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DCC men hold No. 1 ranking, unbeaten as playoffs approach



Alijah England of Dutchess Community College leaps toward completing a lay-up during a recent game. The Falcons are undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the NJCAA Division III as the post-season approaches.

-Courtesy photos from DCC

The Dutchess Community College men's basketball team has risen to the top of the NJCAA Division III rankings, holding the No. 1 spot with an undefeated 21-0 record (14-0 in Region XV).

Led by Head Coach Robert Piano and Assistant Coaches Justin Kinlock, Conor Maisch, Matthew Randolph and Ian Umpierre, the Falcons have built their success on dominant defensive play and a roster of standout student-athletes.

"We have had much success thus far due to our defensive play," Piano said.

"The players have bought into the defensive philosophy. We have been able to take teams out of running their offense and are constantly disruptive. For the remainder of the season, it is one day at a time—looking to improve on the parts of the game we need to get better at while preparing for the next opponent."

The team's leadership includes key sophomores, Joseph Battle, Prince Kamate, Quincey Platt and Seiray Sinerna, sophomore transfers Alijah England and Amadou Diallo, along with a



DCC coach Robert Piano

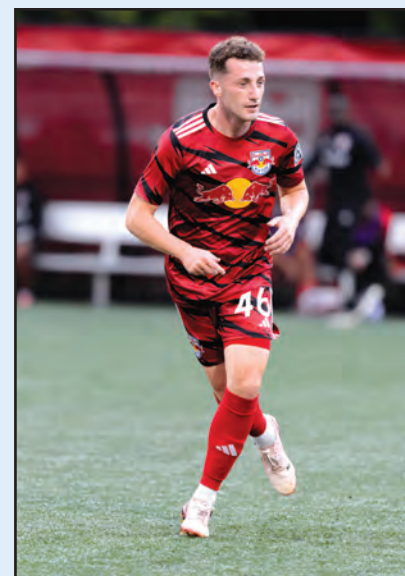
talented freshman class.

"It's been tremendous watching the dedication of our coaches and student-athletes," said DCC Director of Athletics Matt Paquet. "The players have committed themselves to being model student-athletes, prioritizing academics and athletics. Their success can be attributed to the entire college community providing support and resources that allow them to flourish."

The Falcons celebrated their sophomore student-athletes at their home game

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Ketcham grad Sullivan re-signs with Red Bulls II



Dylan Sullivan, a graduate of Roy C. Ketcham High School, has re-signed with the New York Bulls II in the MLS NEXT professional soccer league.

-Photo by Peter Bonilla

By Morgan E. Maier

For Wappingers Falls native Dylan Sullivan, the game began with a generational love for the Glasgow Rangers Football Club. Threaded in his fibers next to his Scottish blood, soccer is the center of Sullivan's early memories.

At the age of four, he joined his first organized team with the Wappingers Soccer Club.

Twenty years, a continued family legacy and a national soccer title later, defensive midfielder Sullivan is now approaching his third professional season with the New York Red Bulls II. With the ink freshly dried on his second Major League Soccer (MLS NEXT) Pro contract, a new chapter awaits the Roy C. Ketcham High School graduate.

MLS NEXT Pro is a men's professional soccer league created to support developing players on the path to Major League Soccer. New York's season kicks off against Atlanta United 2, at 7:30 p.m. on March 7. The match will be live-streamed on the MLS NEXT Pro website.

New York Red Bulls II is one of the league's 27 direct MLS affiliates, as a stepping stone to New York Red Bulls. Sullivan joins current Red Bulls II teammate Curtis Ofori as the organization's most recent players out of Wappingers Falls. In 2015 Tyler Adams, Sullivan's brother, became the first player to ink a Red Bulls II contract. Sullivan has 1 goal and 1 assist in 40 career appearances for the New Jersey-based club. This one-year contract is another step forward in a legacy written miles north in Dutchess County.

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More firefighters can now apply for the Steven D. Ziskind Memorial Scholarship

By Kristine Coulter

Members of two additional fire companies have been added to the list of those who may apply for the annual Steven D. Ziskind Memorial Scholarship. The \$1,500 scholarship honors the late volunteer firefighter who died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on May 27, 2020. New Hackensack Fire Company and Beekman Fire Company members can now apply.

"I think it's wonderful," said Polly Ziskind, Steven's mother. "Expanding the eligibility for the scholarship to additional firehouses is a great way to open this opportunity up to more members of the community."

Asked what it is like to read the applications and go through the documents, Polly replied, "I'm grateful that there are people like Steven that are selfless in giving back to their community through participation in local fire companies."

Steven was a member of the Wicoppee Fire Company, which offers the scholarship in remembrance of Steven in conjunction with the Ziskind family.

According to the application, candidates must:

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Steven Ziskind

-Courtesy photo from Polly Ziskind

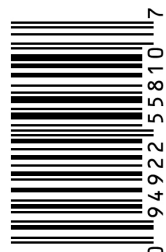
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against Fulton-Montgomery Community College on Tuesday, Feb. 18. They will conclude the regular season on Feb. 20 against Orange County Community College before beginning postseason

play. DCC will host a quarterfinal matchup on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. For more on DCC athletics, including information for prospective student-athletes and a schedule of upcoming games, visit dutchessfalcons.com.

Above: The DCC team gathers courtside during a recent game.

Left: The DCC men's basketball team is undefeated so far this season.

-Courtesy photos from DCC

Wappingers Falls election set for March 18

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls as follows:

That pursuant to Section 504 of the Election Law, the general Village

Election of and for said Village will be held on March 18, and that the polls will be open between the hours of 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The Village has been divided into three election districts and that a description of said districts, together with the polling place for each such district is as follows:

Election District No. 1: All that portion of said Village lying North and West of the Wappinger Creek; the polling place in District No. 1 is the Village Hall 2582 South Avenue in said Village.

Election District No. 2: Election District No. 2 is comprised of all that portion of said Village generally bounded as follows: on the South by the Village boundary line, on the North by East Main Street, on the East by South Avenue and on the West by the Wappinger Creek and the polling place is the Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue in said Village.

Election District No. 3: All that portion of the Village lying outside the two districts above described; the polling place is the Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue in said Village.

The term for mayor and trustee positions are each 2-year terms.

The following are names of candidates nominated:

Democratic Party

- Kevin Huber, Mayor
- Don McCormick, 1st Ward Trustee
- Rosemarie Vanca, 2nd Ward Trustee
- John Tyliszczak, 3rd Ward Trustee

Republican Party

- Jenifer Niznik, Mayor
- Don McCormick, 1st Ward Trustee
- Rosemarie Vanca, 2nd Ward Trustee
- Ryan Chiumento, 3rd Ward Trustee

Village First Party

- Kevin Huber, Mayor
- Don McCormick, 1st Ward Trustee
- Mary Paonessa, 2nd Ward Trustee
- John Tyliszczak, 3rd Ward Trustee

Village United

- Charles Ferry, Mayor


Plain Truth

- Ryan Chiumento, 3rd Ward Trustee

Village Unity

- Jenifer Niznik, Mayor

Information was submitted by John M. Karge, RMC, CMC, Village Clerk & Chief Election Officer, Village of Wappingers Falls.



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More firefighters can now apply for the Steven D. Ziskind Memorial Scholarship



Steven D. Ziskind dons a Santa hat as one of Santa's "helpers" during a previous holiday season.

-Courtesy photos from Polly Ziskind



Steven Ziskind, from left, with his family, father Martin, mother Polly and brother Adam.

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- Be in good standing with one of the five eligible fire companies and must maintain acceptable levels of volunteer activity (Hopewell Hose Fire Company No. 1, Stormville Fire Company No. 2, Hillside Lake Fire Company No. 3, Wicoppee Fire Company No. 4, Rombout Fire Company, Protection Engine Company No. 1, New Hackensack Fire Company; or Beekman Fire Company)
- Interested candidates must submit a completed application, a letter of recommendation from the Chief or President of the respective fire company
- A minimum 500-word essay that demonstrates the individual's commitment to the fire service, contribution to the community, and their educational aspirations.

- Official transcript
- Must have 3.0 or 80% average
- Full or part-time student accepted or enrolled at a college or university or technical institute the year of the scholarship issuance

- Applicants may be adult learners or student-members based on the program's criteria, according to the scholarship application, which adds one must have strong volunteer commitment and an established record of community service.

Steven graduated from John Jay High School in the Wappingers Central School District in 2016. In 2020, Steven posthumously received a degree in mechanical engineering from SUNY New Paltz.

Polly remarked about how important education was to her son. "Steven was still young, but he was a senior in college and realized that education was going to provide him with the means to live a good life and do exciting new things," explained Polly.

Submissions are due by May 16. The awarding of the scholarship will take place on June 24 during the Wicoppee Fire Company regular meeting.

Polly, her husband, Martin, and their son, Adam, continue to remember Steven with the annual scholarship.

"We think about Steven every single day, but when we are involved with the scholarship, his legacy comes to the attention of a larger audience and we realize, again, what an impact he made on so many people," said Polly.

Completed application and materials should be emailed to wicopeefireco@optonline.net or Steven D. Ziskind Memorial Scholarship, c/o Wicoppee Fire Company No. 4, 6 West Hook Rd., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.

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Mount Gulian Historic Site honors James F. Brown during Black History Month

To the Editor:

Mount Gulian Historic Site, in Beacon, is the repository of many fascinating stories about our area's rise from a frontier backwater to cosmopolitan region. We celebrate and interpret our Dutch colonial past, the American Revolution, the Civil War and the Gilded Age.

But no story we tell is as dramatic and compelling as that of James F. Brown. Mr. Brown was an enslaved man who escaped to freedom with the help of the Verplanck family. He worked at Mount Gulian for decades, all the while keeping the only extant journal of daily life in Dutchess County, as written by a free Black person. Mr. Brown was Mount Gulian's trusted property manager and master gardener, whose journal recounts horticultural and weather records, chores of daily life, as well as family and important current events.

Most compelling was his drive to become a full citizen and vote. Before the Civil War, four million people were enslaved and very, very few Black men in Free States could vote, as there were many restrictions imposed. But James F. Brown saved the money he earned in order to buy property, so that he could pass the \$250 "real estate test" and legally vote.

His journal has this glowing entry: "November 8, 1837: The election at Fishkill took place this day at which place James F. Brown voted for the first time." Mr. Brown's journal is housed at the NY Historical Society in Manhattan. But, as a free perk for those interested, Mount Gulian has an easily accessible, short video about James F. Brown on our website: <https://mountgulian.org/virtual-tours/james-f-brown-virtual-tour/>.

For more information about Mr. Brown, additional history associated with Mount Gulian, house tours, special events and school programs, contact us 845-831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org.

Elaine Hayes

Mount Gulian Historic Site, Executive Director

What type of police department do Fishkill residents want?

To the Editor:

Last week, Town of Fishkill Councilman John Forman submitted a letter to the paper criticizing the role of the Police Commissioner position, questioning its necessity. To clarify, the position was established in 2020 to ensure direct civilian oversight of the police department. However, once elected with a Republican majority, Forman led the charge to repeal the role, eliminating a crucial check on law enforcement.

Since then, he and his colleagues have disregarded oversight, using the police force for political fundraisers, staged photo opportunities, and even participating in ride-alongs while donning bulletproof vests. Perhaps most concerning, they have supported actions that infringe upon the civil rights of police officers. It's worth noting that the former leader of the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) endorsed Forman for Supervisor—an unprecedented move—shortly after receiving a promotion to Sergeant. Despite this endorsement, the residents of Fishkill, including many law enforcement professionals, overwhelmingly voted for me in the largest electoral landslide in the town's history.

Forman's presence on the town board is not just problematic because of his lack of accomplishments over the past four years. The real issue is the way he has politicized the police department. Currently, the department operates with four administrative positions: a Chief, a Commissioner, and two Lieutenants—previously structured as a Chief and three Lieutenants. Despite this change, the overall payroll for these roles remains the same. However, Forman's decision to shift the power of appointing Lieutenants from the board to the Chief undermined decades of Republican precedent, eroding the necessary system of checks and balances. Under the previous structure, a Lieutenant-Administrator hired by the board was accountable to the town. Now, with the Chief making these appointments, the Lieutenants answer only to him. This shift has given a part-time Chief more authority than a full-time one, a move that contradicts long-standing Republican principles of governance and accountability.

The fundamental issue is clear: I support civilian oversight of the police department, while Forman and his Republican allies do not.

To the residents of the Town of Fishkill:

What kind of police department do you want for our community? Do you want one that is influenced by politics—where officers are used for fundraising, photo opportunities, and the protection of Republican politicians? Or do you prefer a police department that remains independent, free from political interference, and committed to treating all residents equally, regardless of political affiliation, race, religion, or gender?

The priorities of Councilman Forman and his Republican colleagues have been made clear. Likewise, my fellow Democrats and I have been transparent about our commitment to accountability, fairness, and civilian oversight.

Now, the choice is yours.

If you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open. I encourage you to attend our meetings, where you are welcome to speak for as long as needed. You can also reach me anytime at supervisor@fishkill-ny.gov. I regularly check emails late at night and on weekends, and I always make it a priority to respond.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Azem "Ozzy" Albra
Town of Fishkill Supervisor

Elks celebrate 157 years of service, charity and community impact

To the Editor:

The benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks proudly marks its 157th anniversary, celebrating more than a century and a half of unwavering dedication to charity, patriotism, and community service. Since its founding in 1868, the Elks have grown into a dynamic and impactful organization, uniting nearly 800,000 members across 1,857 lodges nationwide. With a mission to uplift communities, the Elks have contributed more than \$12 billion in charitable donations, making a tangible difference in countless lives.

A Year of Giving:

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- \$17 million invested through Elks Community Investment Program, strengthening neighborhoods and supporting vital local initiatives
- \$55 million dedicated to veterans' services, providing resources and comfort to those who served

As a beacon of charity and goodwill, the Elks remain steadfast in their mission to serve veterans, students, and communities nationwide. Their impact extends beyond financial contributions – volunteers dedicate countless hours to hands-on service projects, ensuring meaningful and lasting change.

The Elks welcome individuals 21 and older who believe in God and are dedicated to service and their community. Learn more or become a member at www.elks.org.

As we mark this milestone, we honor the Elks' enduring legacy and their unwavering commitment to making a difference – one community, one family, one act of kindness at a time.

Rick Gathen
Elks USA, Director

Join the fight 'protesting the takeover of our democracy'

To the Editor:

Republicans successfully elected a convicted felon president of the United States with a help of his rich buddies, in particular Elon Musk. Musk donated billions of dollars and is now calling the shots at the oval office while President Trump sits quietly by.

President Trump's actions are creating irreversible damage here and abroad.

Ironically, only Mitch McConnell voted against Trump's totally unqualified picks which required Senate approval.

Americans around the country are protesting the takeover of our democracy.

Join the fight!

Louise Trancynger
Poughkeepsie

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Navigating wealth & poverty: the local 19th-century Black community



Unknown individuals from the 19th-century family album of Alma and Henry Jackson of the Town of Milan. Patrice was the great-grandson of the Jacksons. An analysis of the clothing of those in the local family album suggests a range of economic status, worn with equal pride and care.

-DCHS Image Collections, gift of Walter M. Patrice

By Bill Jeffway

“Navigating Wealth & Poverty: Economic Diversity of the local 19th-Century Black Community” is the subject of a talk on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. on Zoom by the Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS). Sponsorship by the Dutchess County Government in recognition of Black History Month allows us to offer the event at no charge, and it will be available on demand at DCHS’s Virtual Event Space after Feb 22. Details/RSVP at www.dchsny.org. This provides an introduction to that talk.

From its inception, the Dutchess County economy has been at the crossroads of great economic currents. From the earliest times of Dutch settlement it has operated in the economic realms of global trade right down to the smallest economic unit of the self-sufficient farm. We examine how the Black community, focusing on the 19th century in particular, engaged in all those economic levels locally. We find extremes of wealth and poverty, and a growing middle class of professionals who often worked within, or intersected with, these various levels of economic activity. Likely because of the pervasiveness of slavery even in the most rural parts of the county until its abolition in New York State in 1827, communities of color were present in both built up and the most remote in-land rural areas.

Paul Cuffee (1769–1817) Global Whaling & Trading Captain

His profile Paul Cuffee, who was as a leading Captain of a global whaling vessel who happened to be Black and who had an entirely Black crew. Based from New Bedford, he would go on whaling trips that might take two or three years and involve navigation around the world. Like many successful Black entrepreneurs, he was involved in developing ideas to address racial justice issues, as well as whaling and trading of cargo for business income.

