beer and craft beverage industry."

**New York State Cider Association Executive Director Scott Ramsey** said, "Our cidery members, especially small businesses, are continuing to face major economic challenges due to the pandemic which now include supply chain issues and rising fuel costs. In this environment, we're so appreciative of this much needed support from Governor Hochul, Senator Hinchey, and Assemblywoman Lupardo. The "Temporary Permits Bill" is common sense legislation that allows our newest cider producers and growers to enter the market, build their businesses, create jobs, and contribute to local agricultural economies in a much more efficient and meaningful way."

**New York State Wine and Grape Foundation Executive Director Sam Filler** said, "New farm wineries have been fortunate to have temporary permits available to them for decades, and we applaud Governor Hochul for extending these fast-tracked permits to our industry partners producing beer, cider and spirits. Waiting for a permit means months of no revenues while paying a mortgage or rent, making capital investments, purchasing equipment, and hiring staff, and these permits will ensure these new businesses can hit the ground running."

**New York State Distillers Guild President Brian Facquet** said, "This new legislation will be helpful to the new manufacturers trying to get permits in New York by allowing them to get up and running while the SLA has the time to properly vet their applications. The New York State Distillers' Guild commends Governor Hochul and the legislature for implementing this vital legislation to get craft manufacturers, who create jobs and drive tourism in every corner of the state, up and running as quickly as possible."

New York State's craft beverage industry accounted for over \$5 billion in revenue in 2018, growing by 230 percent over the last decade. Despite the economic downturn, the number of craft beverage manufacturing licenses issued by the SLA grew by over 9 percent in the last year, from 1,426 active licenses to 1,559.

This legislation further supports the state's growing craft beverage industry, one of the fastest growing in the nation, which now ranks in the top five in the U.S. for its number of craft beverage producers in every category. The state ranks first in the U.S. for the number of hard cider producers with 78, second in craft distillers and breweries with 205 and 504 respectively, and fourth in the country for the total number of wineries with 494. New York is also home to fourteen farm meaderies, a new permit created in 2019 for alcoholic beverages made with New York State produced honey.

Additionally, in the last year twenty-eight farm-based manufacturers have extended their footprints by opening new, no-fee, offsite retail locations across the state in the last year alone, a 17 percent increase over 2021. These branch stores, which now number 198 statewide, allow farm manufacturers to sell their own products, in addition to any other NYS labeled product by the glass or by the bottle to consumers at an offsite location.

## Governor Announces Two New Appointments to Expand Opioid Settlement Board

Governor Kathy Hochul after signing legislation expanding the Opioid Settlement Board from 19 members to 21 members, announced her two appointments to the Board.

"As we make our comeback from the COVID-19 pandemic, we must commit to also mitigating the impact of the opioid pandemic New Yorkers have endured for many years," Governor Hochul said. "That is why I am appointing Anne Constantino and Debra Pantin, two dedicated and qualified public servants to work with me in delivering results to improve prevention, treatment, and recovery for New Yorkers who need our support."

**Anne Constantino** has been appointed to the Opioid Settlement Board. Ms. Constantino is the President & CEO of Horizon Health Services, and has worked at Horizon since 1986 where she began as Chief Operating Officer. As CEO, Ms. Constantino has seen an expansion of services in Western New York. As a result of the expansion, Horizon Health Services have grown and become one of the largest providers of mental health and addiction treatment and support services providers in Western New York. Ms. Constantino is a proud Western New Yorker, having graduated from Buffalo State (BA) and SUNY Buffalo (MS). Ms. Constantino is active in her community and on multiple boards such as: Amherst Chamber of Commerce, Executive Committee member: NYS Addiction Services Providers, Executive Committee: Coalition for Community Services, A Network of New York SUD treatment agencies.

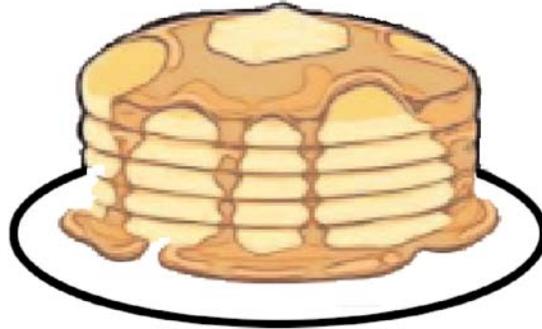
**Debra Pantin** has been appointed to the Opioid Settlement Board. Ms. Pantin is the President & CEO of the Outreach Development Corporation located in Richmond Hill, New York. As CEO, Ms. Pantin focuses on using her 30 years of experience in the substance abuse and mental health treatment field. By trade, Ms. Pantin is a social worker by trade who has an extensive background in uplifting communities and improving outcomes. While working as CEO of VIP Community Services in the Bronx, Ms. Pantin was able to help oversee unprecedented growth in agency operations. Funding was raised from \$21 million to \$30 million under her watch. MS. Pantin is President of the Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers of New York State (ASAPNYS) and is the Chair of Mental Health News Education's Board of Directors. She participates in numerous national, state and local boards, and was previously the Co-Chair of the Substance Abuse Treatment Committee for the Coalition of Behavioral Health Agencies.

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) made three recommendations for appointment to the Opioid Settlement Board that are currently being reviewed.

# Claryville Fire Dept.

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## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



**Sunday, April 10th**  
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\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

# Governor Hochul Announces 100,000 Families Have Joined Federal Broadband Affordability Program Multi-Agency Effort to Enroll Eligible Low-Income Families a Major Success

## *Newly Participating New York Families Will Receive Nearly \$36 Million in Federal Subsidies*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced more than 100,000 additional qualifying families have enrolled in the federal government's Affordable Connectivity Program since New York launched a multi-agency broadband outreach initiative to spur enrollment. The federal program provides discounts of up to \$30 a month toward internet service for eligible low-income families.

