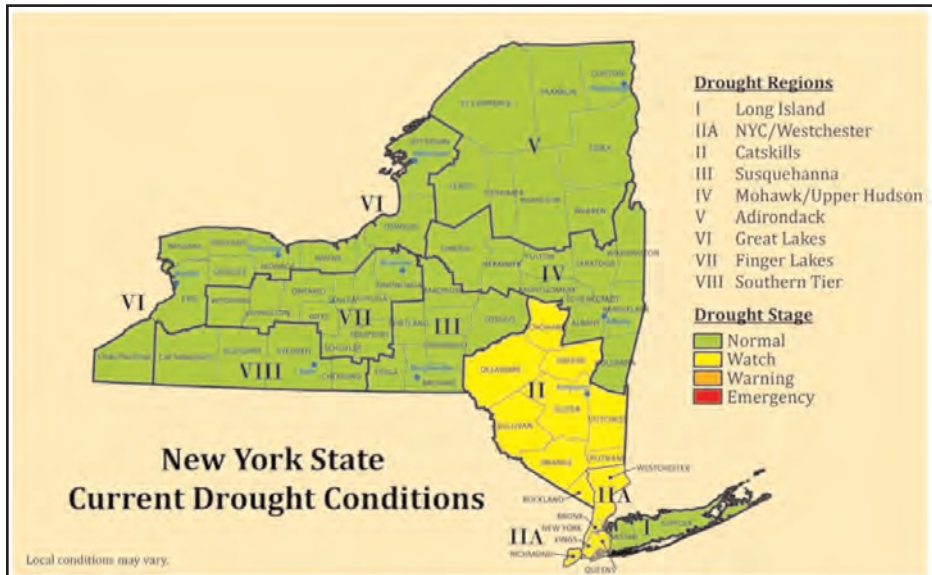




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This map highlights current drought conditions in New York. -Courtesy www.dec.ny.gov

## County Executive Serino presents 2025 County Budget Proposal



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino

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## DEC declares drought watch for 15 New York counties, including Dutchess

### Dry conditions creating increased wildfire risk

By Kate Goldsmith

On Nov. 2, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) declared a drought watch for 15 New York counties because of a significant shortage of rainfall and declining levels of streamflow and ground water. Counties in Drought Regions II and IIA are currently in drought watch, including Bronx, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Kings, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester.

The rest of New York State is in normal drought condition.

Drought status determinations are based on a State Drought Index that uses New York State specific attributes, so it may differ somewhat from national

drought assessments. In addition, local conditions may vary, so some areas of the state may make their own determinations of drought stage using locally-focused criteria.

A watch is the first of four levels of State drought advisories, which are watch, warning, emergency, and disaster. No mandatory restrictions are in place under a state drought watch.

Following the declaration, DEC briefed the State Drought Management Task Force and federal partner agencies. New York State is encouraging residents in affected counties, particularly those dependent on private groundwater wells, to conserve water whenever possible during the coming weeks.

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Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino presented her 2025 Executive Budget proposal on Oct. 29 to county officials and community leaders in the Dutchess County Legislature's Chambers in the City of Poughkeepsie. The County Executive's budget plan is focused on "Building a Safer, Stronger, and Brighter Future" with key investments in public safety, youth services and support for seniors, veterans and families, while staying well under the New York State property tax cap.

"This 2025 budget, my first budget as County Executive, is focused on people – the lives we touch and the future we are building together," said Serino. "Over the past year, I have met with neighbors across Dutchess County, listening to the needs of our community, as well as their concerns about affordability. With careful planning, we have delivered a responsible budget that makes essential investments in Dutchess County, provides the services

our residents rely on, while limiting the impact to our taxpayers."

The 2025 Executive Budget totals \$627 million, an \$18.3 million (3%) increase over 2024 modified spending, driven primarily by grant-funded costs and highly reimbursable State mandates. Without these new appropriations, spending would be up just 1%, primarily due to nearly \$9 million in health insurance and pension cost increases. The total number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions is unchanged from 2024 in the County Executive's budget plan.

Despite the modest increase, homeowners and businesses will pay a reduced County property tax rate under the Executive's proposal, with the County property tax rate dropping to \$2.14 for 2025, down 4% from the \$2.23 property tax rate for 2024.

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## Ribbon-cutting ceremony at renovated firehouse set November 16

By Kristine Coulter

A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony for the renovated City of Beacon firehouse, 1140 Wolcott Ave., will be held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 16. Tours will be offered.

Beacon City Councilmember at-large Amber Grant said, "I'm very proud of this project, it was a seamless collaboration between multiple city departments. The building looks great and fits into the area very well. But maybe most importantly, the new firehouse is a capstone in the city's journey to enhance our professional services."

The new building is described as a "state-of-the-art facility" that will represent "a major step forward in enhancing the city's emergency response capabilities and improving public safety for Beacon's residents and visitors," according to City officials.

Councilmember Molly Rhodes said, "I am so proud of the newly renovated Beacon Firehouse. It is a testament to the

strength and care of our city, from the volunteer firefighters who served and protected us for more than a century, through the volunteer and professional firefighters who continue to serve and protect our community to this day."

Rhodes also noted that "almost every other city department was involved in making this project happen - so a real total city effort to take this idea that began about twenty years ago and make it a reality."

Mayor Lee Kyriacou previously told Beacon Free Press, "We invite the community to join us at the formal opening on November 16."

Kyriacou noted the "rebuilt-from-the-ground-up central station" is a state-of-the-art fire house and energy efficient building. He said it also is "an architectural gem and a "thank you" to generations of dedicated City firefighters."

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The renovated firehouse in the City of Beacon, on Wolcott Ave., has energy-efficient systems and green building materials.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter



# Ribbon-cutting ceremony at renovated firehouse set Nov. 16



Firefighters' jackets are freshly-cleaned and stored in a specific clean room of the firehouse.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter



A window in the firehouse that will be used during training events.

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Rhodes called the firehouse “a shining example of our values, including our focus on public safety, our commitment to protecting the environment with the latest climate smart technology, and our prudent fiscal management that makes wise capital investments which will set us

up to thrive for decades to come.”

City of Beacon Fire Chief Thomas Lucchesi told Beacon Free Press earlier this month, the renovated firehouse will “increase morale.”

Kyriacou remarked the firehouse was “built on-time and on-budget without a significant increase in property taxes.”

# Serino presents 2025 budget

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The total County Property tax levy is proposed at \$100,930,000, with sales tax revenues budgeted at \$267,980,000, a 2% increase over 2024 projected year-end revenue. Dutchess County's sales tax rate remains one of the lowest rates in New York State, and the 2025 Executive Budget continues the exemption on clothing and footwear items less than \$110 per item. Dutchess County will share nearly \$46 million in sales tax revenue with local municipalities based on the 2025 forecast.

The County Executive's 2025 budget plan allocates \$20 million of the \$85 million general fund balance, keeping the total projected available general fund balance well in line with the County's fund balance policy to maintain one to two months of general fund operating expenditures in unrestricted general fund balance to ensure financial stability. A strong fund balance is an important factor in Dutchess County's AA+ credit rating by Standard & Poor's. Dutchess County's strong fiscal position is further evidenced by the lowest possible score of zero in the New York State Comptroller's annual Fiscal Stress Score.

Serino has also established a Community Benefit Fund, a set-aside of fund balance from the drawdown of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding earlier this year. This funding is intended for one-time projects that have substantial community benefit and lasting positive impact. \$2.6 million from the Community Benefit Fund is invested in critical areas, including law enforcement, public safety and emergency medical services in 2025.

### Key budget highlights

- Allocating \$100,000 to the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office through the Community Benefit Fund to continue enhancing community safety initiatives, such as Project Lifesaver, that greatly impact residents' lives.

- Supporting the work of the District Attorney's Office with \$100,000 from the Community Benefit Fund for initiatives that directly address crime and public safety, including expanding the strength of Dutchess County Drug Task Force with surveillance equipment and additional \$50,000 to target larger-scale dealers and dismantle drug networks, as well as a new campaign to promote the Drug Task Force's Tip Line (845-463-6040). A new full-time investigator will also be added to the Drug Task Force team.