It is this trading in cargo that specifically engaged him with Poughkeepsie at the end of the War of 1812 with Britain.

Abram Lincoln Harris wrote about Cuffee in his landmark 1936 book, “The Negro Capitalist,” explaining that among Cuffee’s cargo in 1815 was African camwood which he sold at Poughkeepsie. Camwood was a very popular item, which when ground, could provide a deep red, or reddish brown color that was very popular.

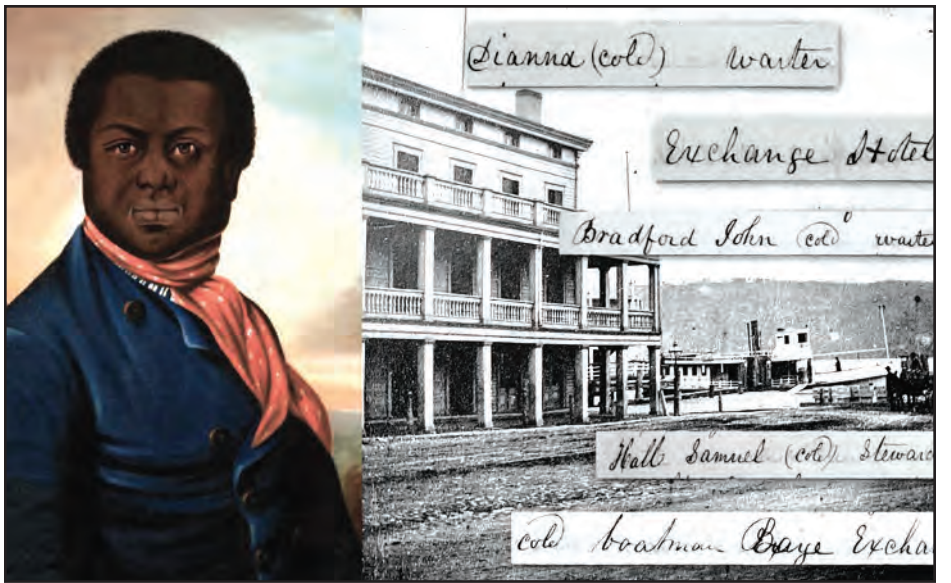
The United States had not yet moved to the mass manufacturing of clothing. Individuals still bought different color dyes for use at home, although industrial-scale demand was very much growing locally at the time. An advertisement in the Poughkeepsie Eagle of 1815 for Barnes & Willoughby, a general store, offers “camwood” for sale among other dyes. Camwood is made from the heartwood of baphia natida, a small evergreen tree or bush native to West Africa that is a deep, warm red or reddish brown. We don’t know what he paid for the Camwood in Africa, but Harris reports Cuffee sold it in Poughkeepsie at \$100 per ton.

Jeremiah G. Hamilton (1806–1875) America’s first Black Millionaire

A generation later, just before the Civil War, Jeremiah G. Hamilton was described as “the only Black millionaire in New York.” The term “robber baron” described the aggressive tactics and nature of the emerging newly wealthy, like the Vanderbilts, and Hamilton fit that mold and reputation, as well!

Hamilton’s embrace of Poughkeepsie was not just a place of investment, but a potential place to reside. What caught his attention was what remains the single biggest blueprint for growth for Poughkeepsie: plans through The Improvement Party. The group consisted of local wealthy men like Matthew Vassar, who tapped into investors in New York City, like James Delafield, for whom Delafield Avenue is named in Poughkeepsie, and Hamilton.

In 1836 Hamilton invested in three things in particular that the Party proposed. One was the silk mill at Upper Landing, where he became a shareholder.



Paul Cuffee (1769-1817) was a world-famous whaling captain who sailed around the world and used the port of Poughkeepsie to sell cargo such as a rare African wood used for color dyeing. In the 19th century there was a large Black population involved in the river industry from riverboat captains and crew to stevedores. The image shows the Exchange Hotel at the foot of Main Street while the insets show a notebook used in the 1840s to collect census data showing Blacks at that hotel working as waiters and stewards.

-Photo and ledger DCHS Collections

Another was the purchase of Union Landing, a 400-foot-long dock, including three large storehouses, as well as a nearby five acres of land at the foot of Union Street at the Hudson River. And the third, perhaps the most visible, was his purchase of land and a significant house built in the grand Greek Revival style on Mansion Square, an area being developed by the Improvement Party.

The timing could not have been worse. By the spring of 1837 the national financial crisis derailed those plans, and the plans of virtually everyone who had invested in anything at the time. Recovery was years off and Hamilton went bankrupt, like many others.

On the Other End of the Spectrum: Getting By

DCHS Collections holds the writings of Thomas Sweet Lossing, who wrote in the 1930s about his childhood memories in Dover in the 1870s and 1880s. Among many topics he writes about is the significant Black community which provides uniquely detailed insights. He was the son of the noted historian of Dover, Benson J. Lossing.

“Their occupation mostly consisted of selling wild berries and making all kinds of splint baskets which they sold to the farmers of the surrounding countryside. It was said of Jackie [Duncan] that he could make a watertight basket. Amos [Duncan] would often come to our place with all sized baskets and usually succeeded in making a sale of some description as we use a great many. There always had to be a replenishment of bushel baskets for corn husking, and half-bushel baskets for apple picking, and a basket about 6 inches wide and 14 inches long which we painted red for our mother’s garden basket. One other basket we always had to be sure of having that was my mother’s key basket. This was a basket about 6 inches square and about 4 in deep with a strong

handle. It was painted black and varnished with a little yellow stripe up under the rim to match the furniture in her bedroom.”

We know of other basket makers at the time, like Milan’s Jacob Lyle before the Civil War. And we will examine a host of other such activities.

The Bulk of Economic Activity: A Burgeoning Middle Class

A growing part of the population worked in a burgeoning middle class that included the better known trades of barbers, tailors, gardeners and domestics. The descriptor “gardener” may understate the roles of someone like Alexander Gilson, who was head gardener at Montgomery Place at Red Hook. He bred a unique double-blossoming Begonia which has the official Latin name of Begonia Gilsonia.

Blacks’ growing political influence affected job prospects and economics. The Bolin family is well known for this, but there are other examples. William K. Mowers of Amenia ended up working (and suffering a fatal heart attack in the office of) the US Secretary of the Treasury in Washington DC. A woman’s seamstress business came to employ others, including White women. Property ownership, and work in education and churches were among the stepping stones used for multi-generational economic advancement.



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Couples renew, exchange vows during Valentine's Day ceremony in Wappinger



Gail and Russell Nehrig, above, and Sara and Richard Dobbins, right, were two out of nearly twenty couples who renewed their vows on Valentine's Day, February 14, in the Wappinger Town Hall.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter

By Kristine Coulter

Nearly twenty couples renewed or exchanged vows on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, in the Wappinger Town Hall. Red and white balloons, some heart shaped, decorated the large meeting room in the town hall. At the front of the room was a large heart display.

One of the couples renewing their vows was Gail "Gay" and Russell "Russ" Nehrig.

"We decided we'd get married and see if it takes this time," Russ said, laughing.

Approximately 100 people were in attendance for their vows on their

wedding day in Chicago, said Gay.

This was their 54th wedding anniversary, as they exchanged vows on Feb. 14, 1971.

The Nehrigs moved to Wappinger when COVID hit. Their adult children live in New York, and they wanted to live close to them. The couple previously lived in Missouri and Colorado.

They were on NBC's "Today" show for one of their anniversaries.

"This year we didn't have any plans," said Gay. Russ, who previously served in the U.S. Coast Guard, said he asked Gay out for their first date when she was a

bank teller by passing her a note.

As for the Wappinger officials and employees hosting the vow ceremony, Gay said, "I love it. It's such a beautiful celebration."

The officiant of the ceremony was Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini. He and members of the Town of Wappinger Recreation Department and Secretary to the Supervisor, Kaitlyn Aboshanab, organized the event.

"We had events like this in mind," said Cavaccini about celebrating Wappinger 150, the 150th incorporation of the Town

of Wappinger.

"Remember the lessons you've learned along the way," Cavaccini remarked.

"May your life together continue in love and excitement," stated the Supervisor.

Three couples then were married after the already-married couples renewed their vows.

Sara and Richard Dobbins were married on March 29, 1970 in the Bronx. The couple renewed vows on Valentine's Day.

As for why they wanted to renew their vows, Richard said, "We love each other."

Sara said, "Let the good outweigh the bad. It works."

Photography Club to meet in East Fishkill on Feb. 27

The Photography Club will meet at the East Fishkill Community Library on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. This group meets at the library on the fourth Thursday of each month. This group is composed of local photographers - both professional and amateur who come together each month to share their love of

the art of photography, to explore new techniques and discover new software, applications and tools to enhance their art. The group is open to all interested individuals; drop-ins welcome.

Call the library at 845-221-9943 or visit them online at eflibrary.org for more information.

Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce sets Soiree March 1

The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Copacabana Soiree on Saturday, March 1, at 5:30 p.m., at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie.

The Chamber hosts this formal affair to celebrate leaders of its business community. Walk the red carpet in your finest attire; enjoy delicious cuisine, decadent cocktails, and delightful company. Dance the night away while celebrating some of the best in local business. The evening features an extended cocktail hour, a full three-course dinner, a premium open bar, and live music by Jungle Love.

2025 Honorees include:

Community Service Award: Staci Cussick, Companion Insurance Agency; Community Spirit Award: The Curry Sisters, Cathleen, Dawn, Jenny, Jill, Karen, and Prish, The Curry Estate;

Industry Award: Lawrence & Angela Holzapfel, Quality Environmental Solutions & Technologies, Inc.;

Leadership Award: Brian Altmann, DBS Remodel;

Next Generation Award: Jacob Reckess, PAZ Management & The Arlington of Poughkeepsie.

Get tickets and more information at <https://www.dccoc.org/gala>.

Jacobson seeks Hochul's opposition to Central Hudson's proposed rate increase

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) said in a statement last week: "I am glad that [Gov. Kathy Hochul] is opposing Con Edison's proposed rate increase. I invite her to join me and the customers of Central Hudson in our fight against Central Hudson's current rate increase request."

As was shown in the previous rate proceeding, Central Hudson was unjustified in requesting an approximate 30% increase. After our efforts to oppose

this, the Public Service Commission (PSC) allowed Central Hudson a 5.5% increase. This followed a thorough review of the proposal and its management salary structure.

Unfortunately, before the ink was dry, Central Hudson requested another unnecessary 5% increase, which is still pending before the PSC. I agree with the Governor's proposal to have audits of the utilities and their management payroll."

HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

by Francine Wizner



A 'Frostie' guest demonstrates ice bubbles

Changing climate patterns have resulted in milder winters in Dutchess County, but there is still the occasional snowy day. It was on one such white winter afternoon that I took the opportunity to have a fanciful chat with a not-so-famous Snowy Man: Frostie. Our conversation started out as merely instructive.

'Frostie the Snowy Man' and me

For example, Frostie told me that snow looks white because light reflects off the many sides of snowflakes, diffusing the spectrum. Snow can also appear to be other colors due to dust, pollution, or algae. And, as far as the uniqueness of snowflakes, he explained that their shapes are temperature-dependent and are created by the individual path they take as they fall through the sky.

Our chat about the ice crystals that form Frostie's arctic anatomy made me shiver. Snowflakes are fleeting. They melt so quickly. But Frostie was ready with a suggestion to get a really good look at all the beautiful shapes falling from the sky.

"Place a piece of dark fabric on a snow pile so it gets nice and chilly," directed Frostie as he handed me a scarf. The sun wasn't out, so we didn't have to worry about the fabric absorbing heat. When the snowflakes dropped onto it, I was able to magnify them. Close-up photos show the intricate patterns and allow lengthy observations. But, even in the cold, snowflakes melt quickly.

Making frozen crystals last

That snowman was not out of ideas. You see, Frostie's pipe is special. Frostie understands the dangers of tobacco use!

"My pipe blows bubbles instead of smoke. And snowman bubbles are quite magical because they are frozen," he explained.

For mere mortals incapable of blowing magical frozen bubbles through a pipe,

Frostie had some scientific information. He explained, "The key is making bubbles that last at least several seconds so they have time to freeze. For that, you need to delay evaporation by adding a viscous substance such as corn syrup or glycerin to a water and dish soap mixture."

But, you also will need to blow cold bubbles. If you blow bubbles using a straw (or pipe), your breath will be warmer than a frosty, snowy man's. Making frozen bubbles will be easier if you use a "bubble blower" to keep the air inside the bubbles at a lower temperature.

Here is an activity that shows how to blow frozen bubbles: <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Frostie-the-Snowy-Man-Science-Bubbles-Enrichment-Cross-Curricular-11953653>

Frostie is corny and punny

This snowy man's pipe is made out of corn ... and maybe he is, as well! I asked Frostie a few biographical questions as we examined our frozen bubbles. He told me his parents' names were Mom and Pop-Sicle and he that has a very close relationship with his mom's sister, Aunt Arctica.

I rolled my eyes. When we stopped for lunch, I was not surprised that the menu consisted of ice-burgers with chili sauce and cake with frosting. When he left, he traveled by icicle.

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://medium.com/@wiznerf>, <https://substack.com/@gkatzchronicle>, and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>.



Francine noted: "Bubbles made with a Bubble Blower (squeeze bottle) were smaller than those that I blew through a straw. I placed my large 'warm' bubble in the freezer to get it to crystalize, so it would not be disturbed by the wind."

Photos by Francine Wizner



Ingredients in Best Bubble Brew & Bubble Blower-squeeze bottle



Our intrepid columnist "chills" with "Frostie the Snowy Man."

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VETERANS NEWS WITH ADAM ROCHE

Honoring and serving our vets with new programs and initiatives



Year after year, Dutchess County and our Office of Veterans Affairs make the needs of our veteran community a top priority – both in word and in action – putting into place new initiatives that will enrich their lives, and this year is no exception.

County Executive Sue Serino and I proudly invite Dutchess County residents to learn about our new “Honor-A-Veteran” program, in which family, friends and Dutchess County leaders can honor deceased veterans at a series of monthly ceremonies, held April through November, in recognition of their service to their country.

The initiative allows families and residents to nominate a local veteran from their community to be honored at the “Honor-A-Veteran” recognition ceremony and in the Legislative Chambers of the County Office Building in Poughkeepsie or in the town, village or city hall of the municipality the veteran being honored that month resided in.

Dutchess County has a rich and enduring reputation of veterans valiantly serving our country. Continuing that tradition, the “Honor-A-Veteran” program will serve, in part, to keep that history in the

forefront of our community’s eyes; offering an opportunity to learn about the lives and history of those who have served, strengthening the bond between the veterans and the communities they call home; and giving the families of the vets being honored a sense of pride that their neighbors have not forgotten the valor, sacrifice and courage of their loved ones who protected Dutchess County.

To be eligible for the “Honor-A-Veteran” award, the veteran must be deceased for at least 30 days; have served in the United States Armed Forces with an honorable discharge; or have died while in service or missing in action or have served in the Merchant Marines or as a Special Civilian Employee on “Active Duty” during the period December 7, 1941, through August 15, 1945. Wartime and peacetime military service members will be honored, and there is no specific length of service requirement to be considered for the program.

Nominations for the “Honor-A-Veteran” recognition are ongoing, and the process to apply is straightforward. Applications are available online, or you can pick one up at the Dutchess County

Office of Veterans Affairs, located at 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley. If you have any questions regarding the “Honor-A-Veteran” program, feel free to my office, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., at 845-486-2060.

A second new, exciting initiative that will greatly help our local veterans is modeled after the County Office for the Aging’s GoGo Technology ride-share program called “GoGo Grandparent,” which serves Dutchess County’s older adults. Our Office of Veterans Affairs has just recently introduced a similar program this month for the veterans of Dutchess County called “GoGo Veterans.”

This new transit solution will provide on-demand transportation for free rides to non-emergency medical appointments, grocery delivery, home services, prescription pick-up services and for business and appointments our veterans have at our one-stop campus. The “GoGo Veterans” service customizes each ride to the specific needs of its clients and offers security to those using the service by providing 24/7 live operator support and real-time monitoring.

After registering with the Office of

Veterans Affairs, the “GoGo Veterans” program will make it possible for you to utilize rides with a network of vetted Uber and Lyft drivers, where they are available, by simply making a phone call or online request without having to coordinate with several entities. The customized service also comes with multiple safety measures in place for the peace of mind of the veterans we serve.