"The past two years have reminded us how crucial reliable and affordable broadband is, so we can stay connected to family, work, school and healthcare services," Governor Hochul said. "I am proud of the collaboration of our state agencies and our partnership with the federal government to bring broadband across the state, and am committed to continuing these efforts to connect all New Yorkers."

As a direct result of a multi-agency, multi-pronged outreach effort led by the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS), the state continues to increase the number of eligible enrollees daily. With over 715,000 households receiving the monthly subsidy as of March 14, 2022, New York leads among the four largest states with nearly 40 percent enrollment. The campaign, which launched in early January, started with less than 30 percent of eligible households enrolled. The eligible families that have just joined will receive approximately \$36 million, bringing the total annual subsidies to more than \$250 million.

**DPS CEO Rory M. Christian** said, "Outreach and consumer advocacy is a priority for the state, and I am pleased with the success of this outreach initiative that will help ensure that all income-eligible New Yorkers will have access to high-speed internet at a reasonable price."

DPS, in coordination with other public-facing state agencies and internet service providers, leads the statewide, all-of-government awareness and marketing campaign under the Governor's ConnectALL initiative to increase enrollment among eligible New Yorkers.

### **New York State agencies involved in the broadband outreach initiative and their efforts include:**

- The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance is directing social services agencies to share outreach materials with clients and contracted service providers, and is generat-

ing auto broadband subsidy autoreplies on all emails and publishing outreach on all social media outlets.

- Housing and Community Renewal is reaching out to non-profit housing partners and property owners, and promoting on social media.

- Office of Children and Family Services is promoting the broadband subsidy through local departments of social services, childcare licensors, childcare providers, foster care, and voluntary agencies, and promoting on social media.

- Department of Labor is promoting the subsidy through its statewide outreach channels, property owners in its portfolio to provide program materials for both posting in common areas and distributing to their residents, a PSA video, and promoting on social media.

- The Department of Motor Vehicles is sending emails and continuing a social media advertising campaign, broadcasting a PSA video on TV monitors in state-operated DMV offices in NYC, Long Island, and the counties of Albany, Westchester, Rockland, and Onondaga, as well as mailing approximately five million informational inserts throughout the year when customers receive their driver license.

- Empire State Development is sharing information through the Regional Economic Development Councils and leveraging long-term partnerships with internet service providers to increase awareness and enrollment.

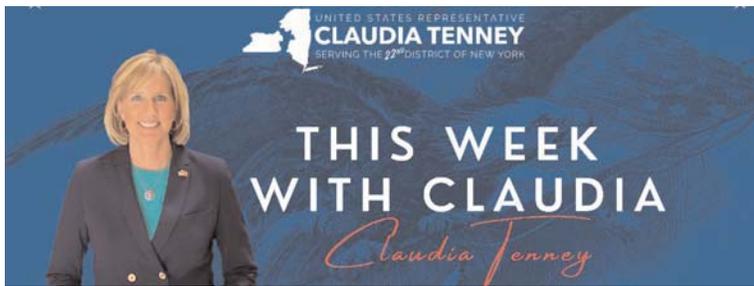
**Empire State Development Acting Commissioner and President and CEO-designate Hope Knight** said, "The COVID-19 pandemic has proven that high-speed internet connectivity no longer a luxury; it is a necessity. Broadband is essential for New Yorkers go to school, work remotely, find a job, start a business, access healthcare, and connect with loved ones. Improving affordability is a vital component of Governor Hochul's ConnectALL initiative, ensuring that we all have affordable and accessible broadband and laying the groundwork for New York to continue leading the digital economy."

In addition, internet service providers in New York, including Spectrum, Altice and Verizon, have continued their commitment to expanding the adoption of affordable internet service throughout the state to help close the digital divide and create a more equitable and inclusive digital world.

Governor Hochul's ConnectALL initiative, announced in January as part of her State of the State address, is a transformational \$1 billion investment in New York's communities and digital infrastructure. It not only aims to ensure accessible and reliable high-speed, broadband for all New Yorkers, but also that New York will lead the 21st-century connected economy. This effort involves government and community outreach and works with the State's largest broadband providers to reach eligible New Yorkers.

For too long, broadband has been out of reach for many New Yorkers because it is not affordable. In addition to reducing costs for consumers through capital investments, Governor Hochul's pioneering ConnectALL initiative aims to ensure that every eligible New Yorker participates in the Affordable Connectivity Program and is equipped with the information and support needed to enroll.

Broadband costs New Yorkers more than \$60 a month on average. In addition to the \$30 a month assistance, financially eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if the consumer contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.



### Highlighting Russian War Crimes and Pushing for Deterrence and Accountability

Tenney Discusses Potential Russian War Crimes & the Need for Accountability in HFAC Hearing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5oihBrSU7c>

This week, the House Foreign Affairs Committee convened a hearing to highlight potential war crimes being committed by Russia in its unprovoked invasion of Ukraine. The hearing featured testimony from several distinguished experts. I asked the witnesses about early evidence of war crimes committed by the Russian military, including the use of thermobaric weapons and cluster munitions against civilians. I also pressed them for suggestions on how to sanction Russia more effectively to create deterrence against the potential use of chemical weapons. Finally, I highlighted the Kremlin's years-long disinformation campaign that it has used to justify its invasion of Ukraine and asked for recommendations to ensure Putin's regime officials are held accountable for their crimes.