- Investing \$200,000 from the Community Benefit Fund to launch a Real Time Crime Center, a partnership with the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Office which will elevate the County's crime response capabilities and improve community well-being. The initiative will launch in late 2024, with significant federal funding allowing for the program's expansion in 2025.

- Investing \$50,000 in expanding the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program (LEAD) to expand street outreach services during evenings and weekends, ensuring help is available when it's needed most.

- Historic \$2 million investment in Emergency Medical Services, providing supplemental commercial coverage in regions of greatest need, building public

awareness about ambulance use and addressing workforce challenges to attract new emergency services workers and support the mental and emotional well-being of those already in the field.

- Expanding youth services with more than \$700,000 allocated as part of a reimagined Youth Opportunity Union (YOU) initiative, including YOU Drop-In Center grants, YOU mini grants, summer camp scholarships and expansion of the Youth Police Initiative (YPI).

- Using \$400,000 in funds from New York State's Juul settlement to create a vaping prevention campaign to address a critical public health challenge affecting our youth in huge numbers, aimed at educating young people about the risks of e-cigarettes and curbing the rise in vaping-related health issues among young people.

- Utilizing \$1 million in New York State grant opportunities to protect young children and families against harmful lead exposure. A two-year grant will allow for permanent abatement of lead-based paint and other hazards in eligible multi-family housing units, while the second grant will identify lead hazards in rental buildings to ensure access to healthy, safe housing. These grants will fund new positions to undertake this inspection and remediation work, which will be done in partnership with the City of Poughkeepsie Building Department.

- Expansion of programs for seniors, including \$35,000 to expand the OFA's successful “GoGo Grandparent” program, which addresses senior transportation, providing free rides to non-emergency medical appointments or to visit family members in hospitals, nursing homes or hospice centers.
- Investing \$100,000 from the Community Benefit Fund for the purchase of a refrigerated truck and development of a county-wide strategic plan to address food insecurity through the Food Security Council.

- Contributing more than \$400,000 to a partnership with Family Services, Inc. to address the critical need for children's behavioral health programs with an expansion of children's services in Poughkeepsie and the creation of new children's programs in northern Dutchess County.

- Furthering the Think Accessible initiative, with trainings and education opportuni-

ties for businesses, organizations and municipalities, including a new certification program, to improve the quality of life for residents with disabilities, ensuring all can participate fully in community life.

- Addressing the nationwide housing crisis by launching a new round of Housing Trust Fund funding opportunities to increase the available housing stock and embarking on a “Housing Listening Tour” with a varied array of stakeholders to ensure projects that best blend into the communities are awarded through the Housing Trust Fund.

- Protecting the housing stock of Dutchess County for the future while supporting seniors as they age in their homes through the Housing Rehabilitation Program, which improves existing owner-occupied housing by aiding low- and moderate-income households complete rehabilitation projects. This program will have a renewed focus on senior citizens, prioritizing these households in need of support.

Serino concluded, “While budget process started with a \$47 million budget gap, through careful and smart decisions that safeguard our taxpayers' dollars, we were able to overcome significant challenges and ensure the long-term stability of our services. I look forward working with Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee Chair Steve Caswell and the entire Legislature over the next several weeks to finalize a 2025 Budget that builds a safer, stronger and brighter future for Dutchess County.”

The 2025 Executive Budget documents are available online for review at [dutchessny.gov/Budget2025](http://dutchessny.gov/Budget2025).

Additionally, the County Executive will hold several town hall forums to discuss the 2025 Executive Budget proposal with residents:

- November 13th, at 6 p.m. at the Beekman Library located at 11 Town Center Blvd., Hopewell Junction;

- November 19th, at 1 p.m. at the Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center located at 14 Abe's Way, Poughkeepsie;

- November 20th, at 6 p.m. at the Pine Plains Free Library located at 7775 S Main Street, Pine Plains

Each of the town hall forums will begin with a “County Government on the Road” information fair with multiple Dutchess County Government departments providing information about programs and services available to residents.



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# DEC declares drought watch for Dutchess

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DEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar said, "Recent unseasonably warm weather and lack of precipitation have led to dry conditions for many counties in New York, resulting in some downstate areas being put under drought watch. Local water restrictions and educating residents about how to help conserve our water resources are crucial steps to help prevent a more severe shortage until conditions improve."

New York City also issued a citywide drought watch after a historic lack of precipitation, ordering city agencies to update water conservation plans and prepare to implement them, and urging the public to help conserve water. Conserving water will slow the depletion rate of the stored water in the city's reservoirs and can potentially postpone or eliminate the threat of a serious shortage.

To protect water resources, homeowners in regions under drought watch are encouraged to voluntarily reduce outdoor water use and follow these tips:

- Water lawns only when necessary, choose watering methods that avoid waste, and water in the early morning to reduce evaporation and maximize soil hydration;
- Reuse water collected in rain barrels, dehumidifiers, or air conditioners to water plants;
- Raise lawn mower cutting heights. Longer grass is healthier with stronger roots and needs less water;
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks; and
- Fix leaking pipes, hoses, and faucets.

### State Drought Index

The drought watch is triggered by the State Drought Index, which reflects precipitation levels, reservoir/lake levels, and stream flow and groundwater levels in the nine drought regions of the state. Each of these indicators is assigned a weighted value based on its significance to various uses in a region. The State Drought Index is attuned to the specific attributes of New York and may differ moderately from some national technical drought assessments.

DEC and the U.S. Geological Survey are partners in evaluating hydrologic conditions across New York State. In addition, DEC supports efforts by local governments and stakeholders to undertake water conservation measures based on specific local circumstances.

### Wildfire risk

New York State continues to encourage New Yorkers and visitors to follow the recommendations below to reduce the risk of wildfires. The Catskills, Hudson Valley, and Long Island are currently at high risk for fires. Any outdoor fire can spread quickly, especially if the wind picks up. It is illegal to burn leaves anywhere in New York State. Brush of a certain size may be burned. See the burning regulations for details.

Campfires are among the top five causes of wildfires. While camping in the backcountry, New Yorkers are advised to:

- Use existing campfire rings where possible;
- Build campfires away from overhanging branches, steep slopes, rotten stumps, logs, dry grass, and leaves. Pile extra wood away from the fire;
- Clear the area around the ring of leaves, twigs, and other flammable materials;
- Never leave a campfire unattended. Even a small breeze could cause the fire to spread quickly; and
- Drown the fire with water. Make sure all embers, coals, and sticks are wet. Move rocks as there may be burning embers underneath.

For more water saving tips, visit <https://dec.ny.gov/>. For more information about drought in New York, visit the DEC's Water Use and Conservation webpage.

### Town leaders urge caution, conservation

On Oct. 28, Rhinebeck Town Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia issued a Declaration of State of Emergency "banning all exterior open burning, including campfires, in the Town of Rhinebeck" until further notice.

Spinzia stated "After consultation with Dutchess County 9-1-1 Emergency Services Acting Commissioner Shawn Castano, and upon the advice of the Village of Rhinebeck Fire Department Chief Bryant Knapp, this State of Emergency is being declared in the Town of Rhinebeck due to extreme drought conditions, wind, and an areawide increase of wildfires which threaten the safety of our citizens and of private property."

All town agencies and departments will enforce and uphold the ban, she said.

Also on Oct. 28, Michael Whitton,

Supervisor of the Town of Clinton, declared a state of emergency due to drought and issued a Burn Ban until further notice. All outdoor burning of yard trash, household paper products, bonfires, campfires, warming fires, outdoor fireplaces, chimneys, and cooking fires within the town is prohibited.

In an email newsletter sent last week to residents, Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph D. Cavaccini along with Camo Pollution Control (which manages the town's municipal water supply) encouraged "voluntary water conservation efforts."