Those who have already used the “GoGo Veterans” ride program have told us it is convenient, flexible and a perfect transportation option for those with spontaneous and changing schedules, which can sometimes be difficult to accommodate when relying only on public transportation and traditional private or taxi services.

Dutchess County is funding the “GoGo Veterans” program as part of our continued commitment to offer programs that enhance the lives of our veterans who have who have selflessly served our nation.

To register for the “GoGo Veteran” program or for information about the new service go to www.dutchessny.gov/veterans or call our office at 845-486-2060.

Stenger Glass Law team welcomes Mariel Gil as counsel

In an expansion of its team and its offerings, Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP (Stenger Glass) has welcomed Mariel Gil as of counsel.

Gil, who brings nearly two decades of experience to the firm, will strengthen the team in various practice areas, including business law, real estate, banking and secured lending, and commercial leasing.

“Mariel brings a depth of knowledge and experience to our firm,” said Kenneth Stenger, founding partner at Stenger

Glass. “I am confident that she will enable us to better serve our clients and the Hudson Valley at large and keep up with the growing demand for the comprehensive counsel we provide.”

Prior to joining the Stenger Glass team, Gil served as General Counsel at Access Health, LLC and, before that, was a senior associate attorney at Levine & Levine, PLLC and held positions at the Law Office of Omer Gil and Daniels, Porco and Lusardi, LLP. She is a graduate of the University of Miami, where she received her bache-

lor’s degree, and St. Thomas University’s Benjamin L. Crump College of Law, where she earned her Juris Doctor. She currently resides in Poughkeepsie.

“Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP is renowned for their legal expertise,” said Gil. “I am honored to join such an esteemed team and look forward to bringing my years of experience to the table.”

For more information on Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP, visit stengerglass.com.



Mariel Gil

-Courtesy photo

Boutique Wine, Spirits & Cider of Fishkill wins national award

Boutique Wine, Spirits & Cider in Fishkill has earned its third national award in just five years, further solidifying its reputation as a leader in the retail craft beverage industry. The American Cider Association (ACA) recently named Boutique as the Best Off-Premise Cider Partner on the East Coast at their 15th annual CiderCon conference as part of its 2025 awards, recognizing individuals and businesses that play a key role in growing the hard cider category.

The Hudson Valley and New York State were well represented in this year’s ACA awards, which took place in February in Chicago, highlighting the region’s deep-rooted influence in the

cider industry.

Paige Flori, co-owner of Boutique, commented, “Collaborating with Scott Ramsey and the New York Cider Association has strengthened our role as a leading retailer and advocate for the many small cider producers in the Hudson Valley and across the state. His efforts have been instrumental in shaping consumer and producer-friendly legislation while also enhancing the economic and tourism impact of New York’s cider industry. Similarly, Nine Pin Cider Works has been a valued industry partner since our inception in 2017, and we are delighted to see them receive national recognition for their contributions. The dedication and inno-

vation of industry leaders like Scott and Nine Pin have played a significant role in our own success, helping us earn both national and local accolades.”

This national recognition caps off an already award-winning year for Boutique Wine, Spirits & Cider. In late 2024, the business was honored locally with Best Small Business in Dutchess County by Think Dutchess and a Collaboration Award from Dutchess Tourism, further reflecting its impact on both the local and national levels.

“It’s a privilege to be honored again by the ACA,” said Gennaro Flori, co owner of Boutique. “We couldn’t do this without our wonderful cider sup-

porting customers, the women and men that produce these phenomenal beverages, and our incredible staff that help Paige and I connect the two groups together.” Boutique features over 300 SKUs of craft cider and 13 taps for growler fills. “Cider continues to be a passion of ours and a category that we felt was underrepresented. We are honored to be a part of expanding the category by educating consumers and providing a wide variety of choices.”

Located at 18 Westage Drive, Fishkill, NY, Boutique Wine, Spirits & Cider is just ¼ mile north of I-84, off Route 9, in the Hudson Valley Towne Center shopping plaza. Store hours are 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. every day.

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Attorney Kara Gerry launches campaign for Dutchess County Judge

Kara Gerry, a seasoned lawyer with experience both as a prosecutor and defense attorney, launched her campaign for Dutchess County Judge vowing to bring fairness, strength, and integrity to the bench while prioritizing community safety and justice that protects and respects all.

Gerry is running against incumbent Judge Ned McLoughlin.

"I have spent the past 18 years in public service in the Hudson Valley, because this is where I grew up and where I am raising my family. I am deeply committed to the people of Dutchess County: making sure that justice is served fairly and that people are held accountable for their criminal activity; protecting the community from dangerous individuals; ensuring that those who need treatment and help are afforded that opportunity; and meting out appropriate sanctions and punishment for those convicted of crimes. I'm running for Dutchess County Judge to bring a safer, more just future to our incredible county."

A lifelong Hudson Valley resident, Gerry grew up in East Fishkill and graduated from St. Denis-St. Columba School, Our Lady of Lourdes High School, and Marist College before earning her law degree at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. She began her legal career as a prosecutor in the Orange County District Attorney's Office, where she gained invaluable experience prosecuting thousands of criminal cases and ensuring victims were protected. She later joined the Dutchess County Public Defender's Office, where she currently serves as Bureau Chief of the Criminal Unit, supervising six attorneys while maintaining her own rigorous caseload.



Kara Gerry

-Courtesy photo by Mike Lawrie

"This election is about who we trust to uphold justice in Dutchess County," Gerry said. "I've spent my career in Hudson Valley courtrooms, fighting for safer communities, standing up for clients, and ensuring justice is served fairly and effectively. I'm the only candidate with the experience and perspective that comes from being both a prosecutor and a defense attorney. As Dutchess County Court Judge, I will enact justice that protects victims, holds offenders accountable, and respects constitutional rights."

To learn more about Kara Gerry and her campaign for Dutchess County Judge, visit karaforcountycourt.com.

Assemblyman announces legislation to mandate background checks for youth service workers

In response to the recent arrest of a local children's martial arts instructor on child sex charges, Assemblyman Anil Beephan (R,C-East Fishkill) has introduced legislation to strengthen protections for minors by requiring mandatory background checks for all employees, volunteers, and independent contractors working at businesses serving children. The legislation also prohibits individuals with certain criminal histories from owning or operating such businesses.

"First and foremost, my heart goes out to the victims and their families who have been affected by this horrific situation," said Assemblyman Beephan. "Parents should never have to question whether their children are safe when attending instructional programs or extracurricular activities. This common-sense legislation will close dangerous loopholes in existing laws and ensure that individuals with troubling criminal pasts cannot gain access to children in these settings."

The bill, titled "An Act to Amend the General Business Law, in Relation to Requiring Mandatory Background Checks for Persons Employed by Certain Businesses Serving Minors and Prohibiting Certain Persons from Owning Such Businesses," aims to enhance child safety by establishing uniform regulations across various youth service providers, including martial arts academies, dance studios, sports training facilities, music and

performing arts schools, and tutoring centers. Under the legislation:

- All employees, volunteers, independent contractors, and business operators at youth service providers must undergo comprehensive background checks prior to employment or ownership, with rechecks every three years.

- The background checks will screen for serious criminal offenses, including sex offenses, violent crimes, and offenses against children.

- Individuals who fail the background check will be immediately disqualified from employment, volunteering, or ownership.

Currently, New York law does not require background checks for employees at many private businesses that cater to children. While schools and daycare centers have stringent vetting processes, youth service providers remain largely unregulated, leaving dangerous gaps in child protection. Beephan's bill seeks to close this loophole and provide peace of mind to parents by ensuring that only qualified and vetted individuals work with children in extracurricular settings.

"This is a straightforward measure to protect our children and prevent known predators from exploiting these gaps in the law," Beephan continued. "I urge my colleagues in the Legislature to join me in taking swift action to pass this bill and prioritize the safety of New York's children."

Public Hearings set for Feb. 26, 27 to discuss 2025-2029 Dutchess County, City of Poughkeepsie Consolidated Plan

Dutchess County and the City of Poughkeepsie are holding two public hearings for the community to provide input comments about the development of the proposed Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-2029 and the Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2025.

This proposed plan will outline the priorities by which the County and the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program will be invested. Every year, the County and City will each produce an Annual Action Plan to detail specific activities to carry out the Plan's priorities and goals.

The hearings will take place:

Wednesday, February 26, 6 p.m.
City Hall
62 Civic Center Plaza
Common Council Chambers, 3rd Floor
Poughkeepsie

Thursday, February 27, 10 a.m.
Dutchess County Farm & Home Center
2715 Route 44
Millbrook

Participants may also join either of the scheduled public hearings virtually via Go To Meeting:

<https://meet.goto.com/745807261>
Access Code: 745-807-261
United States: +1 (224) 501-3412

The overall goal of the CP has been and continues to be to strengthen partnerships within the County/City among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and not-for-profit organizations to enable them to provide decent housing, establish and maintain a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities for our citizens. The functions of the CP are threefold: it is a planning document, an application for Federal funds, and a strategy to be followed in administering HUD Programs.

Reasonable accommodations and services necessary will be made for sensory-impaired and disabled citizens at the meetings. Additionally, translation services may be offered upon request and availability. Persons requiring such accommodation/services should call 845-486-3600 at least five business days in advance of the meeting.

NYS reinstates Fishkill Police Commissioner Bierce

By Kristine Coulter

Town of Fishkill Police Commissioner Scott Bierce has been reinstated. A letter to Town of Fishkill Police Chief Joseph Clark, dated Feb. 10, from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, states: "I am writing in response to your correspondence received November 29, 2024, regarding former Police Sergeant Scott Bierce. In said correspondence, you reported to the Division of Criminal Justice Services (Division) that Sergeant Bierce's separation from service should be amended from a removal for cause to a standard resignation."

The letter then states: "Accordingly, based on the aforementioned information, Mr. Bierce's record on the Central State Registry of Police Officers and Peace Officers has been updated to reflect a standard resignation (not a removal for cause) effective December 2, 2019."

Bierce was appointed commissioner during the Fishkill Town Board's meeting, with a 3-2 vote. He began the position on Feb. 12.

"I am sorry we had to sue DCJS to make this happen and even [though] it is

long overdue," Michael Sussman, attorney for Bierce, said in an email to Southern Dutchess News.

Sussman noted, "I do thank the Fishkill Town Board, a majority of whom have supported this for several years."

Bierce resigned from the Town of Fishkill Police Department, after 38 years, in 2019. In lawsuits, Bierce claimed a former administration and police chief retaliated against him for supporting a political opponent and claimed he was subject to a hostile work environment.

Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra, who has backed Bierce for the last five years, which included lobbying New York State, remarked, "It's important that this individual had due process. His constitutional rights were violated."

"'Backing the Blue' means [supporting] them and holding them accountable, when necessary," said Albra.

Sussman said, "Mr. Bierce has a long effective career in law enforcement, and it should never have ended as it did. This clears the public record and allows Scott to continue to contribute to his community in a manner he loves."

Find out about available Dutchess County Arts & Cultural funding

For over 60 years, Arts Mid-Hudson (AMH) has taken a lead role in equitably distributing Dutchess County arts and cultural funds to Dutchess County arts organizations, so that both residents and visitors to the region can enjoy offering of arts. Through a partnership with the Office of the County Executive and Dutchess Tourism, AMH is partnering with arts organizations to support capacity building initiatives and implement arts and cultural programs. AMH seeks partners that have a history of achievement in the arts, good management, stable finances, and self-sustaining programs with the potential to make a measurable impact.

The deadline to apply is Tuesday, March 11 at 11:59 p.m.

Complete information is available at: <https://www.artsmidhudson.org/dutchess->

partners-in-the-arts.


Information Session: A recording of the Info Session was made available after Feb. 12. Q&A Sessions will be held on Zoom weekly to assist applicants with the process.

View the Q&A Schedule and RSVP here: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/webLink/WebLink.aspx?name=E231621&id=497>

Contact AMH with accommodation requests. AMH provides free in-depth support including informational videos, resources, one-on-one appointments, and draft review.

If you are unable to attend any of the sessions, and still wish to apply, please contact the AMH Grants Team in advance of the deadline, at 845-454-3222 or grants@artsmidhudson.org.

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Obituaries

Martha S. Mastrantuono



Martha S. Mastrantuono, a longtime resident of Beacon, entered into rest on February 8, 2025 surrounded by her children. She was 78 years old.

She was born on May 23, 1946 in Montevideo, Uruguay, the daughter of the late Milton and Fernanda Rodriguez Mercadal. Martha co-owned and helped to run the family-owned grocery stores. Later she was a homemaker raising her family.

Martha is survived by her children, Marcelo Mastrantuono and his wife, Victoria, Martha Jaycox and her husband, Kenneth, Oscar Mastrantuono and Morris Mastrantuono; her grandchildren, Stephanie, Alexis, Amanda, Alyssa, Nico, Marshall, Kenneth, III, Cyngin and Kemar; her brother, Miguel Mercadal; her sister, Maria Pola Correa; her many

nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her former husband, Oscar Mastrantuono; her brothers, Milton and Mario.

Family and friends gathered on Friday, February 14 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held on Saturday, February 15 at the funeral home. Burial followed at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon.

To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Joan R. Marshall



June 10, 1941 – December 31, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Joan R. Marshall, 83, of Fishkill, New York. She passed peacefully in her sleep on December 31, 2024, surrounded by her loving family and her husband of 47 years holding her hand.

Joan was born the daughter of Joseph and Teresa Gajdos of Poughkeepsie, New York on June 10, 1941. On September 24th, 1977, she married the love of her life, Eugene A. Marshall, who survives at home. Eugene and Joan shared a rare and special love for the 47 years of their marriage.

Joan spent the majority of her working years at IBM. Starting as a secretary, she eventually rose to become the project coordinator between IBM and SSI Corporation in Wisconsin in the joint

development of super computers. Her drive, intelligence, and leadership earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues.

Joan was a marvel of craftsmanship, organization, and productivity - traits that inspired awe and admiration from all who knew her. Whether creating beautifully hand-made gifts, master-craft level stained glass art, organizing family gatherings, or maintaining an impeccable home and gardens, Joan brought creativity, skill, and love to everything she did.

A devoted animal lover, Joan had a special place in her heart for cats. She deeply loved keeping them as pets and ensured they lived wonderful, healthy lives filled with care and affection.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughters Donna (Michael) Brooks and Susanne (John) Balcom; her stepchildren James (Denise) Marshall, Laurie Marshall DiBenedetto, and Eugene Marshall along with his significant other Roseann Sorrentino. She is also survived by six grandchildren Teresa Burger, Cylus Brooks-Ambrosi, McKenna Marshall, Nicholas Marshall, Julia Chachkes, and Amanda Schmadel, along with five great grandchildren and a brother Paul Gajdos

Joan's kindness, warmth, and faith will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Visitation was held at McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, 1089 Main Street, on Monday, January 6. A Mass followed at St. Mary Mother of the Church in Fishkill, and a burial at Fishkill Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks to consider donations to Tunnels to Towers Foundation (t2t.org).

Joan Cunningham



Joan Cunningham, age 91, formerly of Poughkeepsie, died peacefully Wednesday, February 12th, 2025.

Born on April 14th, 1933 in Williamsport, PA, she was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Bessie Weller of Montgomery, PA.

She is survived by her daughters, Linda Kowalsky of Wappingers Falls, NY, and Beth Cunningham of Redondo Beach, CA; son, Todd Cunningham of Montgomery, NY; and their families. Joan was one of eight children and is survived by a brother, Ben Weller, Jr. of Montgomery, PA, and a sister, Judy Rooker of Williamsport, PA.

Joan was predeceased by her loving husband, Charles A. Cunningham, who no doubt welcomed her with a bag of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, her favorite.

She was loved and will be deeply missed by her family.

Burial will be in Green Lawn Memorial Park, Montgomery, PA, at the privacy of the family.

Anna Venticinque



Anna Venticinque passed away on February 10, 2025 at the age of 94. She was born in the Bronx on June 30, 1930 to the late Joseph and Rachel (Cirigliano) Ruggiero. On October 29, 1949, she married her loving husband Michael Venticinque. Michael predeceased her in 1998.

Anna enjoyed being a homemaker and taking care of her home and family. She loved crafts, baking (especially her famous honey balls), and singing. She also enjoyed trips to the casino, and playing on the penny machines, as well as trying her luck on scratch off tickets.