I value concerns many have expressed regarding the potential for escalation in the Ukraine conflict. As the mother of a Marine officer, I do not take this issue lightly and I understand such concerns. The last thing Americans want is for the United States to be embroiled in another armed conflict abroad, and this is certainly a sentiment I understand and share. It is also the case that when the United States retreats from global challenges, we run the very real risk of inviting even greater aggression. To this end, it remains important to send a message to rogue regimes around the world - China, Iran, North Korea, Venezuela, to name a few - that this behavior, including the slaughter of innocent men, women, and children, will not be tolerated. It remains in our national security and economic interests to reaffirm respect for the rule of law as well as to protect the sovereignty of nations and safeguard the sanctity of borders, especially our own. This is why I believe strongly that we should use diplomatic and economic tools at our disposal to hold Russia accountable for its egregious actions.

You can watch the full video of my remarks during the hearing by clicking here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5oihBrSU7c>

### President Biden: Say No to a Dangerous New Iran Nuclear Deal!

We are facing so many challenges around the world that demand strength and firm resolve. That's why on Thursday, I joined Chairman Jim Banks and my colleagues on the Republican Study Committee (RSC) in introducing a resolution condemning the Biden Administration's attempt to re-enter the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) otherwise known as the "Iran Deal." Iran is the world's foremost state sponsor of terror, and negotiations to re-enter the JCPOA have been mediated by Russia, a rogue authoritarian regime whose recent unprovoked war on Ukraine has sparked worldwide condemnation.

Instead of negotiating with the world's leading state sponsor of terror through the Russians, the United States must return to its policy of peace-through-strength, first championed by President Reagan. As it stands today, the Biden Administration's renegotiated JCPOA will make the United States weaker and the world less

safe. Further, rumored provisions to prevent the United States from reimposing sanctions on Iranian financial institutions could give Russia the workaround it needs to avoid sanctions levied in response to its invasion.

ICYMI: In April 2021, I joined the RSC and former Secretary of State Pompeo in announcing the Maximum Pressure Act, to codify the Trump administration's successful maximum pressure campaign on Iran. The Maximum Pressure Act is the toughest sanctions bill on Iran ever proposed by Congress and has since garnered 124 co-sponsors.

READ MORE: Over 50 House Republicans back Banks' resolution opposing Iran nuclear deal amid Russia-Ukraine war <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/house-republicans-resolution-biden-iran-deal-russia>

### Highlighting the Risks of China's Growing Global Influence –Tenney Discusses China's Global Influence

On Friday, I joined America Reports to discuss the threat posed by China's growing global influence, especially amidst the ongoing war in Ukraine. I also discussed the bipartisan China Watcher Act that I introduced to establish a "China Watcher Program" at the U.S. Department of State. This program would commit resources and personnel to monitoring and combatting China's malign influence across military, economic, and political sectors in foreign nations.

China has aggressively ramped up its malign activities across the globe and today poses one of the most significant national security and economic threats to the United States. China has gone unchecked for too long, and it's time for the United States to take decisive action.

Small Business Update: I've Been Named Ranking Member for the Small Business Subcommittee

This week, I had the honor of being named to serve as Ranking Member for the House Small Business Committee's Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development. Since joining this important subcommittee last year, it has been a privilege to advocate for our nation's family farms and small businesses.

As Ranking Member, I look forward to working together with Republican and Democrats alike to drive meaningful results for the largely rural and agricultural communities I represent across the 22nd District. I will continue to fight to support our family farms and restore prosperity and opportunity to so many rural and underserved communities that have been left behind for far too long.

### 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, click here. <https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained>

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3113, the Modernizing Access to Our Public Land Act. Currently, more than 9.52 million acres of land in the Western United States lack permanent and legal access points for public use, and information on these lands is still kept on outdated, hard to access paper files. This legislation will direct federal land management agencies to finally digitize and standardize these maps. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 414-9.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5001, the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act. This bill authorizes the Bureau of Reclamation to continue the implementation of endangered fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins through 2024 in order to protect and recover endangered fishes while water development proceeds in compliance with State and Federal laws. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 397 - 27. (Contd. Pg. 56)

## This Week With Claudia

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I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3167, the Save the Liberty Theatre Act of 2021. The Liberty Theatre in Eunice, Louisiana has been a staple of the Cajun community for over 100 years, hosting silent films, live bands, and other entertainment. Currently, the National Park Service (NPS) owns a portion of the venue constructed to provide a handicap entrance. This shared ownership structure has recently hindered the city's efforts to restore the theatre. The legislation will transfer this ownership share to the city of Eunice and allow for the renewal of this local landmark. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 422-4.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3167, to designate the El Paso Community Healing Garden National Memorial. On August 3rd, 2019, El Paso was the tragic target of a horrific act of domestic eco-terrorism that took 23 lives and injured 22. Following the attack, the County of El Paso approved the construction of the El Paso Community Healing Garden to provide El Pasoans a space to heal and remember the victims. The memorial will not be a unit of the national park system and designation does not require or authorize any Federal funds to be expended for the memorial. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 403-25.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6434, the Japanese American WWII History Network Act, which will preserve our history and its lessons for future generations. This legislation extends the authorization for the existing Japanese American Confinement Sites (JACS) grant program, which will soon run up against its original authorization cap. The bill also establishes a new competitive grant program to award grants to Japanese American organizations to create and disseminate educational materials about the history of Japanese American confinement during World War II. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 406-16.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7108, the Suspending Normal Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus Act. This bill would end the current special trade status, known as "Most Favored Nation Status," which America provides to Russia and Belarus until the President can certify to Congress that both countries have ended their violent and unprovoked war against Ukraine. Given Russia's violent and unprovoked war against Ukraine, and Belarus' unjustifiable assistance, the United States must use the economic and diplomatic tools at our disposal to stand for those suffering. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 424 - 8.