Cavaccini and Mike Tremper (Camo Pollution Control) noted the "very warm and dry autumn conditions ... [with] no measurable amount of rain in the near future..." for issuing the advisory.

Tremper noted that the drought has not come about during peak water usage, when people are watering lawns and gardens, filling pools and other high-volume water usages.

"Despite this I believe we should advise the residents to conserve when possible," he said. "We are closely monitoring the well levels and at this point they are not at critical levels."

Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor Rebecca Edwards sent an email reminder to residents that Town Code does not per-

mit open fires at any time without a special permit from the town board or state DEC.

"Right now, even contained blazes, like firepits, are discouraged," the email stated. "Be aware that some recent fires have been caused by stray cigarettes thrown out of vehicle windows. With current weather conditions, any stray spark can start a blaze."

Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nicholas D'Alessandro posted a statement on the town's Facebook page urging residents to follow DEC guidelines and Town Code, which prohibits open burning; and also asked residents to "refrain from having campfires until this [drought] ends."

Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou declared a State of Emergency for the City of Beacon regarding all exterior burning, including campfires. He signed the order on Nov. 1. The order is for 30 days.

Other towns in the area currently under a state of emergency and/or burn bans due to drought conditions and risk of wildfires include Beekman, Dover, Hyde Park Milan, Pine Plains, Pleasant Valley, Red Hook, Stanford, Union Vale, and Washington.

Visit your city, town, or village's website and/or Facebook page for updated information.

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### Medicaid bill would provide profound benefits with creative arts therapy

#### To the Editor:

Facilitating healing. Providing safety and containment. Strengthening connections. These are just a few of the transformative benefits of creative arts therapy,

yet this evidence-based approach remains out-of-reach for some of New York's most underserved populations.

Fortunately, there is a remedy. With just a stroke of her pen, Governor Hochul can sign the Medicaid bill into law and expand access to the second largest group of licensed mental health therapists in New York, licensed creative arts therapists (LCATs).

As an art therapist with 17 years of experience, I have witnessed the profound and far-reaching impact of creative arts therapy - from strengthening self-confidence for clients emerging from abusive environments, to creating a sense of stability for adults with chronic mental illness, to finding moments of lucidity for patients with Alzheimer's, to rebuilding a sense of safety for victims of domestic violence.

Creative arts therapy is not merely about artistic expression; it allows for externalization of emotions and experiences that can be difficult to articulate with words. Art becomes a bridge to understanding oneself and connecting with others. Imagine the widespread impact on communities throughout New York when access to these vital therapies is expanded for Medicaid recipients.

Take, for example, a therapy group I co-facilitated for survivors of domestic violence using structured art therapy techniques for self-discovery and expression. At first you could feel the tension as the women exchanged little more than head nods. However, as our sessions continued, an amazing transformation occurred. Engaging in the art therapy techniques provided the group with a universal language to express both their pain and their resilience, bringing a visceral level of empathy and understanding. Strangers transformed into a support network.

Expanding access to these crucial therapies for Medicaid recipients is about more than individual well-being. It is about creating mental health equity. Those populations historically most underserved in New York deserve access to the transformative impacts creative arts therapy has on communities.

And the need has never been more urgent as our state continues to endure a mental health crisis. By signing the Medicaid bill into law, Governor Hochul can expand access to creative arts therapy and champion a future where healing and empowerment are within the reach of all New Yorkers.

Lisa Papapantoniou, LCAT, ATR-BC  
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## Beacon police: Former employee attempts to ignite deli on fire

The City of Beacon Police Department received a call reporting that a man was attempting to light the Main St. Deli, located at 390 Main St., on fire around 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 6. According to a press release from City of Beacon Police Chief Thomas Figlia, "Upon officers' arrival they found that the man, later identified as Shane Williams, 39-years-old of Peekskill and a former employee of the deli, had poured lighter fluid on the building and attempted to ignite it with employees and customers inside. He had also stolen a chair from an adjoining business and broken the window of the deli when he failed

to ignite the lighter fluid."

Responding officers placed Williams into custody without incident, said Figlia, and the Detective Division responded to process the crime scene and collect evidence. Williams was charged with Attempted Arson in the Second Degree (C-Felony), Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree (D-Felony), Criminal Mischief 4th (A-Misdemeanor) and Petit Larceny (A-Misdemeanor). He was arraigned in Beacon City Court and subsequently transported to the Dutchess County Jail.

## Purchase tickets now for Ulysses Quartet on Nov. 17



Tickets are now on sale for a performance by the Ulysses Quartet on Nov. 17 at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon.

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The Howland Chamber Music Circle (HCMC) continues its 2024-2025 chamber series with the super-talented, young Ulysses Quartet, at the Howland Cultural Center on Sunday, November 17 at 4 p.m. Following the concert, audience members can meet the musicians and enjoy complementary refreshments. All ticket holders are invited to the reception. To purchase a ticket, visit [howlandmusic.org](http://howlandmusic.org). The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main Street in Beacon.

These sparkling musicians have been described as playing with "a blend of exuberance and polished artistry" (The Buffalo News). The quartet "...bring as much sophistication, imagination and vitality to Beethoven's [other] quartets as... to... composers from long ago and today" (Gramophone). They have performed in the most celebrated music halls around the world, and are the first quartet-in-residence at WGBH (Boston). At

Juilliard from 2019 to 2022, they were the School's Graduate Resident String Quartet. The group's name pays homage to Homer's hero Odysseus and his 10-year voyage home.

For HCMC's concert, the Ulysses will play Armenian composer Komitas' early 20th-century "Armenian Folk Songs"; a world premiere by New York City-based composer Seth Grosshandler, "Dances for String Quartet"; a work by Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (Felix's sister); a composition by the Ulysses's first violinist Christina Bouey; and a work by Felix Mendelssohn.

HCMC now offers a ticket pricing structure to include music lovers who may have been unable to afford our tickets in the past. A limited number of tickets will be available on a pay-what-you-wish basis. These tickets will be released one week prior to each concert.

### South Avenue Elementary School PTA to hold used book sale

The public is invited to browse a wide selection of gently used books for readers of all ages, for sale at bargain prices. All proceeds benefit the South Avenue Elementary School PTA. The Reduce,

Recycle, Read! Used Book Sale will be held on Saturday, November 23, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

South Avenue Elementary School is at 60 South Avenue in Beacon.



## 2024 ELECTION RESULTS

# Lawler, Ryan heading back to Congress

By Kristine Coulter and  
Curtis Schmidt

The residents of the 17th Congressional District will once again be represented by Congressman Mike Lawler.

Congressman Pat Ryan will represent residents in the 18th Congressional District once again.

### 17th Congressional District results

In the race for Congressional District 17, incumbent Mike Lawler is projected to win another term. Lawler and Mondaire Jones, who previously was in Congress, were on the ballot. Lawler was the Republican and Conservative lines. Jones was on the Democratic line.

The area covered by District 17 are the town of East Fishkill, a portion of the towns of Beekman and Pawling, in Dutchess County and Rockland and Putnam counties, and the northern half of Westchester.

Lawler received 61.96% of the vote in Dutchess County with 13,825 votes.

Jones received 35.28% of the vote in Dutchess County, which was 7,872 votes.

Third party candidate Anthony Frascone, who was on the Working Families line, received 602 votes in Dutchess County or 2.70%.

The election results are unofficial according to the Dutchess County Board of Elections.

According to reports, including all the counties, Lawler received 52.4% of the vote, 192,111 total votes.

Jones received 45.6% of the votes, 167,329 votes.

Anthony Frascone, who was on the Working Families lines, received 7,228 votes or 2% of the vote.

On his campaign Facebook page, Lawler posted: "Thank you NY-17!"

Lawler stated later that day on his social media: "Thank you to the people of New York's 17th Congressional District for giving me the opportunity to continue serving you for another term. I am proud of all that we've accomplished in our first one, and there's much more to be done! No one will ever outwork me, and no one will ever get me to stop fighting for you and your family."