Anna is survived by her two children: Grace Venticinque and her boyfriend Eric Torres, and John Venticinque and his wife Joan; many grandchildren including Lisa Pesco, Rachel Oddo, and Serena,

Aleksandr, Tiffany and Krystle Venticinque; many great-grandchildren including: Andrew, April, Levi, Dominic, Anthony, Serafina; great-great grandchildren Bradley, AnnaLisa and baby to come in March; daughters-in-law: Tina and Lorraine Venticinque; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

In addition to her husband Michael, Anna was predeceased by 3 of her sons: Philip, Joseph, and Michael Venticinque Jr.

Calling hours were held on Friday February 14, 2025 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. 895 Route 82 Hopewell Junction, followed immediately by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Columba Church, and then interment at St. Denis Cemetery 604 Beekman Road Hopewell Junction.

Please consider a donation in memory of Anna to Hudson Valley Hospice www.hvhospice.org.

Paul J. Nuccitelli



Paul J. Nuccitelli, 82, of Beacon, passed away peacefully at home on February 13, 2025, surrounded by his loving family after a brief illness.

Born on June 11, 1942, in Beacon, Paul was the son of John Nuccitelli and Ann D'Angieri. He spent his early years in Beacon before living in Abilene, Texas and Riverside, California. He returned to Beacon for his senior year of high school, where he played football and wrestled at Beacon High School.

Paul pursued higher education at Fordham University and later earned his Juris Doctor degree from New York Law. His career led him to work alongside his father, John, and uncle, Nick, as a partner at A & N Vending, where he contributed to the family business for many years.

Paul found joy in life's simple

pleasures—solving the New York Times crossword puzzle, walking the river trail and spending summers at the beach. His cherished Long Beach Island getaway was always filled with family, friends and laughter; he and Helen loved to vacation in Florida and Myrtle Beach. He was also a lifelong member of St. Rocco's Society in Beacon.

He is predeceased by his parents and survived by his devoted wife of 39 years, Helen (Cahill). He leaves behind his beloved daughters, Lisa (Tom) Elia, Maria (Joe) Yanarella, and Lori (Dominick) Roscino, as well as his treasured grandchildren: Emily Elia, Kyle (Crystal) Yanarella, Kristen Yanarella, and Grace and Anna Roscino. Paul was eagerly anticipating the arrival of his first great-grandchild in June.

Visitation was held on Monday, February 17, at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon, with a special prayer service.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Hudson Valley Hospice or the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation in Paul's honor.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to Hudson Valley Hospice for their compassionate care during Paul's final days.

To send personal condolence, please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Peter Joseph Pavone



Peter Joseph Pavone, 82, an area resident since 1975, died peacefully at his home on November 30, 2024.

Born in Bridgeport, CT on October 5, 1942, he was the son of the late Joseph and Lucy (Campagna) Pavone. Peter proudly served our country in the US Air Force and was employed as an Engineer with IBM in East Fishkill. Peter really enjoyed golf. If he wasn't playing golf, he was watching it on television. He was also an avid fan of the New York Yankees and Jets.

On October 12, 1991 in Hopewell Junction, Peter married Linda Ann Schneider who predeceased him on March 30, 2024. He is survived by his son, Michael Glover and his wife Kelly; his daughter, Melissa Corrado; his grandchildren, Melissa Cassidy and Kyle Cassidy; his great grandson, Cason Gross; and his grand-dogs, Cavu

and Bijou. He was looking forward to the birth of his second grandchild in March.

A Celebration of Peter's Life will be held on March 29, 2025 at 12pm at Anthony's Catering in Hopewell Junction.

Memorial donations may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice who lovingly cared for both Peter and Linda this year.

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793 MIGHTY OAK, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/29/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Christian Fekete & Kimberly A Baker, 25 Oak Tree Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

52-54 PIN OAK, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/29/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Christian Fekete & Kimberly A Baker, 25 Oak Tree Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

D I E H L ' S
P R O P E R T Y
M A N A G E M E N T, LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/27/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 88 West Cookingham Dr., Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LIGHT SPEED
LAZER TATTOO
REMOVAL, LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/27/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 516 Haight Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NYCLK2, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/29/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Mr. Timothy Lynch and Dr. Angelish Kumar, 103 Kent Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

18 HOOKER AVE
POUGH LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on January 23, 2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 9 Vanvoorhis Drive, Fishkill, New York 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Upper Lake
Radiology, L.L.C. filed an App. for Auth. with

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the Dept. of State of NY on 1/9/2025. LLC formed in NJ on 8/20/2024. Office located within NYS: Dutchess County. Principal business location: 109 Upper Lakeview Ave, Ringwood, NJ 07456. The Sect'y of State of NY is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 109 Upper Lakeview Ave, Ringwood, NJ 07456. Purpose: Medicine.

BIRDIEKILL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/30/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 44 Elm Street, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LUXE SKIN BEAUTY
BAR, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 10/23/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2494 South Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of H&H Clean LLC, filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 18, 2024. The LLC is located in Dutchess County. The SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the office location: 7014 13th avenue suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity

Gather & Graze
Charcuterie LLC Filed 01/28/2025. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 37 Wright Blvd, Hopwell Jct, NY 12533. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

JWT Engineering
Consulting, PLLC, Arts of Org. filed with SSNY 1/13/2025. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC, PO BOX 54, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: To Practice The Profession Of Engineering.

60 Milewood LLC.
Filed with SSNY on

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12/17/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to 119 Verbank Road Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RDQ Properties LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/31/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is 909 Beekman Road, Hopewell Jct., NY 12533. Purpose of LLC: To engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

B R E E Z Y
BUILDERS, LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/3/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 191 Rushmore Rd., Stormville, NY 12582, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of RA'S ROOFING REPAIR, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/22/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Robert Turner 97 Talleur Lane Clinton Corners, NY 12514 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Jack's Pack, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on January 16, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Jennifer Borba, 6 Pye Lane, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. Purpose: any and all business activities permitted under NYS law.

Law Office of Michael G. Del Vecchio, PLLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on December 4, 2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Law Office of Michael G. Del Vec-

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chio, PLLC, P.O. Box 722, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: any lawful activity.

SALA CAPITAL LLC
filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/7/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 51 Noble Hill Dr, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Form. of PRODIGAL PARADIGM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/26/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 3853 ROUTE 82, MILLBROOK, NY 12545. Any lawful purpose.

Kiki B12 LLC filed w/ SSNY 1/31/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the the LLC, 799 Sergeant Palmateer Way, Apt. B12, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Any lawful purpose.

BLACK KAT
STUDIOS, LLC.
Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/30/24 Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 568 North Avenue, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful act.

BIDDRINA HOLDCO
LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on February 4, 2025 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 518, Bangall, NY 12506-0518. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Find the Spaces Between LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/29/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 68 Bangall Amenia Rd, Stanfordville, NY 12581. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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1215 Shunpike LLC
Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company, ("LLC"), Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 2/4/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any such process served to 103 South Main Street, Sharon CT 06069. Purpose: to engage in any act or activity for which a LLC may be organized under the NY LLC Law.

NEXT LEVEL
S T R A T E G I C
PARTNERS LLC.
Filed 10/29/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Jacqueline Harr, 61 Locust Grove Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of Northern City Properties LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/28/2025. Office location: Dutchess County NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Arolfo Delacruz 12 Richards Blvd Poughkeepsie Ny 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Worthex Pro Inspections LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/22/2021. Office location: Dutchess County NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Arolfo Delacruz 12 Richards Blvd Poughkeepsie Ny 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

THE BARN AT
ALPINE RANCH,
LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/5/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 8 Sherman Dr, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: any lawful act.

Beekman Home
Construction, LLC
Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company, ("LLC"), Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on January 30, 2025. Office location: Care of LMD

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Companies, P.O. Box 1670, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590, Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any such process served to Care of LMD Companies, P.O. Box 1670, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. Purpose: to engage in any act or activity for which a LLC may be organized under the NY LLC Law.

Lumina Learning
LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/02/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 179 South Cherry St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

MJ HOME REPAIR
AND PAINTING, LLC.
Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/19/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 51 Long Meadow Drive, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Narrow Flats LLC.
Filed with SSNY on February 4, 2025. Office: Dutchess County, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 258, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful

SMART CHOICE
PROPERTY ONE
LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/22/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 794 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Jota's Food Truck
LLC. Filed 2/6/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 29 Forbus St Apt 7, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of Spark Coffees LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/20/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may

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be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 13 Ryan Ct. Clinton Cors, NY 12514. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: WhiteOak.IO, LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 10/28/2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 104 S Quaker Hill Road, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: ONE JOHN STREET, LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was January 30, 2025. Principal office location is Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it or served upon it on behalf of the LLC to the registered agent, Elaine Suderio and David Miller, 23 Marshall Drive, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LUX FITNESS LLC.
Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/5/25 Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Stirrup Trail, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act.

DM DELHALL
T H E R A P Y
ASSOCIATES LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/31/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Denice Mateo-Delhall 2 Kent Rd Hopewell Junction NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Hochul alerts E-ZPass users of text message scam

Governor Kathy Hochul warned New York consumers of E-ZPass text message scams. Consumers have reported receiving SMS text messages attempting to collect tolls. These fake texts are often sent from an international number and request the consumer to reply with "Y" to receive a link and contain an unofficial website. Consumers should be aware that E-ZPass or Tolls by Mail will never send a text or email requesting sensitive personal information such as credit card, birthday, Social Security number or other personally identifiable information.

"Public safety is my top priority, which is why I'm urging New Yorkers to take caution against senseless scammers sending fake E-ZPass text messages in an attempt to collect money for fake, unpaid tolls," Hochul said. "Consumers should know that E-ZPass, or Tolls by Mail, will never send a text or email requesting personal, sensitive information."

If one is unsure about a message one received, call E-ZPass directly at 1-800-333-8655 or Tolls by Mail at 1-844-826-8400. One may also directly access the official websites from one's browser at: EZPassNY.com and TollsByMailNY.com.

If one receives a fraudulent or suspicious SMS text message of any kind and have questions, you can contact the New York Department of State's Division of

Consumer Protection Consumer Assistance Helpline at 1-800-697-1220, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; excluding State Holidays. Consumer fraud complaints may also be filed at any time with the Federal Trade Commission at reportfraud.ftc.gov.

Secretary of State Walter T. Mosley said, "Scammers are getting smarter, and by using new technologies and tactics their messages may look legitimate. It's important for consumers to know the warning signs that a message may be a scam attempt and what actions to take if they do receive a fraudulent message. I encourage all New Yorkers to follow our tips from the Division of Consumer Protection and remain extra cautious when receiving any message from an unknown sender."

Thruway Authority Executive Director Frank G. Hoare said, "Our focus is on protecting our customers from scams like these and ensuring that they use the correct payment methods. As these types of scams become more frequent, we strongly encourage everyone to stay vigilant and informed to minimize risks and protect personal information. When in doubt, contact E-ZPass or Tolls By Mail via the official channels listed here before clicking any link sent via text message."

Tips to follow if you or someone you

know receives a fraudulent SMS text message:

- Don't reply to text messages from unknown numbers. It could lead to a scam. Be wary of unsolicited messages from unknown senders that request personal information or payments and don't respond to the message.

- Don't click on any links in the message or attempt to access a website through the text.

- Delete and report the message using your phone's "report junk" option. Forward unwanted texts to 7726 (SPAM) and unwanted emails to your email provider. Use the reporting features that are built into devices or email platforms. Reporting suspicious phishing messages is one of the most efficient methods for protecting you as it helps identify new or trending phishing attacks.

- Block the sender's email address or phone number.

- Remember, it's always better to be cautious. If you're unsure of the legitimacy of a message, avoid engaging with the sender.

Clicking a link from a fraudulent text message puts your personal information and money at risk. Scammers may be able to:

- Install ransomware or other programs

in your device that can spy on your online activity or hold your device hostage by encrypting your data and demanding payment to unscramble it.

- Gain access to personal or sensitive information — including passwords, credit card numbers, banking PINs, etc. This information can be used to take out loans or credit cards in your name or perform other fraudulent financial transactions.

About the New York State Division of Consumer Protection

Follow the New York Department of State on Facebook, X and Instagram and check in every Tuesday for more practical tips that educate and empower New York consumers on a variety of topics. Sign up to receive consumer alerts directly to your email or phone here.

The New York State Division of Consumer Protection provides voluntary mediation between a consumer and a business when a consumer has been unsuccessful at reaching a resolution on their own. The Consumer Assistance Helpline 1-800-697-1220 is available Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding State Holidays, and consumer complaints can be filed at any time at www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection. The Division can also be reached via X at @NYSConsumer or Facebook.

Poughkeepsie Town Board unanimously passes support for proposed Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway

The Town of Poughkeepsie Town Board voted unanimously for a resolution supporting the proposed Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway (HTURB) at its meeting on Feb. 5. The Byway, planned to stretch 550 miles from Niagara Falls to New York City, needs approval from participating municipalities along the route before the Underground Railroad Consortium of New York State, which initiated the project, can seek creation through the state legislature and New York Department of Transportation. "We want to thank the Town of

Poughkeepsie and Supervisor Rebecca Edwards for their strong support of this project," said Peter Buntun, Vice President of the URC of New York and Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project. "Their support moves this exciting project one step closer to fruition, and will help foster both economically beneficial tourism and deeper understanding of our region's important history of abolition and the Underground Railroad."

The Town's Historical Preservation Commission unanimously endorsed the resolution.

"It's exciting to be the first municipality in the Hudson Valley to affirm our participation in this important project," said Town Supervisor Rebecca Edwards. "I look forward to working with other mayors and supervisors in Dutchess County and beyond, to help bring this Byway to life. Several sites in the Town—notably the Oakwood Friends School—played central roles in antislavery history and will be of great significance to Byway visitors."

According to the URC, Maryland's Harriet Tubman Byway contributes \$23 million in annual sales to the area and supports

393 jobs, while the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Scenic Byway—which covers 15 counties in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia—generates \$1.06 billion in total business sales and supports more than 6,500 jobs.

Town of Poughkeepsie Historian John Pinna said, "One of the Historic Preservation Commission's missions is to recognize important historic events which took place in our town. Knowing that community members were committed to assisting enslaved African American to freedom is an important local historical fact we should all be proud of, as Town of Poughkeepsie citizens. This project enriches our local history and tells a story which needs to be told. It will attract local and national history buffs as well as tourists to our town."

The Underground Railroad Coalition plans to use the remainder of 2025 to finalize municipal resolutions, collect public feedback, and submit their request to the state, in hopes of opening the byway in 2026. They and other historical groups are championing the self-guided public byway as a vehicle for education and economic growth that will "foster community pride, enhance residents' quality of life, preserve historic and natural assets, inspire visitors to be agents of change, and elevate the authentic stories of Freedom Seekers on their journey to Freedom."

More information on the URC and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Scenic Byway can be found here: <https://www.urcnys.org/corridor>.

this week's puzzle solutions

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This week's answer
SUDOKU

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Suguru solution

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Notice of Formation of Sepideh Hakimzadeh LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/22/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to 107 Kansas Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

HAWK AMP, LLC Filed with SSNY on 02/03/25. Office

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Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 21 Pine Echo Dr. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Hudson Co, LLC, filed App. for Auth. with the SSNY on 11/8/2024, using the fictitious name Hudson Co of DE, LLC. Office: Dutchess County. LLC formed in DE on

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8/3/2010. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 2290 Rte 199, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Address required to be maintained in DE: Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centreville Rd, Ste 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert of Formation filed with DE Sec'y of State, John G. Townsend Bldg, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901.

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Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Native Minds, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/14/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 16 Pasture Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Licensed Behavior Analyst NY PLLC, Arts of Org filed with SSNY 09/30/2015 Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: The PLLC, PO Box 136, Salt Point, NY 12578 Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Custom Tours LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/01/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as

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agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to PO Box 2631, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of SaltLine Solutions LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/8/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to United States Corpo-

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ration Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Christine Pettit NP in Psychiatry PLLC. Filed 1/29/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: 349 Liberty Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: NP in Psychiatry.

Creative Living

that's italian!

by luigi coppola



The new mattress

Pop makes a deal

Watching my father in action over the years has made me very jaded. I have been with my father during many purchases and have come to learn that I have to be ready to get embarrassed. Whether it be purchasing chairs for the restaurant or a personal vehicle, Pop has been a haggler like no other. Over the past few years, my other brothers have stepped in. They forgot what it was like.

On one occasion, my father decided he was going to buy a new mattress. So, he went to a local mattress store and started to look around. Immediately, the sales person pounced on him and before too long had convinced Pop to purchase the top-of-the-line bed with twin remote controls that could bend you into a taco shell if you wanted to.