I voted "No" on H.R. 963, the FAIR Act. This misleadingly titled bill would amend Title 9 of the U.S. code to outlaw pre-dispute arbitration agreements for employment, consumer, antitrust, civil rights dispute, and other contractual language limiting participation in joint, class, or collective action litigation in these areas. However, the bill includes a special carveout for labor unions, allowing them to use pre-dispute arbitration agreements even after they are prohibited for everyone else. This bill also would widen the definition of civil rights dispute to cover any federal, state, or local law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. This could open employers to ruinous lia-

bility in unfriendly states and localities for operating their businesses in a manner consistent with their consciences or sincerely held religious beliefs. Overall, this legislation is a giveaway to trial lawyers and risks burying businesses in expensive litigation and legal costs without meaningfully protecting workers. This bill passed by a vote of 221 - 209.

I voted "No" on H.R. 2116, the 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 protections 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 clearly 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 passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 235 - 189.

### **Demanding Accountability for Disgraced Former Governor Cuomo**

This week, New York's Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli released a report showing that the Cuomo Administration misled the public by undercounting COVID-19-related deaths in nursing homes over the course of the pandemic. To see DiNapoli Report go to: <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/state-agencies/audits/pdf/sga-2022-20s55.pdf>

Comptroller DiNapoli's report on COVID-19-related deaths in nursing homes under disgraced former Governor Cuomo's Administration is deeply troubling and further proves that Andrew Cuomo's policies endangered seniors, and that he lied to cover them up. Once again, this underscores the reality that Andrew Cuomo disregarded the basic health and safety of New York's most vulnerable citizens in service of his narrow political aims.

As the facts continue to come out, the need for accountability is growing by the day. Who in the Cuomo Administration has been held accountable for these negligent and deadly policies as well as the subsequent coverup? The sad reality is that nobody has to date. Those who lost loved ones deserve justice. I will continue fighting until those responsible are held accountable.

ICYMI: Last year, I introduced the Essential Caregivers Act, a bill designed to ensure that those living in nursing homes and long-term care facilities are never again barred from seeing their loved ones in the midst of any future public health emergency. The bill is cosponsored by 30 lawmakers, both Republicans and Democrats, and is supported by numerous outside advocacy organizations. I also was the first to call for a federal investigation into this serious matter in April 2020. I reiterated this call again in May 2020 after a troubling report by the AP revealed nursing home deaths were being underreported in New York.

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## **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**

## Shadowland Stages Announces its joyful return to a wonder-FULL (6 shows + a special holiday show) season

*2022 season include musicals, dramas and rib-tickling comedies and is highlighted by two world premieres including one co-written by Tom Hanks*

(21 March 2022) SHADOWLAND STAGES in Ellenville, NY ("A tight knit community with room to grow" - New York Times) proudly announces its 2022 season of live theatre, to be produced on both its beautifully restored Art Deco gem, The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES, as well as the new intimate flexible black box theatre, The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES. The season will include:

**AIRNESS** by Chelsea Marcantel directed by Brendan Burke  
June 3rd - 19th The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES  
SHADOWLAND is excited to kick off its 37th season in June with the regional premiere of Chelsea Marcantel's comedy, AIRNESS, winner of the American Theatre Critics Association's prestigious Osborn New Play Award.

Nina is a newbie in the world of competitive air guitar. Joining a clique of super-committed rock 'n roll nerds, she's taken on a journey towards ultimate air guitar self-actualization: AIRNESS, the indescribable state of being that can only happen when you're not just faking it. . . but letting go and living it.

**THE CROSSWORD PLAY** (or Ezmeranda's Gift) by Donna Hoke

June 24 - July 10 The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES  
Next up is Donna Hoke's thoughtful play, THE CROSSWORD PLAY (or Ezmeranda's Gift) which will have its world premiere production at The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES, SHADOWLAND's new intimate black box theatre.

Join our expert at a crossword puzzle-making workshop, where she guides us through the creation of a brand new puzzle, this one aimed at rekindling an old flame. Will her words woo him back? Or leave her puzzled about the past?

**SAFE HOME** by Tom Hanks & James Glossman, based on stories by Tom Hanks

July 15 - Aug 7 The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES  
The centerpiece of SHADOWLAND's season is one of the most exciting projects in its history. SHADOWLAND is thrilled to announce the organization will produce the world premiere of SAFE HOME, written by Tom Hanks & James Glossman, based on stories by Tom Hanks.

Bert Allenberry is a smart man, many say a genius. His inventions have changed the world. He has everything a man - a very rich man - is supposed to have, need, or want . . . except for Time. So now Bert is about to dive headlong through a door, into other people's lives in other people's places, in a time-bending odyssey to find his way SAFE HOME.

About the upcoming production, Tom Hanks said:  
"SHADOWLAND STAGES is the ideal venue for SAFE HOME - a safe home for a new play. The possibility to come back to the theater, to the fine hands of the ensemble, is fresh, thrilling and due!"

**ALMOST HEAVEN:** Songs of John Denver Songs by John Denver and others. Orchestration and Vocal Arrangements by

Jeff Waxman, Original Concept by Harold Thau  
Aug 12 - Sept 11 The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES  
In 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.

**IN THE CONTINUUM** By Danai Gurira & Nikkole Salter Directed by Jammie Patton  
Sept 16 - Oct 2 The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES

The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES will be the venue for IN THE CONTINUUM, named one of the year's 10 Best Plays of 2008 by the New York Times and directed by Jammie Patton, who returns following her direction of SHADOWLAND's critically acclaimed production of **THE NICETIES** last season.