Jones stated on his social media on Nov. 6 that he "knew from the results in 2022 that this race would be an uphill battle... Together, our grassroots movement organized the Lower Hudson Valley like it has never been organized before. We made over one million phone calls, knocked on over 220,000 doors, raised over \$10.6 million, and organized over 4,000 volunteers."

He said he and his supporters were "focused on lowering costs, protecting



Mike Lawler

-Courtesy photo

Social Security and Medicare, restoring reproductive freedom for women, securing our border, and making our communities safer."

"Despite our regrettable loss, and Donald Trump's return to the White House, I remain optimistic about America's future. Our nation's history shows us that progress is not linear. Progress comes in fits. As we continue on America's long march towards freedom, I am ever grateful to the thousands of volunteers who poured their hearts and souls into this race, and to the thousands of Lower Hudson Valley voters who share my vision of a better world," said Jones.

"It was the honor of my life to represent the last version of New York's 17th Congressional District, the same communities that elevated me from poverty all the way to the House of Representatives. My commitment to public service, and to pragmatic leadership in these times of extremism and division, is as strong as ever."

Jones concluded: "Finally, I wish Congressman Mike Lawler, whom I have known for years, the very best in his next term."

Lawler sent out on email later that week to supporters, which partially stated: "After last night's historic victory - there's only one thing I can say - THANK YOU."

I can't thank each and every one of you enough for everything you've done to make this happen. I talked a lot in this campaign about being bipartisan, and last night's victory is evidence that people listened. While I am and always will be a proud Republican... Let me be clear: I would not have won tonight without the support of Democrats and Independents, who crossed party lines and I won't let them down."

He said, "We'll lower the cost of living,



Pat Ryan

-Courtesy photo

support our law enforcement, and ensure the safety of our communities."

The email concluded: "Thank you for trusting me with your support. Together, we will continue to make the Hudson Valley and America a better, safer, and more prosperous place for everyone. God bless you all."

### Ryan re-elected in win over Esposito in NY's 18th District

In the race for New York's 18th Congressional District, Democratic U.S. Representative Pat Ryan has been re-elected to a second full term. He represents parts of the Hudson Valley in Congress and defeated Republican challenger Alison Esposito.

Ryan's margin of victory across the district was unofficially 56.7% to 43.3%,

according to the Associated Press.

The 18th District is made up of parts of Orange, Dutchess and Ulster counties, and includes the cities of Poughkeepsie and Kingston.

In Dutchess County with unofficial results from the County Board of Elections, Ryan totaled 68,797 votes to 51,967 for Esposito.

Speaking on election night, Nov. 5, Ryan issued a statement saying, "We lifted up the very best of the Hudson Valley, and I'm so proud our community showed up in overwhelming support of that mission. I love our community, I love our country and I cannot wait to get back to work serving and delivering for Hudson Valley families."

Ryan grew up in Kingston, attended U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served two tours in Iraq.

"We centered this campaign on freedom. On patriotism. On an optimistic, forward-looking vision for our country," said Ryan. "And we really did our best to bring people together and call to the best in people at such a difficult and divisive and dark moment in our country."

Esposito was the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor alongside Lee Zeldin in 2022. She conceded in a statement issued late on Nov. 5.

"The people have spoken," she said. "And I called Congressman Ryan. I wished him luck. We had a very nice conversation. I told him to do good. I told him that I believed that we had the best interest of our country at heart. And I asked him to spend the next term putting our people first."

## Pulver, Aymar-Blair locked in tight race for DC Comptroller

By Curtis Schmidt

In the race for Dutchess County Comptroller, incumbent Republican Gregg Pulver and Democrat challenger Dan Aymar-Blair are locked in a tight race with many absentee and affidavit ballots still being counted.

In unofficial election night results reported by the Dutchess County Board of Elections, Pulver held a lead of 69,581 votes (50.13%) to 69,106 for Aymar-Blair (49.79%).

If the final result is less than a .5% margin, a manual recount will be triggered, according to New York State law.

Pulver commented, "It's very tight and will most likely trigger a hand recount. There are many absentee and affidavit ballots to count. I look forward to every valid ballot counting and have faith in the process."

Aymar-Blair said, "Our democratic process is founded on ensuring that every voice is heard and every vote is counted. With thousands of ballots still outstanding, it is premature and dismissive for my opponent to claim a victory when the voters of Dutchess County deserve their full say. We owe it to them to respect this process and see it through to the end."

On election night, Pulver issued the following statement. "Over the past year, I pledged to bring true fiscal stewardship to Dutchess County - insuring that our tax dollars are being spent in the most efficient manner possible. Tonight's results show that we proved putting in the hard work and sticking to those principals matters. I love this community, and I'll always be here to fight for it. Thank you to everyone for your support throughout the last 10 months."

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# 2024 ELECTION RESULTS



# Election results for state races

By Kristine Coulter

The following are results from the state elections for the southern portion of Dutchess County that took place on Nov. 5.

### Rolison wins NYS Senate District 39

For NYS Senate District 39, incumbent Rob Rolison was projected to win another term work in Albany for Dutchess County residents. Rolison was challenged by current Minority Leader of the Dutchess County Legislature Yvette Valdés Smith.

Rolison was on the Republican and Conservative lines. Valdés Smith ran on the Democratic and Working Families lines.

Rolison received 52.17% of the votes, 52,028 votes in Dutchess County. Valdés Smith has 47,655 votes or 47.78% of the vote in Dutchess County.

District 39 covers the cities of Beacon and Poughkeepsie and the towns of Beekman, East Fishkill, Fishkill, Lagrange, Pawling, Poughkeepsie, Union Vale, and Wappinger and parts of Orange and Putnam counties.

The election results are unofficial according to the Dutchess County Board of Elections.

According to reports, totals for all counties, were 72,815, or 51.4% of the vote for Rolison. Valdés Smith received 68,940 votes or 48.6% of the votes.

"I am grateful to our district's voters for the honor to serve them again in the State Senate. Despite my opponent and affiliated outside groups pouring millions of dollars into the race, our positive message of delivering local results cut through the noise and false attacks and resonated with our constituents. I am thrilled to return to Albany in January serving as their voice in our state capital once again," Rolison said last week.

Valdés Smith said, "While last night's (Nov. 5) results did not go how we had hoped, I couldn't be more proud of what we accomplished together on this campaign."

She continued: "Across our three counties, we fought hard for our values and for the future our children and families deserve here in the Hudson Valley. We knocked on over 130,000 doors, made more than 460,000 calls, and connected with thousands of our neighbors in the process.

"Running to represent the 39th Senate District has been the honor of a lifetime. To my family, friends, volunteers, and everyone who believed in us, thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Valdés Smith concluded: "I look forward to continuing the fight for the working families of the Hudson Valley, protecting our clean air and water, combating gun violence, and protecting reproductive freedoms. The work is far from over."



Rob Rolison

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Jonathan Jacobson

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Anil Beephan Jr.

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### Jacobson to again represent Assembly District 104

Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat, will continue to represent District 104 in Albany. Jacobson was unopposed in the Nov. 5th election. Jacobson received 99.42% of the vote, which was 12,870 votes in Dutchess County.

The 104th Assembly District covers the cities of Beacon and Poughkeepsie, plus sections of Ulster and Orange counties.

Jacobson said in an email on Nov. 6, "I wish to thank the voters for giving me another opportunity to be their Assemblymember. I will work hard every day to be worthy of their trust. I will continue to work for utility reform, bring back funding for our schools and infrastructure, and protect our reproductive rights."

Before the election earlier this month, Jacobson was asked about his accomplishments during the previous term. Jacobson said, "Over the past two years, I've been busy focusing on issues that affect every resident: Central Hudson, schools, and election integrity. Central Hudson. I was proud of my quick action dealing with the utility's billing fiasco. This includes two bills I passed in the Legislature: one, already signed into law, restricts utilities from billing more than three months after the billing period and requires them to provide usage records for the previous 13 months; and the second, which is awaiting the Governor's signature, limits estimated billing." He also noted he focused on education, election integrity and bringing money back to the district.