Pop spoke to him for a few more minutes and was able to get him to throw in two memory foam pillows free of charge if he purchased the top-of-the-line bed with twin remote controls that could bend you into a taco shell if you wanted to. However, before he finalized the purchase, he was going to ask one of his sons for an opinion. Pop called my brother Anthony and asked him to come down to get his opinion.

Pop: Anthony, these esa "Joe." Joe, these esa my son Anthony.

Joe: Hello, Anthony. Your father has decided to purchase the "Starsleeper 2000." It has dual controls so your parents can set their individual bend ratios and massage indexes to maximize their sleep quotient enabling them to get a better more complete night's sleep while still...

Pop: (interrupting) Anthony, do youa thenka Mom and me can use thisa bed?

Anthony: Well, Pop. This might be a little complicated for you. One of us can definitely show you how to use it.

Joe: We can show him what...

Pop: (interrupting) I donta know. I thought it wasa too much, too.

Joe was sensing he was going to lose the sale of the top-of-the-line bed with twin remote controls that could bend you into a taco shell if you wanted to, and he wasn't too happy, shooting death looks at my brother.

Anthony: Pop, it's up to you.

Pop: Anthony, what kind ofa bed do you have?

Joe: I'm sure the mattress your son has is quite good for what his needs are; however, I can assure you that the "Starsleeper 2000" will help both you and your wife.

Pop: Youa be quiet. Ima gonna talk to my son.

Anthony: Pop, really all you need is a good mattress. I don't think you need all this stuff.

Pop: Ok. Show whicha one youa have.

Before too long, poor Joe lost his sale of tthe top-of-the-line bed with twin remote controls that could bend you into a taco shell if you wanted to, and the commission that went with it. Not only that, after Pop had decided on the mattress, it was time for Pop to make a deal, and Joe wasn't prepared.

Pop: OK, I wanta thisa mattress. Now,

because my son helped me make the decision, Ia want a 10% discount and the pillows.

Joe: What? Huh? Wait? What?

Pop: Yes. Ifa you no give me the deal, Ia go someplace else.

Joe: Wait? What? Excuse me?

Pop: Wea gotta the deal or am I gonna go to the Macy's.

Joe: Mr. Coppola. I can't give you that deal. I can't even give you the pillows now.

Pop: OKa, Anthony. Andiamo.

Joe: Wait. OK, I'll give you half off the pillows.

Pop: No.

Joe: OK, I'll give you one of the pillows and only charge you for the second one.

Pop: Ima no stupid. NO.

Joe: (sensing defeat) OK, I'll give you the pillows.

Pop: You a gooda boy. Thank You. Now maka sure I getta free delivery.

Joe: Wait? What? Huh? (defeated sigh) OK.

Pop: Now hurry up. I gotta go and make escarole and beans fora my wife, Franca.

A few nights later Mom and Pop were asleep on their new mattress, happy and content. I am sure poor Joe was not. Maybe he'd feel better if he had some escarole and beans? Buon Appetito!

Escarole and Beans with Pasta Ingredients

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2 large heads escarole

1 cup of Tubetini pasta
1 pinch of salt and pepper
4 green olives, pitted and diced
1 pinch crushed red pepper flakes
3 clove garlic, sliced
2 (16 ounce) cans cannellini beans, undrained
Fresh grated Reggiano Parmagiana cheese

Method

Fill your sink with warm water. Roughly chop the escarole and place in the sink and let soak.

In a large skillet over medium heat, fry the garlic with the olive oil. Add the olives.

Strain the escarole with a colander and place in the frying pan, turning. Season with salt, pepper, and crushed red pepper flakes.

Cook, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes, or until tender.

Pour in beans, with juices and the Tubetini pasta, and simmer until creamy, about 10 minutes.

Serve with fresh grated Reggiano Parmagiana, a crusty loaf of Italian bread and a glass of Pinot Grigio.

Luigi Coppola is one of five brothers born to Francesca and Antonio Coppola. The Coppola family came to America from Naples, Italy in 1954. Antonio and his brothers opened their first restaurant in Poughkeepsie in 1961. Luigi and his brothers Nick, John, Antonio and Vincent have carried on the family tradition in the way their parents taught them, using classic recipes taught to them at their apron strings. Visit their website at www.coppolas.net.

Beacon Elks host inaugural First Responders Awards Dinner



The Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 honored seven First Responders from our community at the Lodge's inaugural First Responders Awards Dinner. The Elks honored members of the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BVAC), Beacon Police Department, Beacon Fire Department, Rombout Fire Company, Dutchess Junction Fire Department and Glenham Fire Department. These awards ranged from 50 years Active Interior Firefighter to the 1st Past Paid Fire Chief to Firefighters with Life Active Duty to Ambulance Corps Summer Camp Recruitment programs.

Pictured, from left, is Carl Oken, Event Chairperson; Daniel Silvestri Jr., Rombout FD; Gary Van Voorhis, Beacon FD; Dominic Virtuoso, Glenham FD; Michael Zingone, BVAC; Fred Finck, Dutchess Junction FD; Michael Connor, Beacon PD and Michael Zanzarella, Exalted Ruler. Not pictured is Piero Giangrosso, BVAC.

-Courtesy photo from Beacon Elks

Concert organist to play at West Point on Feb. 23

The West Point Cadet Chapel, the Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Series will present Dr. John A. Wolfe, concert organist on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. Dr. Wolfe is a prominent New York City organist, now service as Music Director at the Church of

the Holy Apostles in Manhattan. He has performed all over the Northeast seaboard, including prominent cathedrals in New York City and Washington DC. He also studied in Prague, the Czech Republic. He will play a variety of works spanning many cen-

turies on the Cadet Chapel organ, the world's largest all-pipe instrument in a house of worship! The recital is free to the general public.

Access onto West Point is with Department of Defense ID or a Visitor's

Pass, which may be obtained at the Visitor Control Center (2107 New South Post Road, West Point, NY 10996). Parking is available around the chapel building, 722 Derussy Loop, without restriction on Sundays.

Love of family & baseball excite new Renegades GM Denlinger

Editor's note: Tom Denlinger, the eighth and new General Manager of the Hudson Valley Renegades takes time to talk about family, baseball and the excitement of his new role.

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades announced the hiring of General Manager Tom Denlinger on January 17. Denlinger's minor league baseball career stretches down the east coast, most recently spending 10 seasons with the Atlanta Braves Single-A affiliate Augusta GreenJackets. A Pennsylvania native and die-hard Philadelphia sports fan, he returns to northeast baseball with two wishes: 50% in April and fun for everyone crossing the turnstiles at Heritage Financial Park.

How did family inspire your move to the Hudson Valley?

My wife's family is from Ohio, so it got us both closer to home to allow our daughter to be a part of her grandparents' lives. At the end of the day, family plays a big role in what we do in Minor League Baseball. I love what I do, and the opportunity to be close to home and put my hat in the ring of a franchise that's been

successful like the Renegades was a no-brainer. I'm excited to be here and hit the ground running.

When did your career in baseball operations start?

I loved sports, so when I was taking business classes and things I was looking at ways to still have that part of my life. So I started doing internships toward my junior and senior year. My last was with the Reading Phillies, which are probably one of the 10 best teams in baseball. So I had that experience, got it in my blood, and when that internship was up I started my career and applied to a number of places. I started in Salisbury, Maryland with the Delmarva Shorebirds and I've just been able to run it from there, so it's been fun. I've been blessed to be in it this long, and now be in a new market to learn and be a part of the community.

Which Minor League Baseball promotion brings the most fun for fans?

My all-time favorite is fireworks in general. I've been in the industry for 23 years with teams that have 10 to 20 fireworks shows a season, and they never get old. It's always the best promotion because it's one that everybody can



Tom Denlinger

-Courtesy photo

enjoy. I love giveaways and things, but that's only for the first certain amount of people. When you come to a fireworks night, it impacts everybody.

What is your favorite baseball memory?

My family and I were at the longest doubleheader [by total elapsed time] in the history of baseball. The Phillies played the Padres at Veterans Stadium. It was raining all night long and the first game ended right before midnight. It's one of those special things where we picked the right game to go to. My family actually left because we didn't think they were playing the second game, and then I convinced my mom to go back. They ended up playing, and it was over at around 4:50 in the morning.

Fun Fact: The July 2-3, 1993 Phillies-Padres double-header ended 12 hours and 5 minutes after the start of Game 1.

What are you most excited for as 2025 Opening Day approaches?

I've never experienced a game at Heritage Financial Park, so I am counting down until I get to see the park in action and to see the community engaging with the experience. At the end of the day, we are on the platform for a family, college kid, grandparent, or a couple to come out and relax, and enjoy three hours at the ballpark. We put a lot of things on paper, but it's always more fun when it comes to life.

Renegades taking applications for Field Betterment Program

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, have announced that applications for the Youth Field Betterment Program presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union are now open. Applications will be accepted by the Renegades from Feb. 1 through March 8, with the recipient being announced during the week of March 25.

"The Youth Field Betterment Program has been one of the most-popular initiatives as part of our community partnership with Heritage Financial Credit Union for the past two years," said Jessica Levinson, Manager of Ticket Operations for the Renegades. "We are really excited to bring the program back in 2025 and continue to make an impact in our community."

The program, which began in 2023, sees the Renegades and Heritage Financial Credit Union award one little league organization with a refurbishment of a field used within their community for youth baseball. In 2023,

Renegades and HFCU staff renovated Sauter Field at Spratt Park in the City of Poughkeepsie, and in 2024 Lee Town Park of the East Fishkill Babe Ruth League was renovated.

Each refurbishment includes one makeover of a 46/60 or 50/70 little league field. Youth Field Betterment proposals may include, but are not limited to, improving existing spaces to increase overall usage, safety, accessibility, and inclusiveness for all participants.

The Youth Field Betterment Program was created to help local organizations positively impact their local community by creating a safe place for their youth to further develop themselves and their baseball skills. The program's goal is to aid local youth organizations that provide players of all abilities with an environment that combines inclusiveness with fair play.

Submissions will be evaluated for constructed ideas and goals that provide a direct benefit to youth from across the Hudson Valley.

RCK grad Sullivan re-signs with New York Bulls II soccer squad



Roy C. Ketcham High School graduate Dylan Sullivan recently re-signed with New York Bulls II. He is pictured gesturing during a game.

-Photo by Peter Bonilla

Sullivan's own high school years traded those afternoons for the elite Red Bulls Academy, playing for its U16 and U18 teams. Sullivan credits his dad, stepmother, and mom, who each buckled up for three-hour round trips to training.

The Academy fit Sullivan's game well, growing him into a process-based player. It complemented the fast, aggressive northeast style of play. When he left the North's oft-soggy pitches for "attractive" southern soccer at Clemson University, the fundamentals didn't change. The game only grew with him as he matured off the field. Yes, he's learned a lot about soccer over the years, but he also learned more about what it takes to reach every new career step.

"I went to Red Bulls Academy, I learned the system and it really fit my play style well. I grew a lot within that. What the coaches [at Clemson] taught me as well, from a technical standpoint and a tactical standpoint, and really, just becoming a man. Now to come here, playing at Red Bulls II, MLS NEXT Pro is just another step for me," Sullivan said.

As his third professional season approaches, Sullivan's processed thinking is an asset to New York's high-press play style.

"We are happy to have Dylan [Sullivan] back with the team," head coach Ibrahim Sekagya said in a press release. "He is an athletic midfielder with great soccer IQ that will be valuable for our team for the upcoming season."

New York fell short of last year's post-season, but a magical 2023 playoff run is fresh in the minds of the Red Bulls II squad. For Sullivan and other third-year players, this season builds off those highs and lows of the last two years.

Sullivan's foundation rests on the basics. The big three are - doing what's right, taking care of the body and leading by example. In the midst of pre-season, he's ready to get back to business.

"This is when it really matters to get ahead of the curve. You want to be full throttle, especially when the season starts," he said.

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Days spent lift training in Montclair, N.J., were once spent at the John Jay High School pitch. With his dad Darryl coaching the varsity girls, Dylan was their built-in ball boy.

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Give Life Give Blood

Marist women's basketball, Miles of Hope Foundation honor breast cancer survivors at 15th annual Pink Game



The halftime portion of the annual Pink Game at Marist University on Feb. 15 included a Salute to Survivors of breast cancer.

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By Morgan E. Maier

The American Cancer Society predicts that over 315,000 women will receive new breast cancer diagnoses in 2025. The Marist University women's basketball team and Dutchess County-based foundation Miles of Hope hosted an annual Pink Game to raise awareness of this life-altering disease on a snowy February 15 afternoon and applause from pink-clad supporters marked an annual tradition of honoring what's bigger than basketball.

The Pink Game raises awareness, funds, and support for local survivors. As Marist faced off against conference opponent Merrimack, the 15th annual Pink Game raised money for Miles of Hope with a 50/50 raffle, and featured a sports bra donation drive by The Sports Bra Project.

Miles of Hope executive director Pari Forood raises money 365 days a year for breast cancer survivors in the Hudson Valley. The foundation supports survivors and their families with education, financial assistance, and scholarships across nine counties. Through fundraising efforts like the Marist Pink Out, Miles of Hope contributes millions of dollars toward medical bills, costs of living, and transportation. "People have literally not had treatment because they couldn't afford to get there," Forood said. "They couldn't pay their heating bill, electric bill payments, food, gas, you name it."

After a half-court buzzer-beater shot closed out the first half of the game, McCann Arena's attention turned to the halftime Salute to Survivors. The ceremony, a constant at this event, honors breast cancer survivors in attendance as they are announced at center court.

"We're just so honored that [survivors] want to be there," said Forood, "For a disease to have a happy time like this, that's a gift." Basketball programs nationwide highlight breast cancer awareness in partnership with nonprofit Play4Kay, which

honors the legacy of late NC State coach Kay Yow, who publicly shared her breast cancer journey.

Harrison Baker, Marist Athletics' associate athletic director and head of external affairs, coordinates yearly with Miles of Hope. This is Baker's eighth year involved at the Pink Game and each Salute brings a familiar feeling. "It's always a special night. And [it's] really fun to get to work with the survivors and give them their moment... The applause of the crowd gets me every time," Baker said.

Repeated attendance by survivors and local organizations shows the widespread impact of the Pink Game. It means Marist does its job as a community partner, according to Baker. "The cause itself affects so many people. We see it year to year when people come back and want to be a part of this game," he said. "It's showing people that we're here for them, and we're accessible."

Interested in supporting breast cancer survivors? Community members can host their own fundraisers to support Miles of Hope, from bake sales to marathons, lemonade stands and Zumba classes. As more organizations and individuals become involved with the foundation, awareness will spread even further, Forood said. The Miles of Hope website also features resources including a peer-to-peer hotline with trained survivor dispatchers, and local sites where women can receive free mammograms.

Miles of Hope promotes regular screening for early cancer detection, and representation like the Marist Pink Out can inspire people to take personal caution. "We are a huge, bright pink reminder that you need to get a mammogram this year," said Forood. "Because you can spread the word but if you don't point people towards the resources, you're only doing half the work."

Right: Jackie Piddock of Marist University drives the ball past a Merrimack defender during Saturday's game.





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The Two Of Us Productions announces auditions

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All auditions are held at the Claverack Library's Marilyn & Bob Laurie Gallery, located at 629 NY-23B, Claverack. Performances are May 9-18, 2025 at the

Claverack Library. Sides will be provided at the audition. For more information or to get the sides in advance, please write the director at StephenSanbornPhD@gmail.com.

Synopsis

How does a creative artist come to terms with sudden fame? Photographer Ivy Wilmot found success as a photo-journalist but became a public figure when she married a movie star. As the marriage unraveled, so too did her career.

There was another man in love with her – but he was the FBI agent investigating her father. "Girl With A Camera" shows us a life that couldn't be constrained in the borders of a photograph.

Roles

IVY WILMOT – (this role is cast) A quiet, creative photographer who made name for herself in the 1970s and '80s.
MARC FRENCH - the troubled movie star who spent a few years as Ivy's husband.

NANCY ROSETTI - photo editor at Harper's Bazaar whose drinking didn't interfere with her creative judgment for a long while.

JEANNE MORRIS - IVY's high school English teacher and frequent needy visitor to IVY's life.

JULIUS WILMOT - IVY's father, an electronics engineer with the 1970s spy satellite project at Perkin-Elmer.

LESTER BORDERS - Clean-cut FBI agent with his own artistic pursuits.