Living worlds apart in South Central Los Angeles and Harare, Zimbabwe, two young women experience a kaleidoscopic week-end of darkly comic, life-altering revelations. IN THE CONTINUUM dramatizes the devastating impact of AIDS on African and African-American women with two actresses portraying dozens of roles in this engrossing, and surprisingly funny, story of parallel lives.

**THE LIFESPAN OF A FACT** by Jeremy Kareken & David Murrell and Gordon Farrell, based on the book by John D'Agata and Jim Fingal

Oct 7 - Oct 23 The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES  
The regular season ends with the timely and hilarious LIFESPAN OF A FACT. Based on the true story of John D'Agata's essay "What Happens There", this pointed comedy explores the importance of fact vs. fiction.

**LIFESPAN OF A FACT** follows Jim Fingal, a fresh-out-of-Harvard fact-checker for a sinking once-heralded literary magazine. When his editor charges him with the assignment of checking an article by the prominent resident literary powerhouse, the editor secretly hopes to change the magazine's fate. Hard facts battle emotional truths in this high-stakes showdown based on actual events.

**HOLIDAY SHOW - TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Dec 2 - Dec 18 The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES  
Shortly SHADOWLAND will be announcing this year's pick for their holiday season offering. In what has quickly become a favorite local holiday tradition, the annual holiday show will again be sure to delight and entertain (as well as make a wonderful gift!). The holiday show can easily be added onto any of SHADOWLAND's season subscription packages.

SHADOWLAND's 37th season will be performed at The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES (157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY 12428) and The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES (14 Market Street (at Center St.) Ellenville, NY 12428). Single tickets are \$34 - \$42 and both single tickets and subscription packages can be purchased at ShadowlandStages.org or by calling 845-647-5511.

*(Please do note that the titles and artists can be subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control - licensing and scheduling- but this represents our anticipated offerings at this time.)*

## Ulster County Seeks Proposals for Crisis Stabilization Center

**Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced that a Request for Qualifications for a Crisis Stabilization Center has been released and solicitations are open until April 7**

*Building a Crisis Stabilization Center was one of the main recommendations of the Ulster County Behavioral Health Task Force and a top priority for Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan in the 2022 Executive Budget*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced that solicitations for a Crisis Stabilization Center are being accepted until April 7th. Building a Crisis Stabilization Center was one of the main recommendations of the Ulster County Behavioral Health Task Force, which released a report in September 2021, and was announced by County Executive Ryan as a top priority in the 2022 Executive Budget address. The State recently made funding available for the creation of new Crisis Stabilization Centers, and Ulster County has dedicated American Rescue Plan funding for the design and construction of the Center. Ulster County is now seeking proposals from agencies who are interested in partnering with the County on this effort.

“The loss of the inpatient psychiatric and substance use disorder rehab beds at HealthAlliance Hospital of Westchester Medical Center has put a significant strain on our system of care. Our current behavioral health services have become increasingly overburdened due to expanding needs and static resources,” Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. “The last two years have shown us that it takes a community to support one another when times are hard. Too often, our system of care is challenging to navigate and access. A Crisis Stabilization Center that is open 24-hours, 7 days a week will allow individuals and families to access care at the time the need is imminent and other services are unavailable.”

“As a Research Scientist at the Institute for Family Health with a focus area on the income and racial disparities in health, and Chair of the Ulster County Legislature's Health, Human Services and Housing Committee, I know that the opioid use disorder and mental health crisis has only worsened during COVID,” Vice Chair of the Ulster County Legislature Eve Walter said. “There is currently nowhere in Ulster County where individuals, families and the criminal justice system can turn to to stabilize and provide substance and mental health care management to this most vulnerable population. That's why I put forward a resolution in October calling for the County to build a Crisis Stabilization Center with ARP funding.”

“For too long, our behavioral health systems in Ulster County have not kept up with the need, and as Chair of the Ulster County Legislature's American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee, I know that we can do more,” Ulster County Legislator Peter Criswell said. “The presence of a Crisis Support Center in Ulster County would buttress the need for urgent care services for stabilization, support diversion from unnecessary hospitalization, and promote access to essential community-based services.”

“The lack of adequate behavioral health services in our community means that many of our residents have not been able to get the help they need and deserve,” Ulster County Legislator Thomas Corcoran said. “As Deputy Chair of the Ulster County Legislature's American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee, I support the use of ARP funds for the Crisis Stabilization Center.”

Ulster County received significant federal aid to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts across our community. This once-in-a-generation funding, as well as increased funding at the New York State and Federal level, positions the County to make

investments that will help to build a mental health and addiction recovery system that works for everyone.

In addition to being equipped to manage the most acute needs, the vision is to create a one-of-a-kind place where residents of all ages and their families can go the moment they need help, regardless of the type of help needed. Ulster County aims to provide a safe place to connect with caring people who will welcome and guide residents through the process of getting support. This might be a parent seeking help managing their child's behaviors and stress related to financial insecurity. Other times, it may be a loved one helping a friend navigate the path to recovery from addiction. Everyone will be welcomed and assisted with the issues that matter to them. This level of support will more adequately meet the needs of the community, ease the burden on our existing system of care, and reduce the unnecessary use of law enforcement to manage behavioral health concerns.

On February 23rd, 2022, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced in his third State of the County address that his administration is beginning the re-investments in mental health services that were proposed in the 2022 Executive Budget, re-establishing a fully-functioning Mental Health Department, and becoming one of the first counties in the state to build a Crisis Stabilization Center.