He previously stated among his goals for this new term would be "submitting legislation to change how utility rates are calculated, to keep Central Hudson's never-ending requests for rate increases under control." Other topics were gun control, infrastructure, and school funding.

The election results are unofficial according to the Dutchess County Board of Elections.

### Beephan elected to another term for Assembly District 105

Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr., a Republican who currently represents District 105, was elected to a new term in the Assembly. Beephan was unopposed in this election. He ran on the Republican and Conservative lines. Beephan received 98.77% of the vote or 47,259 votes.

The 105th Assembly District covers portions of the towns of Amenia, East Fishkill, Fishkill, Beekman, Dover, LaGrange, Pawling, Union Vale, and Wappinger.

Beephan posted on his social media last week: "Thank you to the nearly 47,000 residents who have placed their trust in our mission! I am proud of the work that we have accomplished during my first term, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to make the Hudson Valley a safer & more affordable place to call home. Thank you to our community for allowing me to do the work that I love, and I look forward to continuing to be a voice for Dutchess County in Albany."

Beephan was asked before the election what his proudest accomplishment from the previous term was, Beephan replied: "My proudest accomplishments this term reflect my dedication to bipartisan collaboration and community advocacy. I worked with Assemblymembers Brian Cunningham and Didi Barrett to pass Melanie's Law, closing dangerous legal loopholes to protect victims across New York."

Beephan was also asked before the election about his goals for the new term. The first item Beephan said was "I will focus on delivering practical solutions to our district and state challenges. I will work with local, state, and federal partners to

improve transportation and infrastructure within the Hudson Valley, ensuring that our region remains accessible and well-connected." It was also noted by Beephan that he "would [work] collaboratively across the aisle, I aim to bring common sense, bipartisan solutions to Albany that reflect the needs of the Hudson Valley. I aim to continue serving as a dedicated local advocate, ensuring that every voice is heard and that our community's interests are well represented."

The election results are unofficial according to the Dutchess County Board of Elections.

## Results from municipal races

The following are results from the municipal races held in the City of Beacon and Town of Fishkill on Nov. 5.

### Grant, Wetherbee win Beacon City Council seats

For the Beacon City Council, Amber Grant was re-elected to the at-large seat on the ballot for an unexpired term. Pam Wetherbee will again represent Ward 3. The Ward 3 seat was for an unexpired term. Grant and Wetherbee currently hold those seats on the Council. Grant and Wetherbee ran on the Democratic line and unopposed.

Grant received 98.98% or 5,312 votes. Grant told Southern Dutchess News on Nov. 6, "I truly appreciate the support from the Beacon community and look forward to the work ahead of us."

Wetherbee received 99.43% of the vote, 1,221 votes.

Wetherbee did not respond with a comment on the election results before the deadline.

The election results are unofficial according to the Dutchess County Board of Elections.

### Bardini elected to Fishkill Town Board

A seat was open on the Fishkill Town Board. Candidates for that seat were: Jackie Bardini, a former town board member, Scott Bierce, a former Town of Fishkill Police officer, and Cindy Maietta, a teacher. Bardini was elected to the Board again.

Bardini received 48.72% of the vote, 5,299. Maietta had 4,895 votes, which was 45.00%. Bierce received 680 votes, 6.25%.

Bardini was on the Democratic line. Bierce ran on the Conservative line. Maietta was on the Republican line.

The election results are unofficial according to the Dutchess County Board of Elections.

Bardini, Maietta and Bierce did not send in a comment about the election results before the deadline.

## this week's puzzle solutions

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Suguru solution



# DCHS Online Auction of tours, antiques and more ends Nov. 17

More than 150 Lots of unique historical experiences, antiques, art and gift cards are currently being auctioned to the highest bidders to benefit the Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS). The fully illustrated catalog is available online at: <https://aarauctions.com/servlet/Search.do?auctionId=7313&page=6&perPage=20&orderBy=>.

All proceeds go to the 109-year-old not-for-profit organization to support its mission and program of work of preserving and sharing its rich history.

Some unique antiques include Lot 69 - An impressive statue by artist Simon Troger (1693-1768) depicting a peasant with a horn and Lot 76 - A large porcelain statue titled "Peacock on High Pedestal" signed by artist Edmund Sode. Others include a cast iron mantle clock, 400 early postcards, harness maker's vise, Barn Tour of a Private Collection of Hudson Valley Carriages & Sleighs and Lot 129 - an 1826 Book: The Life of George Washington by Mason Weems.

Early Porcelain, pottery and collectibles will be sold, including Meissen Demitasse Cups, Saucers and sugar bowl, Herend Porcelain, Richard Ginori Italy Cache Pot Planter, Miniature hand painted portraits including one of Composer Franz Schubert, Watercolor on Board of Venice at Night, 19thC Italian School Portrait of Young Man. Framed oil on canvas having Italian stamps in the manner of Giovanni Bellini.

The DCHS Auction offers many once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to go inside historic properties on private tours that are not normally available for viewing. These historic properties are fully deco-

rated with art and antiques of the period. Successful bidders will set their appointments with the donor for bringing their guests for viewing and refreshments on a mutually agreed upon date.

Examples include Lot 26: A private tour for eight people of Edgewater Mansion in Barrytown, built in 1824. Witness the opulence of the mansion's dining room, admire the beautiful elegance of the 19th Century decorations in the sitting rooms and take a peek into some of the rooms not normally allowed for viewing. Wander the grounds and you come across the estate's pool, fit for F. Scott Fitzgerald's "Jay Gatsby."

Lot 102 offers a private behind the ropes tour for four people of the 1709 "Madam Brett Homestead" in Beacon. Known as the oldest standing building in southern Dutchess County, the Madam Brett Homestead is a time capsule of colonial life. The home and museum are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and are part of the NYS Independence Trail.

In addition to many "behind the ropes" tours of individual historic properties there are a good number of walking tours in historic Hamlets, villages, campus' and museums including Vassar College Private Art Tour with The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center Director Bart Thurber and two historic City of Poughkeepsie Walking Tours guided by experienced historians. Most of these unique experiences include refreshments.

To compliment all of the "unique experiences" there are Gift Certificates to local restaurants, and other goods and services being auctioned.



A wide variety of local antiques, tours and travel experiences are included in the Dutchess County Historical Society online auction, which ends Nov. 17.

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## Kathryn C. Collins of FKC&S named Athena Award honoree

Spotlighting her professional and personal accomplishments alike, Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe LLP (FKC&S) Partner Kathryn C. Collins was recently recognized as a 2024 ATHENA Award winner.

The ATHENA Award is presented by The Chamber Foundation Inc. and the Women's Leadership Alliance of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce and celebrates individuals who excel in their chosen profession, donate time and energy to their community, and actively guide or mentor women to become great leaders. This year's recipients will be formally recognized at the 18th annual ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 5 at Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls.

"Kat is a trailblazer, role model and mentor to many," said FKC&S Founding Partner Jeffrey M. Feldman. "This accolade honors the profound impact she has on our colleagues, clients and the community we serve. Kat embodies what it means to be an ATHENA nominee, uplifting and inspiring women simply by being her authentic self. We look forward to celebrating her alongside this year's incredible honorees."

Born and raised in the Hudson Valley, Collins joined FKC&S in 2016 and became the law firm's first female partner in 2019. In 2022, she received an AV Preeminent® Peer Rated Attorney designation through Martindale-Hubbell, the most reliable and sought-after rating standard in the legal industry. Together with FKC&S partners Jeffrey M. Feldman and Robert R. Sappe, she was also selected by her peers for inclusion in the 31st Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® this year for her work in the area of Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants. Collins graduated cum laude from the State University of New York at Purchase with a Bachelor of Arts in English and



Kathryn C. Collins

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received a Juris Doctorate from Brooklyn Law School in 2001. She is admitted to practice in the State of New York, the U.S. District Court, Southern, Northern and Eastern District of New York, the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. A member of the New York State Bar Association, New York Medical Defense Bar Association and American Bar Association, Collins has lectured at medical and insurance conferences, as well as at metropolitan medical facilities, and has shared her time and expertise as an educator through The New York State Judicial Institute, guiding New York State jurists who had little to no experience in presiding over a civil jury trial. Collins resides in Hopewell Junction with her husband, Jim, their three children and rescue dog, Pongo. Outside of work, she is vocal on women's issues, active in her school district and a strong supporter of animal adoptions. She serves on the Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation Board of Trustees and the board for Kent White Sox Travel Baseball League.