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RES SOUND LLC. Filed 01/06/25 Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to 77 Upper Hook Rd, Rhinebeck NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Beautini, LLC Art. of Org filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 01/2/24. Office location: Dutches Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to Brittany Lo, 31 Cedar Pond Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful activities

CURATED PSYCHIATRIC SOLUTIONS, PLLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 11/22/24. Originally filed with the Secretary of State of Massachusetts on 02/16/24. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 6571 Springbrook Avenue, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Medicine.

MAXSON ELECTRIC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 13 Top O Hill Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Nikifor Properties LLC, a domestic LLC filed with the SSNY on 1/6/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Treybich Law, P.C., 272 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY

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12601. Purpose for LLC: any lawful.

Notice of Formation of INFINITE ATG LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/24/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of 381 Longmeadow LLC (hereinafter the Company) filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/8/2025. Office location of the Company is Dutchess County, New York. The Company has designated the SSNY as its agent upon which process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to the LLC at 11 Highland Street, Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: Any lawful purpose as permitted by applicable law.

4350 Albany Post Road LLC. Filed 1/2/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 4350 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: General.

GALAXTYC LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/2024. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Abrenim Rodriguez, 19 Maple St. 3rd Fl, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Reg Agent: Abrenim Rodriguez, 19 Maple St. 3rd Fl, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

FUTON, LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on September 9, 2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 1829 South Road, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of PAINTING & CONTRACTING BY

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CARLOS LUCAS, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on January 9, 2025 Office Location: Dutchess County SSNY shall mail process to the registered agent, whom is Carlos Lucas The principal place of business of Painting & Contracting by Carlos Lucas, LLC is 45 West Market Street, Red Hook, NY 12571 The purpose of Painting & Contracting by Carlos Lucas, LLC is to engage in any lawful purpose

MIRACLE JUNK REMOVAL LLC. Filed 1/2/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Fernando Maisonet Rosado, 11 Maple Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

Tempestry Project LLC. Filed 1/6/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 39 Streit Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of a Domestic Limited Liability Company Name of LLC: Dutch Barn Studios, LLC Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: January 14, 2025 Office of the LLC: Dutchess County The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 209 All Angels Hill Road, Wappingers Falls NY 12590 Purpose of LLC: For any and all lawful purposes for which an LLC may be organized in the state of New York.

SENTINEL CAPITAL LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with the SSNY on December 1, 2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY Designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC, 105 Waterbury Hill Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Berisha Hall LLC, a domestic limited liability company (LLC). Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 10, 2025. The LLC is located in Dutchess County. The SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process

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against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the office location: 21 South Mesier Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Dusty Yellowbird LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 01/03/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2 Austin Court, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful activity

Evwiehor Auto Ventures LLC Filed 01/15/2025. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 37 Wright Blvd, Hopwell Jct, NY 12533. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Qualification of 19 WASHINGTON AVENUE LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/13/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/01/21. Princ. office of LLC: 30 Bangall Rd., Millbrook, NY 12545. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation: Ruthful + Co LLC. Articles of Org. filed w/ Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) 1/21/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: Ruthful + Co LLC, 283 Mills Cross Rd., Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: any lawful activity.

VACATIONS BY JAKE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/16/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 13 Constitution Drive,

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Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LNE HOME IMPROVEMENT LLC. Filed 9/11/24. Office: DUTCHESS Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Jaime Patricio Lojano, 7 Neville Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

LD EVENT DESIGN LLC. Filed 11/4/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 24 Kent Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of Sanchez Towing & Recovery LLC. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/09/2024 Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as an agent of LLC upon whom the process may be served. SSNY shall mail the process to 69 Taft Ave Arlington NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful activity.

83 NORTH AVENUE P.V., LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/21/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Cappillino Rothschild & Egan LLP, 7 Broad St., Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 83 North Ave., Unit 1, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569.

Notice of Formation of NONNINA NY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/17/25. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 2703 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Schrom Family Farms LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on January 16, 2025. The office of the Company is located in Dutchess County, New York. The Company has designated the Secretary of State of New York as its agent upon which process against it may be served. The post of-

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office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 683 Bangall Amenia Road, Stanfordville, NY 12581. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law.

SAVONA'S PIZZA OF FISHKILL, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 1/13/2025. Off. Loc.: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 7249 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ORIGINAL SANTA CLAUS LLC Art. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/5/25 Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as Agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 13 Sterling Ct, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: any lawful activity.

64 East Market Street LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/11/2024. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 6822 US-9, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

Really Horrible Music, LLC filed with the SSNY on 1/13/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 152 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COPIOUS MANOR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/07/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Omar Al-Shloul, 77 Creek Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Glenham Manufacturing Company LLC filed w/ SSNY 1/15/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 78 Mason Cir, Beacon, NY 12508. Any lawful purpose.

Painted in Gold, LLC a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 11/14/24. Location, Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 20 Clover Way, Unit 3, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful. Business to facilitate art workshops.

Notice of Formation of A Horse's Heart, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 10/23/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 651 Schultsville Rd, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Fiona Eltz, 651 Schultsville Rd, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Purpose: any lawful activity.

POPE AND HAYMAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/24/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 101A S. Hamilton Street, Apartment 6A, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

DURANT'S, LLC, filed App. for Auth. with the SSNY on 12/18/2024, using the fictitious name DURANT'S NY LLC. Office: Dutchess County. LLC formed in CT on 1/7/1997. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and shall mail process to: 1155 Rte 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. The address of the principal office: 1155 Rte 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Cert of Formation filed with CT Sec'y of State, 210 Capital Ave, Ste 104, Hartford, CT 06106. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Professional Services
Town of Wappinger
Fleetwood Manor Sewer District Improvements
Issuing Date: 1/27/2025 Proposals Due: 3/10/2025

BACKGROUND

The Town of Wappinger located in Dutchess, is requesting qualifications from professional engineers or firms licensed to practice professional engineering in the State of New York to prepare designs, oversee construction and pursue funding for the design and construction of improvements to the existing sewage collection system and the existing wastewater treatment plant serving the Fleetwood Manor Wastewater Sewer District.

This RFQ is intended to allow the Town of Wappinger to engage a qualified consultant in accordance with an open solicitation process in accordance with Federal and State requirements to enable professional services needed to be eligible for repayment using grant and loan program funds.

SCOPE OF WORK

Phase I – Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report

A Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), an Environmental Review Record (ERR), and/or an Environmental Report (ER), including NEPA and SEQRA on the selected alternative, that will detail the system's shortcomings, evaluate alternative improvement options, recommend a strategy, and provide anticipated costs to construct, operate, and maintain the recommended strategy shall be prepared.

As the Town of Wappinger intends to seek State and Federal funding to assist in the implementation of the Fleetwood Manor Sewer District Improvements, the PER, the ERR, and/or ER must be prepared in conformance with the requirements of all potential funding streams, including, but not limited to:

- * NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and NYS Department of Health State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program.
* NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) Program.
* Dutchess County Community Development Block Grant.
* USDA Rural Development Water and Environmental Programs (WEP).
* Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).
* EPA Community Grant.

Findings from the PER will drive costs of further planning, design, bidding, and construction work.

Phase II – Grant Writing

The Town of Wappinger intends to apply for project funding from several potential sources. The successful firm must demonstrate familiarity with potential funding applications including but are not limited to USDA Rural Development Water and Environmental Programs (WEP), the NYS Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF), the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA), the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and the NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP).

Phase III – Additional Services

Upon securing and/or procurement of funding, additional required services will include:

- * Surveying.
* Final engineering design.
* Permitting.
* Construction administration.
* Construction observation.
* Grant administration.

TIMEFRAME FOR PERFORMING SERVICES

The Preliminary Engineering Report, Environmental Review Record, and/or Environmental Report must be completed prior to initiation of grant applications. Upon securing of funding, timeframes for completing survey services, final engineering design, and construction phase services will be predicated upon deadlines stipulated in grant applications.

RFQ REQUIRED INFORMATION & FORMAT

Qualification Statements should include the following information:

- * Firm Summary/Profile.
* Proof of license to practice professional engineering in the State of New York.
* Statement of capability to meet time requirements, including the ability to work closely and efficiently with local staff.
* Demonstration of experience and qualifications in performing the services required in compliance with applicable standards, including:
- Profiles of at least three (3) current or recent projects of similar size and complexity.
- Demonstration of familiarity with, and the ability to comply with, all applicable funder requirements for development of the PER, ERR, and/or ER.
- Resumes and qualifications of staff that are anticipated to be assigned to work on the project.
- Experience and success at securing state and federal infrastructure grants.
- Minimum of three (3) client references.

In addition, Respondents will be required to meet all Terms and Conditions required by agencies that may provide funding for this project, including, but not limited to:

- * NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and NYS Department of Health State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program.
* NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) Program.
* NYS Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
* USDA Rural Development Water and Environmental Programs (WEP).
* Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).
* EPA Community Grant

Note: Grant-specific terms and conditions may be added to selected consultant's contract upon award.

The selected Respondent will be required to comply with all Minority and Women Business Enterprises (M/WBE), Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB), and Section 3 requirements associated with funding streams that may be utilized for this project as appropriate.

Respondents that are Certified M/WBEs or SDVOBs should provide certification with their submittal. Firms that are not M/WBE or SDVOB certified should demonstrate a track record of, and ability to, partner with certified firms to meet the requirements of funding streams that may be utilized for this project.

METHOD OF COMPENSATION

The consultant shall describe its preferred method of compensation for the scope of services.

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Call of Election

RESOLUTION BY THE Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls, New York, as follows:

SECTION 1: That pursuant to Section 504 of the Election Law, the general Village Election of and for said Village will be held on the 18th day of March 2025, and that the polls shall be open for voting between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M.

SECTION 2: That the said Village has been divided into three (3) election districts and that a description of said districts, together with the polling place for each such district is as follows:

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1: All that portion of said Village lying North and West of the Wappinger Creek; the polling place in District No. 1 is the Village Hall 2582 South Avenue in said Village.

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2: Election District No. 2 is comprised of all that portion of said Village generally bounded as follows: on the South by the Village boundary line, on the North by East Main Street, on the East by South Avenue and on the West by the Wappinger Creek and the polling place is the Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue in said Village.

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 3: All that portion of the Village lying outside the two districts above described; the polling place is the Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue in said Village.

SECTION NO. 4: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following are names, addresses, offices, and term candidates are nominated for:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Table listing candidates for Democratic Party: Kevin Huber (2725 West Main, 2 Yrs, Mayor), Don McCormick (25 Hillside, 2 Yrs, 1st Ward, Trustee), Rosemarie Vanca (15 Dutchess Ave., 2 Yrs, 2nd Ward, Trustee), John Tyliszczak (26 South Mesier, 2 Yrs, 3rd Ward, Trustee)

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Table listing candidates for Republican Party: Jenifer Niznik (3 Carmine Drive., 2 Years, Mayor), Don McCormick (25 Hillside, 2 Yrs, 1st Ward, Trustee), Rosemarie Vanca (15 Dutchess Ave., 2 Yrs, 2nd Ward, Trustee), Ryan Chimento (22 Liss Rd, 2 Yrs, 3rd Ward, Trustee)

VILLAGE FIRST PARTY

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John M. Karge, RMC, CMC.
Village Clerk & Chief Election Officer
Village of Wappingers Falls

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

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HUDSON VALLEY CREDIT UNION F/K/A HUDSON VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, SUMMONS
Index No.: 2024-53448
D/O/F: 07/25/2024
Mortgaged Premises: 3 Center Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
SBL#: 6061-27-867934-00
Plaintiff,

-against- MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY; SOLAR MOSAIC, INC.; NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF HUNG M. TRUONG AND ANY OF HIS SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE

NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

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BACKGROUND

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This RFQ is intended to allow the Town of Wappinger to engage a qualified consultant in accordance with an open solicitation process in accordance with Federal and State requirements to enable professional services needed to be eligible for repayment using grant and loan program funds.

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A Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), Environmental Review Record (ERR), and/or an Environmental Report (ER), including NEPA and SEQRA on the selected alternative, that will detail the system's shortcomings, evaluate alternative improvement options, recommend a strategy, and provide anticipated costs to construct, operate, and maintain the recommended strategy shall be prepared.

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TO LOCATE AN ENTITY NEAR YOU, YOU MAY CALL THE TOLL-FREE HELPLINE MAINTAINED BY THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES AT 1-800-342-3736 OR VISIT THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AT http://www.dfs.ny.gov.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE.

REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW.

FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS BE CAREFUL OF PEOPLE WHO APPROACH YOU WITH OFFERS TO "SAVE" YOUR HOME. THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO WATCH FOR NOTICES OF FORE-

CLOSURE ACTIONS IN ORDER TO UNFAIRLY PROFIT FROM A HOMEOWNER'S DISTRESS. YOU SHOULD BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL ABOUT ANY SUCH PROMISES AND ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU PAY THEM A FEE OR SIGN OVER YOUR DEED. STATE LAW REQUIRES ANYONE OFFERING SUCH SERVICES FOR PROFIT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WHICH FULLY DESCRIBES THE SERVICES THEY WILL PERFORM AND FEES THEY WILL CHARGE, AND WHICH PROHIBITS THEM FROM TAKING ANY MONEY FROM YOU UNTIL THEY HAVE COMPLETED ALL SUCH PROMISED SERVICES.

§ 1303 NOTICE

The name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed: Hudson Valley Credit Union f/k/a Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union.

Unless you dispute the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, within thirty (30) days after receipt hereof, the debt will be assumed to be valid by the herein debt collector.

If you notify the herein debt collector in writing within thirty (30) days after your receipt hereof that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of any judgment against you representing the debt and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to you by the herein debt collector.

Upon your written request within 30 days after receipt of this notice, the herein debt collector will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor if different from the current creditor.

Note: Your time to respond to the summons and complaint differs from your time to dispute the validity of the debt to request the name and address of the original creditor. Although you have as few as 20 days to respond to the summons and complaint, depending on the manner of service, you still have 30 days from receipt of this summons to dispute the validity of the debt and to request the name and address of the original creditor. TO THE DEFENDANTS, except THE ESTATE OF HUNG M. TRUONG and THE ESTATE OF HUE T. TRUONG: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

Dated: July 25, 2024 Yours, etc. HANDEL & CARLINI, LLP By: /s/ Anthony C. Carlini, Jr. Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 1984 New Hackensack Road Poughkeepsie, New York 12603 Tel. No. (845) 454-2221 TO: Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company One M&T Plaza Buffalo, NY 14240 Solar Mosaic, Inc. 1212 Broadway Ste 300 Oakland, CA 94612 New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance Harriman Campus Road Albany, NY 12226 Internal Revenue Service All Unknown Heirs, Devises and Personal Representatives of Hung M. Truong And Any Successors in Right, Title And Interest

INDEX NO.: 2023-53593 Date Filed: 1/27/2025 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

MORTGAGED PREMISES: 92 Ritter Road, Stormville, New York 12582 SBL #: 6655-03-103412 Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate. STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF DUTCHESS U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust, Plaintiff, vs.

Sylvia Astrologo, Individually and as Heir of the Estate of William H. Tuttle; Unknown Heirs of The Estate of William H. Tuttle and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence

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- * Firm Summary/Profile.
* Proof of license to practice professional engineering in the State of New York.
* Statement of capability to meet time requirements, including the ability to work closely and efficiently with local staff.
* Demonstration of experience and qualifications in performing the services required in compliance with applicable standards, including:
- Profiles of at least three (3) current or recent projects of similar size and complexity.
- Demonstration of familiarity with, and the ability to comply with, all applicable funder requirements for development of the PER, ERR, and/or ER.
- Resumes and qualifications of staff that are anticipated to be assigned to work on the project.
- Experience and success at securing state and federal infrastructure grants.
Minimum of three (3) client references.

In addition, Respondents will be required to meet all Terms and Conditions required by agencies that may provide funding for this project, including, but not limited to:

- * NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and NYS Department of Health State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program.
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* NYS Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
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* EPA Community Grant.

Note: Grant-specific terms and conditions may be added to selected consultant's contract upon award.

The selected Respondent will be required to comply with all Minority and Women Business Enterprises (M/WBE), Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB), and Section 3 requirements associated with funding streams that may be utilized for this project as appropriate.

Respondents that are Certified M/WBEs or SDVOBs should provide certification with their submittal. Firms that are not M/WBE or SDVOB certified should demonstrate a track record of, and ability to, partner with certified firms to meet the requirements of funding streams that may be utilized for this project.

METHOD OF COMPENSATION

The consultant shall describe its preferred method of compensation for the scope of services.