In May of 2021, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan established a 26-member behavioral health task force, which delivered a report in September 2021 identifying immediate actions as well as longer term 5-year goals to create a comprehensive behavioral health care system. In his 2022 Executive Budget address in September 2021, County Executive Ryan proposed \$3.3 million in federal relief funds for design and construction of the County's first-ever Ulster County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Center, to provide residents a single location for the full continuum of care for people dealing with mental health and addiction related illness - the first major component of which would be a Crisis Stabilization Center that would begin to be developed in 2022.

For detailed information on the Crisis Stabilization Center Request for Qualifications solicitation, visit <https://bit.ly/37FUQ8O>. The deadline is April 7, 2022. All vendors who are interested and qualified to implement an Intensive Crisis Stabilization Center as outlined by Part 600 of Title 14 of the NYCRR should apply.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Ulster County I Voted Sticker Design Contest

I voted stickers are a popular way of showing your voting pride and reminding your neighbors to vote. For the second year, the Ulster BOE is inviting residents age 13-18 to help design an "I Voted" sticker that will be distributed to each polling location for the Ulster County General Election on November 8, 2022.

During the 2021 Elections, more than 50 "I Voted" art submissions were received and 30,000 student-designed "I Voted" stickers were distributed to voters in Ulster County.

Art submissions will be accepted from April 1-June 1, 2022. Residents will then have an opportunity to vote for their favorite design this summer. Finally, on November 8, 2022, and during Early Voting, residents will again receive the contest winner's sticker design. Commissioners Ashley Dittus and John Quigley see the value of collaborating with our youth to celebrate the voting process in our community. “Ulster County's young people have important things to say and bring a wealth of talent to the table. We were overwhelmed by the quality of last year's designs and look forward to growing this project in 2022.”

For more information and directions for submission, visit the Student Resources section of the Ulster County Board of Elections website at [Voteulster.com](http://Voteulster.com), call 845.334.5470, or email [Elections@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:Elections@co.ulster.ny.us).

## Governor Hochul Warns Consumers About Scams and Cybersecurity Threats Amid Russian Invasion of Ukraine

- *Donate to Verified and Reputable Organizations that Use Contributions to Provide Relief to Ukrainians in Need*
- *State Agencies Issue Recommendations for Protecting and Securing Your Sensitive Information, Staying Alert Under Heightened Cyber Threats*

Governor Kathy Hochul today advised New Yorkers about charity scams and increased cybersecurity threats related to Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine. The New York State Division of Consumer Protection has learned of fraudulent requests for charitable relief money to support victims of the war. Consumers are encouraged to carefully evaluate any request for money and verify charities prior to donating money or supplies. Governor Hochul also encourages New Yorkers to remain on guard when releasing sensitive information online amid an uptick in cybersecurity threats through the utilization of security recommendations from the Department of Taxation and Finance.

This follows the Governor's formation of the Joint Security Operations Center, which serves as the center for joint local, state and federal cyber efforts.

"New York is home to the largest Ukrainian population in the United States, and New Yorkers always lend a helping hand to take care of those in need," Governor Hochul said. "However, we must remain cautious of those who try to commit fraud, taking advantage of others' kindness. In your generosity to help our Ukrainian friends and family, remember if something seems suspicious, it likely is. Encourage your friends and family, especially elderly loved ones, to stay vigilant online."

Any time disasters occur, scam artists prey on the heartstrings of individuals looking to help. The invasion of Ukraine provides an opportunity for fraudsters to set up fake charities or pose as compelling war victims. Others design websites to mimic a legitimate charity's official site to steal unsuspecting donors' money and/or personal information.

**Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez** said, "New Yorkers are known for being supportive and generous to those in need. As the war in the Ukraine rages on con artists will continue to appear using emotional ploys and fake solicitations in an attempt to bilk consumers. I encourage New Yorkers to protect their good intentions and always research a charity before donating to ensure your hard-earned dollars are getting to those who so desperately need your support."

**Acting Commissioner of Taxation and Finance Amanda Hiller** said, "The global crisis in Ukraine has intensified concern about cyberattacks, so we must all be vigilant to prevent confidential information from falling into the wrong hands, denial-of-service attacks, and other negative consequences."

**Office of Information Technology Services CIO Angelo 'Tony' Riddick** said, "Countless New Yorkers with the best of intentions have donated to charities in support of the people of Ukraine, and they are making a difference. Unfortunately, this generosity also creates new opportunities for cybercriminals to exploit. To protect yourself and to ensure your generous donation always gets in the hands of those who truly need the help, ITS asks New Yorkers to follow these best practices and to remain vigilant in light of recent online threats and cyber scams."

**Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Commissioner Jackie Bray** said, "Every New Yorker has a role to play when it comes to securing their personal information and protecting themselves from cyber threats. We know that in times of need, bad actors are out there looking to take advantage of

those trying to help. If you are attempting to support the people of Ukraine through online or digital donations, remain vigilant and follow these best practices to ensure your donations are authentic and your information stays safe."

**State Senator Kevin Thomas** said, "It speaks volumes of our neighbors that so many New Yorkers have taken action to help the Ukrainian people. Unfortunately, it has also created a prime opportunity for scammers to exploit this crisis for personal gain. I urge New Yorkers to remain vigilant and take extra precautions to ensure that their generous contributions go to legitimate causes."

**Assemblymember Nily Rozic** said, "Scammers try new methods to trick you all the time, even during an international crisis. As New Yorkers come together to support Ukraine in their time of need, it's crucial consumers are armed with the skills and knowledge to ensure your generosity is not taken advantage of. I'm thankful to Governor Hochul for ensuring New Yorkers are not scammed for their kindness."