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# Obituaries

## Carmela 'Millie' Tebolt



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Carmela "Millie" Tebolt of Wappingers Falls entered into rest Monday, November 4, 2024 at home. She was 88.

Daughter of the late Carmelo and Theresa (Recupera) Cataldo, she was born on September 2, 1936 in New Rochelle. She married the love of her life, Michael A. Tebolt, on June 15, 1958 at Blessed Sacrament Church in New Rochelle; Mr. Tebolt survives at home.

Millie graduated from New Rochelle High School. After marriage, she spent her years making a warm and loving home for her husband and two sons. For years, Millie always volunteered at her children's and grandchildren's games and events, where everyone looked forward to her homemade, individually wrapped brownies. She loved to bake, especially her famous crumb cake. Millie was also an avid Mets fan.

In her spare time, Millie was a member of Mended Hearts, Chapter 5, as well as a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls. Her most favorite pastime was time spent with her family.

In addition to her husband, Michael, she is survived by her sons, Michael A. Tebolt, Jr. (Tracey) of Schroon Lake, and James B. Tebolt (Allison) of Wappingers Falls; brother, Joseph Cataldo (Patricia); sister, Florence Caiano (Paul); grandchildren, Michelle Tebolt (fiancé, John Dittmann), Carly Tebolt and Luke Tebolt; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Frank Cataldo, and sisters, Josephine Raplee, Mary Williams and Yolanda D'Onofrio.

Family received their friends on Thursday, November 7, 2024 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street in Wappingers Falls.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, November 8, 2024 at St. Mary's Church, 11 Clinton Street in Wappingers Falls. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Wappingers Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Millie's name to Mended Hearts, Chapter 5, [www.mendedhearts.org](http://www.mendedhearts.org).

To send a personal condolence, please visit [www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com](http://www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com).

## Vincent Leo Montalbano



EAST FISHKILL - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Vincent Leo Montalbano (Vinny) on November 4, 2024, at the age of 82. He died peacefully at home, surrounded by loving family.

Vinny was born on December 27, 1941 in Dobbs Ferry to Leo and Mary (Tomaselli) Montalbano.

He proudly served in the US Navy on the USS Gainard and retired from IBM Poughkeepsie in 2007 after 27 years of service.

Vinny was a devoted and faithful parishioner at St. Kateri Church and was a past Grand Knight of St. Mary's Council, Knights of Columbus.

His passions included reading, woodworking and being on the water.

Vinny was also a life member of the New

Hamburg Yacht Club and had also volunteered for the Hopewell Depot Restoration Project.

More than anything, Vinny loved his family, friends and the home he built himself.

He also cherished his time with his grandsons who in turn adored him.

Vinny enjoyed cooking family meals and also looked forward to his weekly Tuesday Breakfast Club with his good friends.

On April 5, 2000, Vinny married Azalia (Rivera) Montalbano who survives at home.

Vinny is also survived by his children, Jennifer Montalbano of Saugerties, Vincent Montalbano and his wife Julie of Glenville, and Christa Amoruso of Newark NY; his grandchildren, Jake, Matthew, Ryan, Sidney, Noah and Jonah; his siblings, Nancy Hernandez, Joseph Montalbano and Leo Montalbano and his wife Kathy; and many nieces and nephews.

We were blessed to have him in our lives and will miss his sweet smile.

Calling hours were held on Monday, November 11th at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, November 12th at St. Kateri Church, 1925 Route 82, LaGrangeville followed by burial at St. Denis Cemetery with military honors.

Donations may be made in memory of Vinny to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please visit his Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Edward Francis Caruso

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Edward Francis Caruso, beloved father, grandfather, and dear friend, who left us peacefully on October 12, 2024, at the age of 89.

Born on March 14, 1935, Edward was a kind man who dedicated his life to his family, and instilled values of loyalty and resilience in his children. In 2007 he survived the passing of his eldest daughter Lori and today he is survived by his former wife, Ruth; two adult children, Karen and Jackie; four grandchildren, Shay, Erynn, Ryan, and Katy; and one great-grandchild, Hutton.

Ed was a passionate sports enthusiast with a particular love for baseball. He cherished the Los Angeles Dodgers since they were in Brooklyn, New York loving the sport since he was a young boy. He raised his three daughters to enjoy the thrill of the game, to respect good sportsmanship, and to play by the rules. Ed often reminisced about great players and memorable moments in baseball history and enjoyed sharing these moments with his family and friends.

Ed proudly served in the U.S. Army, where he developed a strong sense of duty and commitment. After his service he eventually moved on to build a fulfilling career at IBM for over 34 years, where he was known for his dedication, fun spirit, and strong work ethic.

A celebration of Ed's life will be held on March 8th, 2025, at 4 PM at the home of Karen Caruso in Napa, California. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a local charity of your choice.

Ed will be deeply missed and will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

## Frank Allan Carey



Frank Allan Carey, a life-long Beacon resident and recently years of Kingston, NY, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 in Kingston, NY; at the age of 71. He was born in Beacon, NY on November 30, 1952, son of the late Charles & Evelyn (Eigmie) Carey.

Frank served in the United States Army, as military police, from 1972 to 1974 and 1976 to 1980. Along with an honorable discharge, he was awarded a National Defense Service Medal.

Frank worked for many years as a salesman at Wiedy's Furniture Store in Kingston, NY until he retired.

Frank is survived by his two brothers, Chester and Edward Carey, and his nephew Paul Carey.

Along with his parents, Frank was predeceased by his three brothers Stephen, Charles and Kenneth Carey. Along with his two sisters, Alice Carey & Evelyn O'Dell.

His Family & Friends gathered on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 from 9:30AM to 10:30AM at the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue Beacon, New York; after which they processed together to the St. John the Evangelist Church, 31 Willow Street, Beacon for the Mass of Christian Burial. Interment followed to the St. Joachim Cemetery, 325 Washington Avenue, Beacon, where the United States Army Honor Guard rendered Military Honors.

To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: [www.LibbyFuneralHome.com](http://www.LibbyFuneralHome.com).

## Mary Sue Hessick



FORMERLY OF EAST FISHKILL - Mary Sue Hessick, 68, of Lancaster, PA and formerly of Hopewell Junction, NY with family at her side peacefully entered into eternal life and reunited with the love of her life, Carl, on November 3, 2024.

Mary Sue was born February 5, 1956 to Richard and Joan Leszczynski. She attended the University of Detroit where she met her soulmate, Carl, her freshmen year, whom she married in May 1980. Together, they raised three amazing children. Family meant the most to her and she found the greatest joy in being a wife and mother. She was the rock of the family, the one who made a house a home.

Mary Sue was a loving, compassionate, and caring woman who cherished her family, her friends, and her relationship with God. She often reminded her children to show kindness to all, to give others a second

chance, to cherish the small things in life, and above all, to always put family first. Mary Sue was a woman of many talents. She was a gifted singer and guitarist, a talented seamstress, an extraordinary crafter and card maker, and an excellent cook.

Mary Sue was predeceased by her husband of 42 years, Carl, her parents, and her beloved dog, Scout. She is survived by her children, Dr. Christopher Hessick of Albany, NY, Dr. Catherine Hessick of Lancaster, PA, and Michael (Allison) Hessick of Allentown, PA, her sisters, Janine (Rick) Strong and Sandy (Rich) May, her aunt, Judy Glendening, and her adorable granddog, Heilani.