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All proposals received will be evaluated and ranked by the Town of Wappinger Board according to the following criteria:

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The Town of Wappinger Board will review each proposal in detail. Evaluation and ranking of submissions, and selection of a firm, will be based on demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services required. These include: past experience with similar projects; demonstrated ability to secure funding for project implementation; capacity to provide key personnel and appropriate staffing plan; and respondent's understanding of the project. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals in whole or in part, to waive any and all informalities, require supplemental statements or information from any responsible party, negotiate potential contract terms with any respondent to this RFQ, have discussions with any respondent to this RFQ to correct and/or clarify responses which do not conform to the instructions contained herein, and to disregard non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional proposals.

INTERVIEWS

Respondents will be notified if an interview is desired.

RFQ SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Respondents should submit seven (7) bound copies of their qualification statements no later than 4PM on March 10, 2025. Proposal packages should be clearly labeled Town of Wappinger Mid-Point Sewage Collection System Improvements and WWTP Replacement and delivered to: Joseph P. Paoloni, Clerk, Town of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The Town of Wappinger reserves the right not to answer any questions regarding this solicitation that might create an unfair advantage to companies that request additional information or clarification. Because this RFQ is posted publicly without document tracking, there will be no record of firms that receive a copy, and there is no way to ensure that answers to questions are provided to all interested parties.

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BACKGROUND

The Town of Wappinger located in Dutchess, is requesting qualifications from professional engineers or firms licensed to practice professional engineering in the State of New York to prepare designs, oversee construction and pursue funding for the design and construction of improvements to the existing water sources that serve the Untied Water Improvement district.

The United Wappinger Water Improvement District (UWWID) currently serves approximately 3,600 connections in the Town of Wappinger. The UWWID has a current source capacity which safely accommodates average day and peak day demand, however the Town Board intends to limit additional connections to the water supply until additional source capacity is demonstrated.

This RFQ is intended to allow the Town of Wappinger to engage a qualified consultant in accordance with an open solicitation process in accordance with Federal and State requirements to enable professional services needed to be eligible for repayment using grant and loan program funds. The selected consultant will be required to work collaboratively with the existing project team and must be capable of assisting the Town with securing funding, engineering, and construction phase services required for project implementation. The consultant selected by this RFQ will be required to assist with the preparation of applications for, and administration of Federal Community Grants, State Revolving Fund financing and WIIA grant funding. Once funding is secured, the selected consultant will be required to provide the professional engineering services needed to deliver a completed project.

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A Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), an Environmental Review Record (ERR), and/or an Environmental Report (ER), including NEPA and SEQRA on the selected alternative, that will detail the system's shortcomings, evaluate alternative improvement options, recommend a

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dence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; The Vascular Group; CACH, LLC; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC/A/P/O General Electric Capital; Midland Funding LLC; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue Service; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME.

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THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$300,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess on March 29, 2010, as Document Number 012010 2790, covering premises known as 92 Ritter Road, Stormville, NY 12582, SBL #: 6655-03-103412. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.

TO the Defendants Unknown Heirs of The Estate of William H. Tuttle and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein state, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Maria G. Rosa, J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Dutchess, dated January 23, 2025 and filed January 24, 2025.

Dated: January 29, 2025 /s/ Christie M. Montero Christie M. Montero, Esq. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840 New York, New York 10170 Phone: 347.286.7409 Fax: 347-286-7414 Attorneys for Plaintiff, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust HELP FOR HOME-OWNERS IN FORECLOSURE

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Joseph P. Paoloni, Clerk

Town of Wappinger

20 Middlebush Road

Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005 SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-HE1,

-against-

JONATHAN BAKMEZIAN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF GLORIA BAKMEZIAN, ETAL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess on January 8, 2025, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005 SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-HE1 is the Plaintiff and JONATHAN BAKMEZIAN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF GLORIA BAKMEZIAN, ETAL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the DUTCHESS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, REAR LOBBY, 10 MARKET STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601, on March 10, 2025 at 2:30PM, premises known as 27 NATHAN HALE DRIVE, STORMVILLE, NY 12582; and the following tax map identification, 6655-1-339544.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 2021-80060. Barry H. Friedman, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF

SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

LEGAL NOTICE FOR APPLICATION OF FRANCHISE RENEWAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Spectrum Northeast, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, has filed an application for Renewal of its Cable Television Franchise in the Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York.

The application and all comments filed relative thereto are available for public inspection at the Town of Pleasant Valley office during normal business hours. Interested persons may file comments on the application with the Town of Pleasant Valley clerk and with the New York State Public Service Commission within 10 days of publication. Comments may be addressed to Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF THE CWBMS INC., CHL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH TRUST 2005-HYB6, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-HYB6, Plaintiff against- MICHAEL SEDGWICK, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated January 7, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the rear lobby located at the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY on March 18, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Washington, County of Dutchess and State of New York, known and designated as Section 6664 Block 00 Lot 667504.

Said premises known as 354 SOUTH ROAD, MILLBROOK, NY 12545. Approximate amount of lien \$831,708.87 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 53474/2023.

ANTHONY TIRONE, ESQ., Referee DRUCKMAN LAW GROUP PLLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

242 Drexel Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590 For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. DLG# 39461 {*Northern Dutchess*}

Notice is hereby given that a license, number "Pending" for beer, cider, wine has been applied for by Kangaroo Cafe LLC and Bounce Hudson Valley LLC to sell beer, cider, wine at retail in a restaurant/cafe under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 2001 South Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, Dutchess County for on premises consumption.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT PVFD2401R NB-1 Notice is hereby given that SEALED PROPOSALS for: PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT FIRE PUMP REPLACEMENT 1619 Main St., Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 H2M project No.: PVFD2401R Bids will be received until 12:00PM prevailing time on Friday, February 28th, 2025 at the Fire Department Headquarters, located at 1619 Main St, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Proposals will be opened at that time. Hard copies and electronic bid documents will be available beginning at 4:00 pm prevailing time on Monday, February 10th, 2025. Complete Digital Sets of bidding documents, plans and specifications, may be obtained online as a download at the following website: melville.h2mplanroom.com for a non-refundable fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each combined set of documents. Plans and Specifications may be obtained from Revplans, 28 Church Street, Unit 7, Warwick, New York 10990, upon deposit of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each combined set of documents. Checks or money orders shall be made payable to PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT, checks should be sent directly to REVplans. Bidder's deposit will be refunded if the set is returned to REV in good condition within thirty (30) days following the award of the contract or the rejection of the bids covered by such plans and specifications.

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The Town of Wappinger reserves the right not to answer any questions regarding this solicitation that might create an unfair advantage to companies that request additional information or clarification. Because this RFQ is posted publicly without document tracking, there will be no record of firms that receive a copy, and there is no way to ensure that answers to questions are provided to all interested parties.

Responses to this RFQ are prepared and submitted at the sole cost and expense of the proposer. ** Certified Minority and Women-Business Enterprises (M/WBE) and Section 3 businesses are encouraged to submit proposals. **

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Professional Services Town of Wappinger Wildwood Sewer District Improvements Issuing Date: 1/27/2025 Proposals Due: 3/10/2025

BACKGROUND

The Town of Wappinger located in Dutchess, is requesting qualifications from professional engineers or firms licensed to practice professional engineering in the State of New York to prepare designs, oversee construction and pursue funding for the design and construction of improvements to the existing sewage collection system and the existing wastewater treatment plant serving the Wildwood Wastewater Sewer District. The district serves a total of three hundred thirty eight (338) parcels, consisting of two hundred thirty (230) single family residential homes, one (1) duplex residential parcel, one (1) triplex residential parcel, one (1) converted residence, three (3) parcels each with six 1-bedroom apartments per parcel, two (2) Town owned vacant parcels, along with a one hundred (100) unit apartment complex consisting of 28 one (1) bedroom units and 74 two (2) bedroom units. The existing wastewater treatment facility is located off New Hackensack Road in the Town of Wappinger and is reported to be on the order of 50 years old. A recent modification to the SPDES permit for the facility proposes lower ammonia and dissolved oxygen (DO) limits and will make it difficult for the existing facility to consistently meet the proposed permit conditions.

This RFQ is intended to allow the Town of Wappinger to engage a qualified consultant in accordance with an open solicitation process in accordance with Federal and State requirements to enable professional services needed to be eligible for repayment using grant and loan program funds. The selected consultant will be required to work collaboratively with the existing project team and must be capable of assisting the Town with securing funding, engineering, and construction phase services required for project implementation. The consultant selected by this RFQ will be required to assist with the preparation of applications for, and administration of Federal Community Grants, State Revolving Fund financing and WIIA grant funding. Once funding is secured, the selected consultant will be required to provide the professional engineering services needed to deliver a completed project.

SCOPE OF WORK

Phase I – Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report

A Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), an Environmental Review Record (ERR), and/or an Environmental Report (ER), including NEPA and SEQRA on the selected alternative, that will detail the system's shortcomings, evaluate alternative improvement options, recommend a strategy, and provide anticipated costs to construct, operate, and maintain the recommended strategy shall be prepared. This will enable the development of specific future implementation projects and the ability to seek funding for them.

As the Town of Wappinger intends to seek State and Federal funding to assist in the implementation of the Wildwood Sewer District Improvements, the PER, the ERR, and/or ER must be prepared in conformance with the requirements of all potential funding streams, including, but not limited to:

- * NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and NYS Department of Health State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program.
* NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) Program.
* Dutchess County Community Development Block Grant.
* USDA Rural Development Water and Environmental Programs (WEP).
* Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).
* EPA Community Grant.

Findings from the PER will drive costs of further planning, design, bidding, and construction work.

Phase II – Grant Writing

The Town of Wappinger intends to apply for project funding from several potential sources. The successful firm must demonstrate familiarity with potential funding applications including but are not limited to USDA Rural Development Water and Environmental Programs (WEP), the NYS Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF), the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA), the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and the NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP).

Phase III – Additional Services

Upon securing and/or procurement of funding, additional required services will include:

- * Surveying.
* Final engineering design.
* Permitting.
* Construction administration.
* Construction observation.
* Grant administration.

TIMEFRAME FOR PERFORMING SERVICES

The Preliminary Engineering Report, Environmental Review Record, and/or Environmental Report must be completed prior to initiation of grant applications. Upon securing of funding, timeframes for completing survey services, final engineering design, and construction phase services will be predicated upon deadlines stipulated in grant applications.

RFQ REQUIRED INFORMATION & FORMAT

Qualification Statements should include the following information:

- * Firm Summary/Profile.
* Proof of license to practice professional engineering in the State of New York.
* Statement of capability to meet time requirements, including the ability to work closely and efficiently with local staff.
* Demonstration of experience and qualifications in performing the services required in compliance with applicable standards, including:
* Profiles of at least three (3) current or recent projects of similar size and complexity.
* Demonstration of familiarity with, and the ability to comply with, all applicable funder requirements for development of the PER, ERR, and/or ER.
* Resumes and qualifications of staff that are anticipated to be assigned to work on the project.
* Experience and success at securing state and federal infrastructure grants.
* Minimum of three (3) client references.

In addition, Respondents will be required to meet all Terms and Conditions required by agencies that may provide funding for this project, including, but not limited to:

- * NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and NYS Department of Health State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program.
* NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) Program.
* NYS Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
* USDA Rural Development Water and Environmental Programs (WEP).
* Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).
* EPA Community Grant.

Note: Grant-specific terms and conditions may be added to selected consultant's contract upon

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Non-bidders shall receive partial reimbursement, in an amount equal to the amount of the deposit, less the actual cost of reproduction of the documents if the set is returned in good condition within thirty (30) days following the award of the contract or the rejection of the bids covered by such plans and specifications. Any bidder requiring documents to be shipped shall make arrangements with the printer and pay for all packaging and shipping costs. Please note REV plans (melville.h2mplanroom.com) is the designated location and means for distributing and obtaining all bid package information. Only those Contract Documents obtained in this manner will enable a prospective bidder to be identified as an official plan holder of record. The Provider takes no responsibility for the completeness of Contract Documents obtained from other sources. Contract Documents obtained from other sources may not be accurate or may not contain addenda that may have been issued. All bid addenda will be transmitted to registered plan holders via email and will be available at melville.h2mplanroom.com. Plan holders who have paid for hard copies of the bid documents will need to make the determination if hard copies of the addenda are required for their use and coordinate directly with the printer for hard copies of addenda to be issued. There will be no charge for registered plan holders to obtain hard copies of the bid addenda. Bids must be made in the standard proposal form in the manner designated therein and as required by the Specifications that must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name of the job and name and address of the bidder on the outside, addressed to: PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT, clearly marked on the outside: Re-Bid For: Fire Pump Replacement. Each proposal submitted must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond, made payable to the PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, as a commitment by the bidder that, if its bid is accepted, it will enter into a contract to perform the work and will execute such fur-

ther security as may be required for the faithful performance of the contract. Certification of bonding company is required for this bid, see Instructions for Bidders section. Each bidder shall agree to hold his/her bid price for forty five (45) days after the formal bid opening. A pre-bid meeting and walk thru is scheduled for 11:00AM on Wednesday, February 19th, 2025. Potential bidders are asked to gather at the site, at which time they will be escorted to the areas of work. It is the Board of Fire Commissioner's intention to award the contracts to the lowest qualified bidder who can meet the experience, technical and budget requirements. The Board of Fire Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any informality and to accept such bid which, in the opinion of the Board of Fire Commissioners, is in the best interests of the District. NOTICE TO BIDDERS PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT PVFD2401R NB - 2 Bids include all costs associated with the project. By submitting a bid, the bidder represents that they are familiar with the site and project conditions. Additionally, prior to submitting its bid, Contractor shall make Architect and Owner aware of any problems and/or inconsistencies in the bid documents. Pleasant Valley Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the 12 day of March, 2025, at 7 PM p.m. at Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls shall adopt a proposed Local Law entitled "Local Law No. D of the Year 2025, Creating Chapter ___ Littering".

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the purpose and intent of the proposed Local Law is to create a new Chapter ___ entitled "Loitering" in order to maintain a clean, wholesome, attrac-

tive and safe environment as well as minimizing nuisances to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Wappingers Falls.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees hereby determines that the enactment of the aforesaid Local Law is a Type II Action and not subject to environmental review pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(33).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed Local Law are available for review and inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Village Hall, 2628 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York.

Dated: February 13, 2025 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS John M. Karge JOHN KARGE, VILLAGE CLERK

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award. The selected Respondent will be required to comply with all Minority and Women Business Enterprises (M/WBE), Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB), and Section 3 requirements associated with funding streams that may be utilized for this project as appropriate.

METHOD OF COMPENSATION

The consultant shall describe its preferred method of compensation for the scope of services.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

All proposals received will be evaluated and ranked by the Town of Wappinger Board according to the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria

Table with 2 columns: Evaluation Criteria, Points. Includes rows for successful provision of engineering services, history of securing grants, and respondent's understanding of the project.

The Town of Wappinger Board will review each proposal in detail. Evaluation and ranking of submissions, and selection of a firm, will be based on demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services required.

INTERVIEWS

Respondents will be notified if an interview is desired.

RFQ SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Respondents should submit seven (7) bound copies of their qualification statements no later than 4PM on March 10, 2025.

Joseph P. Paoloni, Clerk

Town of Wappinger

20 Middlebush Road Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The Town of Wappinger reserves the right not to answer any questions regarding this solicitation that might create an unfair advantage to companies that request additional information or clarification.

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a continuation of a PUBLIC HEARING on the 12th day of March, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls,

New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls shall adopt a proposed Local Law entitled "Local Law No. D of the Year 2025, a Local Law to Amend Chapter 151 of the Village of Wappingers Falls Code entitled "Zoning".

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this Local Law amends the Village of Wappingers Falls Zoning Law to correct minor textual errors and a minor error on the Zoning Map, to provide provisions for solar canopies and solar carports, and to require a buffer adjacent to Wappinger Creek and Wappinger Lake in order to protect water quality. The proposed amendments are designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of Village residents, and to bring the Village's Zoning Law into conformance with Greenway Connections: Greenway Compact Program and Guides for Dutchess County Communities pursuant to Chapter 17 of the Village Code. The proposed amendments are consistent with the recommendations of the Village's Comprehensive

Plan. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees hereby determines that the enactment of the aforesaid Local Law is a Type I Action pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Part 617 (commonly known as "SEQRA"). PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed Local Law are available for review and inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York and on the Village of Wappingers Falls website at www.wappingersfallsny.gov. Dated: 13 February 2025

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS John M. Karge JOHN KARGE, VILLAGE CLERK

NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF DUTCHESS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPAC-

ITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF THE TRUMAN 2021 SC9 TITLE TRUST, Plaintiff, v. PATRICK J. LLOYD AKA PATRICK LLOYD, ET AL, Defendants. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the Office of the County Clerk of Dutchess County on January 6, 2025, I, Mark A. Siesel, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on March 24, 2025 at the Rear Lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, at 03:30 PM the premises described as follows: 91 Clove Branch Road Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 SBL No.: 6458-04-531223 ALL THAT TRACTOR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess, State of New York. The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 2023-52214 in the amount of \$212,748.95 plus interest and costs. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the Court System's COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such

all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 500 Bausch & Lomb Place Rochester, NY 14604 Tel.: 855-227-5072 105398-184215

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the 25th day of February, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance:

Appeal No.: 24-7837 (Area Variance)

Joshua Indorf: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R20/40 Zoning District.