Scammers often make contact via social media, unsolicited emails, phone calls, or text messages. They may ask to send money through a payment app like Cash App, Venmo or Zelle, wire the money to an offshore bank account, or send prepaid gift cards. Many recent scams include requests for donations in cryptocurrency, such as Bitcoin or Ethereum. Scam artists are creative and will continue to think of new ways to defraud people, so consumers must always be vigilant.

To prevent donation money from falling into the wrong hands, the New York State Division of Consumer Protection recommends taking the following precautions:

- o Verify the request. Scammers are more frequently posing as friends, family or romantic interests on social media and requesting donations; it is easy to copy someone else's photo and biographical information and create a fake account online. If you receive an unsolicited request for donation relief online, even if it appears to be someone you know, connect with the person directly through a different communication link to verify the request. Do not click on any links or complete forms before verifying the source. If the request is coming from someone you only recently met online, it is most likely a scam and you should be especially wary.
- o Research the charity. Don't rely on a charity website alone. Search online before donating to any charity using the name of the group plus search terms like "review" and "scam". The Federal Trade Commission recommends checking with give.org, charitynavigator.org, charitywatch.org, or candid.org to see reports and ratings for charities. You can also check with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for verification that a charity is registered. The Office of the Attorney General also recommends reviewing the Charities Registry for financial reports prior to donating to ensure the charity is fiscally sound.
- o Resist high-pressure tactics. While the situation is urgent, consumers should resist being pressured to donate immediately. Scammers often pressure you to donate immediately, causing you to overlook red flags in their story. Beware of direct e-mails from "victims" and solicitors who employ heart-wrenching stories, insisting that you donate immediately. Do not to give money over the phone to unsolicited telemarketers; instead, ask the caller to send written materials about the charity and where to donate, if you choose.
- o Keep personal information private. Never give your Social Security number, credit card or debit card number, or other personal identifying information in response to an unsolicited charitable request. If donating online, ensure that your internet connection is secure before following through on donation requests. (Contd. Pg. 61)

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(From Pg. 60) o Ask how your money will be spent. Consumers want to know that their money is going directly to the victims. A genuine charity should be able to let you know how much of your donation will go directly to the program as opposed to administrative fees.

o Donate by check or credit card. Never give money using cash, gift cards, crypto currency, or any tender that would be difficult to trace. Give your contribution by check or credit card to ensure that you have a record of the donation. Make checks out to the charity, not to an individual. If you choose to donate via a charity's website, check that the website is secure and that your computer is equipped with the latest anti-virus protection.

If you suspect that you have encountered a fraudulent attempt to receive donations, you can file a complaint with the New York State Division of Consumer Protection at <https://dos.ny.gov/file-consumer-complaint>.

The Division's Consumer Assistance Hotline is open Monday to Friday, excluding State holidays, 8:30am to 4:30pm at 1-800-697-1220. You can find more information and tips by following the Division of Consumer Protection on social media on Twitter (@NYSConsumer) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/nysconsumer](http://www.facebook.com/nysconsumer)).

Amid heightened international concern about cybersecurity, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance also shares a series of critical tips to help taxpayers safeguard their private information during tax season and throughout the year:

Be wary of unsolicited emails and telephone calls asking for personal information. Never share personal information, such as your Social Security number, in response to an unsolicited email or telephone call. If the email or call claims to be from a company with which you do business, call it directly to confirm the contact is legitimate. Scammers often use scare tactics and threats related to tax debt to get you to share your personal and financial information.

Secure your mobile devices. Apply software updates that patch known vulnerabilities as soon as they become available. Use security features built into your device, such as a passcode, and use programs that encrypt data and remotely eliminate contents if the device is lost or stolen.

Be careful with Wi-Fi hotspots. Public wireless hotspots are not secure, which means that it's easy for cyber thieves to see what you are doing on your mobile device while you are connected. Limit what you do on public Wi-Fi and avoid logging into sensitive accounts.

Know your apps. Thoroughly review the details and specifications of an app before you download it. Review and understand the privacy policy of each mobile app. Be aware that the app may request access to your location and personal information.

Be cautious about the information you share on social media. Avoid posting your birthdate, telephone number, home address, or images that identify your job or hobbies. One reason: this type of information can be used to determine answers to security questions used to reset passwords, and makes you a target of fraudsters who seek to access your accounts and personal information.

Use strong passwords. Create different passwords for all your accounts. When it comes to passwords, try to use one with at least 14 characters, the current industry standard. Use a combination of letters (uppercase and lowercase), numbers, and symbols. Consider passphrases in which you use the first letters of a memorable phrase to create a complex password that is difficult to guess. Regularly change your passwords/passphrases.

Vary your security questions. Don't use the same security questions on multiple accounts. Select security questions for which the answers cannot be guessed or found by searching social media or the internet.

Use two-step verification to access accounts. To enhance the security of online accounts, whenever possible require a password and an extra security code to verify your identity when you sign in.

Beware of phishing. Don't click on links, download files, or open attachments in emails from unknown senders. Open attachments only when you are expecting them and know what they contain, even if you know the sender.

It's important to regularly review the steps necessary to secure your sensitive information.

Report it. If you're a victim or believe you may be a victim of tax-related identity theft, alert us immediately. We will track your information to help keep it private and protected. Visit the Tax Department's Report fraud, scams, and identity theft webpage.

The Tax Department uses advanced encryption, firewalls, intrusion-detection systems, and other security measures to safeguard our systems and sensitive data, but taxpayers must also take a proactive approach to protecting themselves online

## Governor Hochul Announces More than 20 Million COVID-19 Tests to be Deployed Across State Through Spring to Bolster Ongoing Preparedness Efforts

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that more than 20 million COVID-19 over-the-counter tests will be distributed across the state through the Spring to bolster New York State's ongoing preparedness efforts.

"As we've seen throughout the pandemic, test kits are a critical tool in the fight to stop the spread of COVID-19 and prevent exposure to others," Governor Hochul said. "While our numbers remain low, now is the time to ramp up the distribution of tests and build up our stockpile so we can bolster our preparedness for the future to protect our communities, and safely move forward through this pandemic."

The State will continue to provide over-the-counter test kits to nursing homes, adult care facilities, and schools, and will partner with elected officials for continued distribution to the public, during the next few months to identify new COVID-19 cases and keep New Yorkers safe.

This includes one million tests to schools outside of New York City every other week until the end of the school year. New York City no longer receives State distributions because they have sufficient test kits to get them through the year. At home tests have proven to be an invaluable tool for identifying cases and protecting our communities; they were responsible for finding at least 15,000 positive cases among students and staff the week after the winter break alone.

In addition to these continued distributions, the State is increasing distribution points for test kits. The State will partner with Mayors, County Executives, Members of Congress, Borough Presidents and State Legislators across New York to increase access to tests for the general public. And the State will coordinate distribution of 1.74 million tests to the NYC Housing Authority tenants, enough for each household to receive four tests. An additional 500,000 tests will be made available to various food banks and senior centers throughout the state, based on request.

Ahead of the Omicron surge in late 2021, Governor Hochul and her team identified the need to secure over-the-counter test kits to combat the Omicron surge, providing regular distributions to the general public, prioritizing schools and adult care facilities across the state.

More than 54 million tests have already been distributed throughout New York since the beginning of the year, including nearly 30 million tests to schools, 12.5 million tests to nursing homes and adult-care facilities, and more than 10 million tests to local officials for public distribution in their respective communities. The distribution efforts follow the procurement of more than 90 million rapid tests in recent months.

Of the more than 90 million tests procured, approximately 20 million tests have been stored to help prepare for any potential surges later this year.

# Spring Into Self Care

at the Daniel Pierce Library

## Revitalize & Cleanse Through the Spring Season

Three separate workshops

**A Practical Guide to Bring Balance to Your Mind and Body**

Saturday, April 9, 2022

**Breathework & Relaxation Techniques for Spring**

Saturday, May 21, 2022

**Spring Cleanse Through Nutrition**

Saturday, June 18, 2022

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Are you ready to feel clarity of the mind,  
move toward emotional balance and feel nourished in the body?

April's workshop will include: discussions on balanced vs unbalanced state, listening to your body, tips & routines for at home use, lymphatic system care, full body wellness and an interactive session in mindfulness meditation practices.

You can join one or all three of these free workshops for a holistic experience rooted in balance this spring season. You do not have to attend one to attend another. Registration for each workshop will be open at the beginning of each month, for adult residence of Tr-Valley at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org).



**Meet your instructor, Kelsey Riley.**

Kelsey is a Holistic Health Coach with a background in Ayurveda, Yoga and Reiki. Her passion is to uncover the root causes of dis-ease and disconnection in the lives of others and guide them in their discovery toward the nature of the true Self. She founded EyeAwaken Wellness to bring these ancient wellness teachings into modern lifestyles with the intention to integrate them in ways that feel inspiring, nourishing and aligned to YOU!



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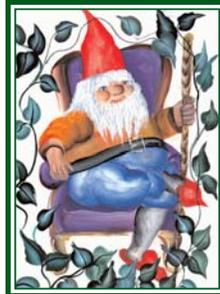
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**PAULIE**

(RATED G / 1998 / 1hr 30min / heart warming love story)  
<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0125454>

Get ready for fun! "Paulie" will tug on the strings of your heart. It is filled with sentiment of love and caring for others. Paulie helps his friend Marie stop studdering.



While looking for his original owner Paulie, a talking parrot, recounts his travels to a Russian janitor who helps him to the end of his journey. Tony Shalhoub, a wonderful Russian actor brings some respect back to the Russian people in the face of the turmoil of today's Judeo-Christen genocide taking place in the Ukraine  
*Paulie*: Directed by John Roberts. Starring Gena Rowlands, Tony Shalhoub, Cheech Marin and Bruce Davison.

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## Jurassic Park

(1993 / PG-13 / 2 HR 7 MIN / FANTASY / DRAMA)



Dinosaurs had already been featured in hit Hollywood films before 1993, but *Jurassic Park* changed the template forever. One of Director Steven Spielberg's best films, *Jurassic Park* was adapted from the Michael Crichton novel of the same name, featuring an island theme park overrun with prehistoric animals. John Hammond, an industrialist created a theme park with cloned dinosaurs. After a dinosaur handler is killed by a Velociraptor, a group of experts visits the park to attest to its safety. The group is shocked to see a living Brachiosaurus.



Spielberg's mix of early CGI and animatronics helped bring the dinosaurs to life in a way that had never been seen before. It was thrilling, overwhelming, and exhausting in the best possible way, and audiences couldn't seem to get enough of watching Earth's early inhabitants chow down on hapless human victims.

The cast included: Sam Neill as Dr. Alan Grant, Laura Dern as Dr. Ellie Sattler and Jeff Goldblum as Dr. Ian Malcolm

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## The Lion King

(Rated-G / 1994/ 2 hr 30 min / fantasy/ Drama)

The *Lion King* is proof that no matter how great Pixar's CGI is, it's no substitute for classic hand-drawn animation.



The story of Simba and Mufasa was such a hit for Disney that it even received its own live-action remake in 2019, albeit with less enthusiasm than the original.

In many ways, *The Lion King* was a swansong for Disney's traditional animated art style before shifting focus to CGI. It was one of the defining films of the 1990s, and an unbreakable hit for Disney even to this day.

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