Visiting Hours were held on Friday, November 8 at McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, November 9 at St. Columba Catholic Church followed by the Rite of Committal and burial at St. Denis Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Johns Hopkins Scleroderma Center Research Fund ([www.hopkins-scleroderma.org/center/donate](http://www.hopkins-scleroderma.org/center/donate)). Please visit her Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Multitude of Gratitude on November 24

Multitude of Gratitude - Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 24th at 5 p.m. at Beulah Baptist Church, 92 Catharine Street, Poughkeepsie.



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## Movies with Spirit series to screen 'One Life' Nov. 16 in Woodstock

The inspiring true story "One Life," starring Anthony Hopkins, about a man who rescues hundreds of Jewish children from Nazi-occupied Europe, will be screened at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Woodstock Jewish Congregation, 1682 Glasco Turnpike in Woodstock, as part of the Movies With Spirit community film series.

The biographical drama tells the incredible story of Winton (Johnny Flynn and later Hopkins), a young London stockbroker who rescued 669 children in Czechoslovakia, most of them Jewish, from the Nazis in the months leading up to World War II.

Winton had visited Prague in December 1938 and saw families and children living in desperate conditions, with little or no shelter or food, amid an impending Nazi invasion.

He decided he must rescue the children right away and send them to safety in Britain.

With time running out before the Nazis invaded and closed the borders, he compiled a list of as many children as he could and found homes for them in Britain. Yet for decades he was haunted by the fate of the children he was unable to save, always blaming himself for not having done more.

His humanitarian achievements went

unnoticed by the world until 1988, when the BBC discovered the list and invited Winton to be in the audience of a live TV show called "That's Life!"

The 2023 film, whose awards include the 2024 Audience Award for Best Narrative Feature at California's Palm Springs International Film Festival, runs 1 hour 49 minutes and is rated PG. Its trailer can be found on YouTube at [tinyurl.com/OneLife-MoviesWithSpirit](https://tinyurl.com/OneLife-MoviesWithSpirit).

The screening will be followed by a discussion. Refreshments will be served.

Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person.

The monthly Movies With Spirit series, organized by Gerry Harrington of Kingston, seeks to stimulate joy and wonder, inspire love and compassion, and help people understand their connection with others and with life itself. It supports all cultures, faiths and beliefs while transcending them.

For more information about the "One Life" screening and the rest of the series, call Harrington at (845) 389-9201 or write to him at [gerryharrington@mindspring.com](mailto:gerryharrington@mindspring.com). Details are also available on Movies With Spirit's new Facebook page, [tinyurl.com/MoviesWithSpiritFacebookPage](https://tinyurl.com/MoviesWithSpiritFacebookPage).



Anthony Hopkins stars in "One Life," an inspiring true story about a man who rescues hundreds of Jewish children from Nazi-occupied Europe. The film will be screened on Nov. 16 in Woodstock, as part of the Movies with Spirit series.

-Courtesy photo

## Beacon Elks to host lunch for Hudson Valley Veterans

The Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 will hold a Veterans Lunch on Saturday, Nov. 16, at noon at the Beacon Elks Lodge, 900 Wolcott Avenue, Beacon. This event is open to all Hudson Valley Veterans. To RSVP, contact:

Dan Morea, Beacon Elks Veterans Services Chairperson, at 845-654-4557 or the Beacon Elks Lodge at 845-831-2426.

The lunch guest speaker will be Lydia Estrada, Medical Foster Home (MFH)

Coordinator, VA Hudson Valley Health Care. When living at home becomes difficult, most Veterans would prefer to stay in home-like surroundings rather than move to a nursing home. The MFH helps Veterans with more

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The Elks Veterans Lunch is a monthly event to recognize those who served and to provide information to and for our local Veterans.







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STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT : COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by
Proceeding In Rem Pursuant to Article Eleven
of the Real Property Tax Law by
DUTCHESS COUNTY

PETITION AND NOTICE
OF FORECLOSURE

Index No. 2022-53489

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of
delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens
against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on
Schedule "A" of this Petition, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This docu-
ment serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes
of this proceeding.

Effect of Filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real prop-
erty described in this Petition are hereby notified that the filing of this Petition constitutes
the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the cap-
tion above to foreclose each of the tax liens described by a foreclosure proceeding in
rem.

Nature of Proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and
is to foreclose the tax liens described in this Petition. No personal judgment will be en-
tered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

Persons Affected: This Notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claim-
ing to have an interest in the real property described in this Petition. Such persons are
hereby further notified that a duplicate of this Petition has been filed in the office of the
Commissioner of Finance, the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District, and will remain open
for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for re-
demption.

Right of Redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such
real property and the legal right thereto may, on or before said date, redeem the same
by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalti-
es and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property,
computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the
Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY
12601. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of
such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected
thereby satisfied of record.

LAST DAY FOR REDEMPTION: THE LAST DAY FOR REDEMPTION IS HEREBY
FIXED AS APRIL 16, 2025.

Service of Answer: Every person having any right, title, or interest in or lien upon any
parcel of real property described in this Petition may serve a duly verified answer upon
the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her
interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in
the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or be-
fore the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to Redeem or Answer: In the event of failure to redeem or answer by
any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever
barred and foreclosed of all of his or her right, title and interest and equity of re-
demption in and to the parcel described in this Petition and a judgment in foreclo-
sure may be taken by default.

Dated: October 11, 2024.

Enforcing Officer:

Handwritten signature of Heidi Seelbach
HEIDI SEELBACH, Commissioner of Finance
County of Dutchess
22 Market Street, 4th Floor
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601
Tel. No. (845) 486 - 2025

STATE OF NEW YORK )
) ss:
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS )

I, HEIDI SEELBACH, being duly sworn, depose and affirm under penalty of perjury: I
am the Enforcing Officer for the County of Dutchess. I have read this Petition and No-
tice which I have signed, and I am familiar with its contents. The contents of this Petition
and Notice are true to the best of my knowledge, based upon the records of the office of
the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. I do not know of any errors or omis-
sions in this Petition and Notice.

Handwritten signature of Heidi Seelbach
HEIDI SEELBACH, Commissioner of Finance
County of Dutchess

Sworn to before me this
11th day of October, 2024.

Handwritten signature of Carol Thompson
Notary Public

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# Next generation sets marathon of support for Claudio Cares

By Rich Thomaselli

When Jack and Marcanthony Coppola decided to become more involved with the Claudio Cares Foundation, little did they know how active they would be.

Like, really active. Jack is the cousin of Claudio Coppola and Marcanthony is his brother. Claudio tragically passed away almost a dozen years ago and immediately his parents, Lisa and Luigi Coppola, set up the foundation in his name.

"We're kind of starting to do more with the Foundation so my parents don't have to," Marcanthony said. "We wanted to become more active and find new ways of fundraising."

Boy, did they ever. The two men will run the Philadelphia Marathon on Nov. 24 along with friends Thomas Stritt and Jose Buitrago. The foursome hopes to raise money for Claudio Cares, the Poughkeepsie Children's Home and Angels of Light. The fundraising will be split three ways among all the charities.

"We're not really big runners, but we wanted to do a marathon because we thought it would be a great cause for Claudio Cares,"

Jack said. "The foursome has been training since July. "By running it and actually planning for it, we feel like we can accomplish a whole lot," Jack said. "We feel like we are the next generation," Marcanthony said. "We wanted to come up with some new fundraising ideas and alleviate the pressure on my parents."

They all ran cross country in high school, but they haven't run competitively since. That was more than a decade ago. So are they ready?

"I think so," Marcanthony said. "We are excited. We're excited for our partners. Angels of Light, for instance, is similarly aligned with our foundation. And we've had a relationship with the Children's Home in the past. . . . To look at all of this, I feel proud. I feel like we brought some positivity to a negative situation."

Said Jack: "We really admire and respect our other partners. Claudio was my cousin, but he was like a best friend to me. I saw the gravitational pull he had. I hope we can emulate that."

To contribute online, visit <https://gofund.me/0161265c>.



Running on the Dutchess County Rail Trail are, from left, Thomas Stritt, Jose Buitrago, Marcanthony Coppola and Jack Coppola. The foursome will be competing in the Philadelphia Marathon on Nov. 24 to raise funds for the Claudio Cares Foundation, the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie and Angels of Light.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE  
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid#RFB-DCP-74-24  
Tires for Dutchess County Public Transit Vehicles  
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 27th day of November 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE  
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid#RFP-DCP-62-24  
Dutchess County Transportation Council Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan  
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 5th day of December 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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General Cleaning, Preventative Maintenance, Emergency and Non-Emergency Repair Services for Traffic Signals, Devices and Miscellaneous Electric Facilities on County Highways  
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 26th day of November 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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**City of Beacon**  
One Municipal Plaza - Suite One  
Beacon, New York 12508  
Phone (845) 838-5002  
November 8, 2024  
**SUBJECT: Variance Application**  
Applicant: Jamie Thivierge  
Address: 100 Washington Avenue  
Tax Grid No.: 30-6054-31-364761-00  
Zoning Classification: R1-10  
Dear Neighboring Property Owner: Jamie Thivierge, 100 Washington Avenue, has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief from Section 223-17 D. to allow for the legalization of an existing 8 ft x 20 ft covered porch and the construction of a new 8 ft x 26 ft open rear deck with stairs, which requires relief from the following:  
1. Section 223-17.D. to allow for a 26 ft and 4 3/4 in rear yard setback (35 ft required)  
2. Section 223-17.D to allow for a 8 ft 6 in side yard setback (15 ft required)

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The full application is available online at: <https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/>  
The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on November 19, 2024, to Mercedes Perez, Zoning Board Secretary, at [mperez@beaconny.gov](mailto:mperez@beaconny.gov)  
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**SUBJECT: Variance Application**  
Applicant:

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Nicholas and Alana Mikhalevsky  
Address: 113 DePuyster Avenue  
Tax Grid No.: 30-6054-40-411749-00  
Zoning Classification: R1-10  
Dear Neighboring Property Owner: Nicholas and Alana Mikhalevsky, 113 DePuyster Avenue, has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief from Section 223-17 D. to demolish an existing one-story addition and allow the construction of a two-story addition to the rear of the existing home where the 2nd floor will overhang the first floor, which requires relief from the following:  
1. Section 223-17.D. to allow for a 12 ft 3 in side yard setback (15 ft required)  
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**SUBJECT: Variance Application**  
Applicant: Rachel Saunders  
Address: 30 Willow Street  
Tax Grid No.: 30-5955-83-875010-00  
Zoning Classification: R1-5  
Dear Neighboring Property Owner: Rachel Saunders, 30 Willow Street, has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for

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relief from Section 223-17 D. to allow the construction of a new rear porch and deck to the existing home, which requires relief from the following:  
1. Section 223-17.D. to allow for a 6 ft side yard setback (10 ft required)  
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# HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

by Francine Wizner



## Make holiday cards using 'marbled' paper

Be artsy and science-y by using paper marbling to create hand-made holiday cards for your friends and family this year. Paper marbling is a method in which colors floating on a liquid surface are transferred onto paper to create a marbled pattern.

### The history of paper marbling

Paper marbling originated in Japan around the 12th century. It may have begun when sumi (black) ink paintings were accidentally submerged in water. The ink floated to the surface and paper was put on the floating ink, lifting it up, and preserving the image. This technique was termed Suminagashi, or "ink floating."

Another type of marbling, Ebru, Turkish for "cloud art," originated in Turkey, Persia, and India in the 15th century. The Turkish marblers used a thickened water solution to create detailed combed and flowing designs. During the 16th and 17th centuries, marbling spread to Europe, but the trade secrets were kept by only a handful of people. The patterns made were named after countries. Examples include Old Dutch, French Curl, and Italian Hair Vein. Most marbling at that time was used for decorative bookbinding.

Finally, in 1853, the secret was revealed, and the process eventually came to the United States. But, with automation and the mass production of books, marbling became less popular. In the 1970s, crafts and hand-made books emerged and helped renew marbling as an art form. Today, we can appreciate the beauty of marbling, as well as understand its scientific component.

### Reject commercialization + learn science = make marbled cards!

Save money instead of buying store-bought greeting cards. Marbled cards are easy to make and you probably have most of the necessary materials. You need baking pans or trays, shaving cream, a spoon, toothpicks, food coloring, card stock, a ruler, and separate spray bottles of water, vegetable oil, and rubbing alcohol. (The spray bottles of those liquids are optional).

A drop cloth, old sheet, etc., laid over the work area can be useful to keep it neat and stain-free.

To make marbled cards, simply spray shaving cream on the bottom of a pan or tray and add drops of food coloring. Then use a toothpick to swirl the food coloring around. Let the foam sit for a minute and then press one side of a folded piece of card stock on the shaving cream pattern. Use a ruler to scrape the excess shaving cream off the card. Allow the card to dry and then write a message inside and present it to your honored recipient!

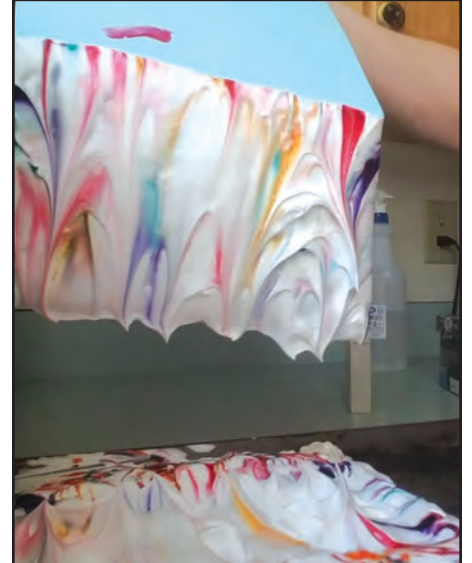
To increase the sciency-ness of the activity, make separate trays of shaving cream designs, but before the card stock is pressed onto the cream, spray each pattern with water, vegetable oil, or rubbing alcohol, respectively. Then, notice the differences in your creations!

### The science of paper marbling

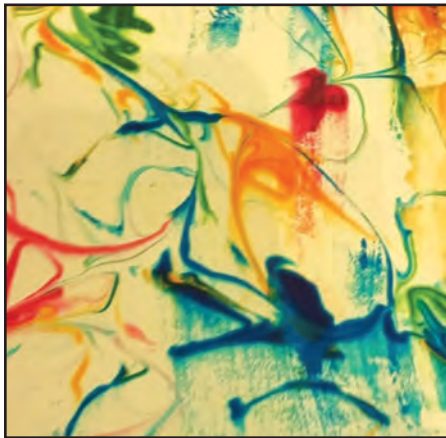
This marbling technique involves shaving cream, which is made of a mixture of soap, water, and a gas that turns liquid into foam



Swirling dye with a toothpick.



Lifting card stock off of shaving cream.



Design sprayed with oil (the colors run).



Design without any spray (vibrant).

-Photos by Francine Wizner

when sprayed from the bottle. Soap is a surfactant, which means its molecule has a hydrophilic (water-loving) and hydrophobic (water-repelling) end.

Food coloring is a mixture of dye in water or alcohol. It is hydrophilic. When food coloring is dropped on shaving cream, it won't soak in. That is because it can only interact with the hydrophilic parts of the soap molecules. Food coloring is repelled by the hydrophobic ends of the soap molecules. Even when swirled with a toothpick, there is still a distinct separation between the color and the shaving cream.

When paper is placed on top of the colors, the food dye soaks into it, transferring a vibrant pattern onto the paper's surface. This is because paper is made from wood pulp, which mainly consists of cellulose, a hydrophilic molecule.

If water or alcohol is sprayed on top of the

color pattern before the paper is put on top, the food dye mixes with the water and it is carried into the deeper layers of the foam. This will make a more muted color pattern. Since oil is thicker, spraying it on the pattern before pressing the card stock on it will tend to make the colors run into each other more. Enjoy this fun way to prepare for the upcoming holidays!

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at <https://www.gettrudekatzchronicles.com/> and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>.

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