-Where 20 feet to the side yard (right) property line is required, the applicant can provide 0.9 feet for the legalization of an existing barn, thus requesting a variance of 19.1 feet.

The property is located at 2505 Route 9D on 0.56 acres and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6157-01-243907 in the Town of Wappinger. All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above.

Signed: John Lorenzini, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger February 12, 2025

TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

The East Fishkill Town Board is requesting proposals on Brush Drop Off for the Town of East Fishkill. Brush Drop off dates will be for Spring and Fall of 2025.

Bid specifications may be obtained at the Town Clerks Office in the East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:45pm. Bids are to be returned to the Town Clerks Office in a sealed envelope clearly marked Brush Drop Off Bid no later

than noon March 18, 2025. Peter J. Cassidy Town Clerk BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL February 19, 2025

Notice is hereby given that Public Hearings will be held by the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals, Dutchess County, on Tuesday the 25th day of February, 2025 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard at the Town of East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct Public Hearings on the following applications.

1. Anuj Singh & Curtis Blalock, 5 Old Grange Rd., Hopewell Junction, requesting a variance for a proposed 24'X 26' (624sf) detached garage in the front yard pursuant to Section 194-107 and the Schedule of Bulk Regulations. Footprint of existing house is 1,731. 2. Wayne & Colleen Karabinos, 14 Pleasant Hill Rd., Hopewell Junction, requesting a 76sf size variance for a proposed 28'X 30' (840sf) detached garage pursuant to Section 194-107 and the Schedule of Bulk Regulations. Footprint of existing house is 1,274.

3. Coremark Hopewell LLC, 793 Route 82., Hopewell Junction, requesting a 7% lot coverage variance, a total signage variance of 42.3 sf, a variance for an additional wall sign, a 42.3 sf variance for total wall signage, a 2' variance for wall sign height, a variance for two additional free-standing signs, and 24' variance from the front yard landscaping requirement and a 10' variance from the side yard landscaping requirement pursuant to Section 194-116 and chapter 153.

4. Joseph Minasi, 29 Thunder Rd., Hopewell Junction, requesting an appeal from the Zoning Administrators determination of the front yards pursuant to Section 194-14.2 and Local Law #7 of 2022. Norma Drummond Chairperson

East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals

TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

The East Fishkill Town Board is requesting proposals on Cleaning Services for Municipal Buildings for the Town of East Fishkill.

Bid specifications may be obtained at the Town Clerks Office in the East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:45pm. Bids are to be returned to the Town Clerks Office in a sealed envelope clearly marked Cleaning Services Bid no later than noon March 18, 2025.

Peter J. Cassidy Town Clerk

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL February 19, 2025

PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT NOTICE OF RESOLUTION TO EXPEND MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Please take notice that at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District held on February 11, 2025, the resolution abstracted below was passed by the Board, subject to permissive referendum.

Be It Resolved that pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District in the Town of Pleasant Valley, County of Dutchess does hereby approve the expenditure of up to \$220,000.00 from the Capital Reserve for the acquisition of a 2025 Command Vehicle and upgrades to our communication system. The Capital Reserve Fund is a "type" fund as described in General Municipal Law §6-g(2)(b). This resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

Dated: February 11, 2025 Jennifer Broas, Secretary Board of Fire Commissioners Pleasant Valley Fire District

The deadline for Legals is every Monday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication*

*When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Friday at noon.

NYS: Direct File offers free option to e-file state and federal tax returns

Tax season is open and the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance encourages New Yorkers to consider using the Direct File program to e-file their federal and state tax returns. After last year's successful pilot program, the IRS and New York State expanded Direct File eligibility to allow more taxpayers to file their 2024 federal and state personal income tax returns for free.

"The Tax Department is excited to expand the Direct File program to provide simple and free tax filing to New Yorkers," said New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Acting Commissioner Amanda Hiller. "The program expansion covers more tax

credits and different types of income. Check your eligibility to see if Direct File is right for you."

Direct File is a great option for taxpayers with basic returns: those with one or two main sources of wages claiming the most common deductions and credits. New Yorkers with 2024 wages of up to \$200,000 - or \$250,000 if filing a joint return - may qualify. Taxpayers can access Direct File from their smartphone, laptop, tablet, or desktop computer - in English or Spanish.

"Expanding the Direct File program provides taxpayers with an additional resource to help them meet their tax obligations and claim the credits they deserve," said Yversha Roman, Director

of Strategic Partnerships and CASH (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) with Empire Justice Center in Rochester. "Eligible New Yorkers can save hundreds of dollars in tax preparation fees with this free, easy-to-use filing option."

The average New York taxpayer can save around \$260 in tax preparation fees by using Direct File.

To get started with Direct File:

- Check eligibility for New York State Direct File at <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/efile/direct-file/direct-file-eligibility.htm>. The Direct File program has expanded this year, so taxpayers may qualify even if they didn't last year.

- Check eligibility for IRS Direct File at <https://directfile.irs.gov/state>. New York State and the IRS have different filing conditions, so it's important to review both.

- If eligible for both, go to "File your taxes for free" to get started. After filing the federal return, tax information will be seamlessly transferred to New York State Direct File to complete the New York State return. For more information, visit IRS Direct File news (<https://www.irs.gov/filing/irs-direct-file-for-free>) and the Tax Department's Direct File webpage (<https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/efile/direct-file/>) for the latest updates and information about Direct File.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the resolution published herewith has been adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, on December 11, 2024, and was approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the Hughsonville Fire District at a special election held February 11, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Fire District is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Such resolution was duly approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the Fire District voting at the special election duly called, held and conducted on February 11, 2025. Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York February 13, 2025.

Kim Flower, Fire District Secretary
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
HUGHSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 38.00 of the Local Finance Law and Section 179 of the

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Town Law, a special election of the qualified voters of the Hughsonville Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, will be held on February 11, 2025, at the Fire House at 88 Old Hopewell Road, in Wappingers Falls, New York, in the Fire District, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock P.M., and 9:00 P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by ballot on the adoption or rejection of the following resolution:
BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 11, 2024.
A RESOLUTION OF THE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OF THE HUGHSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A PUMPER TANKER FIRE TRUCK AND RELATED APPARATUS, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$1,503,077, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,253,077 BONDS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT AND EXPENDITURE OF \$250,000 FROM THE FIRE DISTRICT'S CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR EQUIPMENT TO PAY THE COST THEREOF. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York (the "Fire District"), as follows:
Section 1. Acquisition of a Pumper Tanker Fire Truck and related apparatus for the Hughsonville Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, including incidental improvements and ex-

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penses therefor, is hereby authorized at an estimated maximum cost of \$1,503,077.
Section 2. It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing of such specific object or purpose is by the issuance of \$1,253,077 bonds of the Fire District, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, and the expenditure of \$250,000 from the Fire District's Capital Reserve Fund for Equipment. Such expenditure of \$250,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund is hereby authorized.
Section 3. It is hereby further determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is twenty years, pursuant to subdivision twenty-seven of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.
Section 4. The faith and credit of the Hughsonville Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in the Fire District, a tax without limitation as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.
Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the is-

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suance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Fire District Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Fire District Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.
Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the Hughsonville Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Fire District Treasurer and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Fire District Secretary.
Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, including private sale of the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Fire District Treasurer, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he or she shall deem best for the interests of the Fire District; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, he or she shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Fire District Treasurer shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who

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shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.
Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the Fire District by the facsimile signature of its Fire District Treasurer, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or a designated official of the Fire District), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Fire District Treasurer. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the Fire District not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and con-

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tains such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Fire District Treasurer shall determine.
Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 -2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.
Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:
1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Fire District is not authorized to expend money, or
2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
Section 11. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in full in Southern Dutchess News, which is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Fire District for such purpose, together with a notice of the Fire District Secretary in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.
Section 12. This resolution is

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adopted subject to the approval of the qualified voters of the Fire District a special election of the Fire District to be held on February 11, 2025.
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The polls will be kept open for the purpose of voting during the aforesaid hours and the proposition will be in substantially the following form, to-wit:
PROPOSITION
Shall the bond resolution entitled:
"BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 11, 2024. A RESOLUTION OF THE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS OF THE HUGHSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A PUMPER TANKER FIRE TRUCK AND RELATED APPARATUS, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$1,503,077, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,253,077 BONDS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT AND EXPENDITURE OF \$250,000 FROM THE FIRE DISTRICT'S CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR EQUIPMENT TO PAY THE COST THEREOF," duly adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fire District on December 11, 2024, be approved?
Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York December 11, 2024
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HUGHSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK
By Kim Flower
Fire District Secretary

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 11. Oscar De La _____
 12. *Do this backwards to try hard to please
 13. Range
 15. Petri dish gel
 16. Celestial bear
 17. K-pop home
 18. *Cold one is offensive
 20. Sportscaster Andrews
 21. Outer space path
 22. Hold title to
 23. *Take this to commit to marriage
 26. Bullet factory
 30. Even, poetically
 31. Trim
 34. Sitar music
 35. Kon-Tiki and such
 37. Be in a cast
 38. Very, in music
 39. Actress Barrymore
 40. "Long Day's Journey into Night" playwright
 42. Between Mar. and May
 43. Annulling
 45. Loads
 47. Compass point between NE and E
 48. Dugout river ride
 50. Check-in via text
 52. *Sign of nervousness (2 words)
 55. One up
 56. Lowest female voice
 57. One quark plus one antiquark
 59. Toothpaste brand
 60. Riddle without solution
 61. Cogito _____ sum
 62. *Leg's partner, price-wise
 63. Make a mistake
 64. Robin's house

- DOWN**
1. "Eureka!"
 2. *They cause no problems when they sleep
 3. Nursemaid, in India
 4. _____ 5, band
 5. "Il Trovatore" composer
 6. Garment insert
 7. Month before Nisan
 8. Torus, pl.
 9. Word before sesame
 10. *Cupful that's not for everyone
 12. Adjective derived from bulb
 13. Distorts
 14. *Cutting these leads to poor results
 19. Prods
 22. Dot follower
 23. Lost, in Provence
 24. Live's partner
 25. Hungry
 26. Voting no
 27. Like Fran Drescher's voice
 28. Wide open
 29. Bear digs
 32. Group of buffaloes
 33. *Breaking it relieves tension
 36. *When these meet, one can afford what they want (2 words)
 38. Remote in manner
 40. Football's extra point
 41. "The Call of the Wild" author
 44. Gold bar
 46. Dig further
 48. One on artist's wheel
 49. Communion table
 50. Feline vibration
 51. Unit on a list
 52. *Easy piece
 53. Ireland's other name
 54. Duds
 55. Edible tuber
 58. 1990s negation

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Agatha Christie's classic whodunit 'The Mousetrap' comes to Rhinebeck

Up In One Productions, in collaboration with The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, will present the iconic murder mystery play "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie. The production will run from Feb. 21 to March 2, with performances on Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 1, at 3 p.m.; and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are available for \$25, and can be purchased at centerforperformingarts.org.

As a snowstorm traps guests at a newly opened countryside inn, an unsettling message arrives: a murderer is on the loose, and the killer may be among them. Tensions rise, secrets unravel, alliances shift, and danger closes in as Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" keeps audiences on the edge of their seats until the jaw-dropping final twist. In this thrilling tale of deception and intrigue, "The Mousetrap" challenges the audience to put on their detective hats, solve the mystery, and, as always, keep the secret of the killer's identity once the curtain falls.

Featuring an ensemble cast of local talent including Shelli Koffman, Joshua Ezra, Justin Doro, Elaine Young, Champ Knecht, Cassidy Browne, Rik Lopes, and Jackson Bowles, "The Mousetrap" promises to be a gripping and unforget-

table evening. The production is directed by Vera Perry, whose recent directorial work includes Pushkin's "The Little Tragedies" in The Center's new Black Box space.

A timeless classic, "The Mousetrap" first debuted in London's West End in 1952, and holds the title of the longest-running play in the world. Originally created as a radio drama for Queen Mary's 80th birthday, Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" has captivated audiences for decades with its suspenseful plot and unexpected twists. As one of the best-known works in Christie's vast catalog, this play brings the art of the whodunit to life and leaves audiences guessing until the very end.

Note: This production includes the use of fake cigarettes and cigars.

The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck experienced a period of great adjustment over the past five years, from the challenges of keeping the venue open during the COVID-19 pandemic to the loss of two beloved leaders: Kevin Archambault, who passed in January 2022; and Lou Trapani, who passed just months ago in July 2024. Despite these hardships, The Center remains steadfast in its mission to provide quality entertainment, a safe and welcoming space for the arts, and a place for creative exploration.



The cast of Up In One Productions' "The Mousetrap" is pictured. Agatha Christie classic whodunit opens this Friday, Feb. 21, at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck.

-Courtesy photo Up In One Productions

Under the leadership of Managing Director Kerry Dotson, Creative Director Olivia Michaels Bogert, and Director of Education Victoria Howland, The Center continues to evolve, adding a new Black Box space, expanding educational programs, and by working with a wide range of artists from all backgrounds.

"The Mousetrap" is not only an essential part of Agatha Christie's legacy, but also aims to be a part of The Center's legacy of resilience and dedication to the arts. Join us for a thrilling night of suspense and mystery that you won't soon forget.

The Center is at 661 Route 308, just east of the Village of Rhinebeck.

Cary Institute to present program on fate of world's largest trees

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies will host a public lecture featuring forest ecologist Evan Gora, a staff member and a Fellow at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute on Friday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. Gora will explore the fate of some of the world's largest trees and why they are so important.

Guests can attend the presentation in-person, at Cary's Millbrook auditorium, or via live stream. For more information and to register, visit caryinstitute.org/events.

Tropical forests like the Amazon store vast amounts of carbon in the trunks, branches, and roots of their trees. Over half of this carbon is locked up in the largest 1% of trees. These giants, which can live for hundreds to thousands of years and grow to massive heights, play an outsized role in mitigating climate change.

When giants die, we lose the rich biodiversity they support, and the carbon

they store is released back into the atmosphere. Understanding their fate, at a time when tropical trees are dying at an increasing rate, is critical. Gora is co-leading Gigante, a project exploring when, where, and why giant tropical trees die. Using forest forensics, drones, and computing, he is working with an international team to monitor the fate of trees in large-scale plots across four countries on three continents: Panama, Brazil, Cameroon, and Malaysia. By understanding what is killing giant trees, the Gigante team is developing a clearer picture of which tree species are best at surviving major stresses like lightning, wind, drought, and disease. This information is vital to tropical forest conservation and restoration.

There will be time for the audience Q&A following the presentation. There are separate signups for in-person seating in the auditorium and virtual access via live stream.

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East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

We are now signing up residents for our casino trip on Thursday, April 17 to Resorts Catskills Casino. All participants will receive \$25 free slots play, a \$15 food voucher and round-trip Coach Tours transportation including the driver's tip. The fee is \$50. You may sign up on line or at the Rec Office on Anne Avenue. Checks should be made out to Town of East Fishkill. This trip fills fast!

Baseball and softball are coming soon. Opening day is Saturday, April 12. Our Spring Fling/ Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 6. Red Wing Park opens Memorial Day weekend May 24-26. Season passes will go on sale May 5.

Our 2025 East Fishkill Recreation Guides are in! The "Guides" may be picked up at

East Fishkill Town Hall, the East Fishkill Community Library, the Community Center or the Davis House.

Our Summer Camp is for youngsters 6-14 years of age. Camp registration begins Monday, March 3.

Our Winter Basketball Leagues will continue through the weekend of March 1 and 2. Games and practices are canceled when schools close or have early dismissal.

We will begin signing up residents on March 3 for our trip to Paramount Hudson Valley on Friday, May 2 to see "So Good the Neil Diamond experience." The fee is \$89 dollars for the 8pm show and includes round trip Coach Tours transportation, tip for driver and Orchestra seats.

If you have any recreation questions or concerns please call 845 226-8395 or email Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov.