

Local events postponed, canceled due to precautions with COVID-19

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In response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19 transmission in the community, a number of businesses and organizations are canceling events where crowds of people would normally attend. We will publish as many notifications as possible in our weekly paper and post notices on our Facebook page (Southern Dutchess News Group).

Keep in mind: This is a fast-changing situation. If you plan to attend any event in the near future, it would be a good idea to contact the venue/organizers beforehand to confirm the event is still being held.

Last week, Gov. Cuomo banned all large-scale events over 500 people when announcing a State of Emergency for New York. Smaller events/venues must not exceed half of their maximum seated capacity.

On Friday, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro also declared a State of Emergency, suspending all large social and community gatherings, including county-sponsored events, to allow adequate social distancing. The declaration also suspended all visitation at Dutchess County Jail, postponed all Civil Service Exams and suspended all classroom and extracurricular functions for 14 days, including extra-curricular activities.

In addition, the Dutchess County Office for the Aging's eight Senior Friendship Centers are also closed.

Other events that have been reported cancelled or postponed:

- The Tower Music Series concert by

2nd Ceremony scheduled Sunday, March 22, at The Reformed Church in Poughkeepsie, has been canceled.

- Anderson Center for Autism announced last week that Autism Community Field Day, scheduled for Saturday, April 18, has been canceled. Any questions regarding this announcement can be directed to Kelly Dooley at KDooley@AndersonCares.org or 845-889-9208.

- Grace Smith House Spring Brunch & Auction, scheduled for April 19, has been postponed. office@gracesmithhouse.org

- WomensWork.art in Poughkeepsie has canceled the remainder of its March events; its April exhibitions, "The Future is Female" and "Through the Eye," have been postponed until later this year. Both WomensWork.Art and Clinton Street Studio will be closed through the end of April. (845)293-3660 or info@womenswork.art

- The Majed J. Nesheiwat Convention Center (formerly the Mid-Hudson Civic Center), McCann Ice Arena and Ice Time Sports Complex will be closed until further notice. The closure will be re-evaluated on a week-by-week basis.

The 5th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade of Green was postponed. The annual event was scheduled for Saturday, March 14 on Main St. in the City of Beacon.

It was with an abundance of caution and care for our community in the midst of this health crisis that the difficult decision to postpone the 5th Annual Beacon's St. Patrick's Day Parade of Green to a date to

be determined, announced the City of Beacon in a press release.

The release stated that "City of Beacon and the parade organizers take this decision seriously and the number one commitment is to the safety of both our marchers and the spectators."

"The city leaders and parade organizers look forward to celebrating this great parade in the near future. This was an extremely difficult decision for the parade committee and the City and they ask that everyone look forward to the future date and stay safe and well."

The Fresh Air Fund, out of an abundance of caution, canceled the 2020 Sharpe Reservation Sugar Maple Celebration. The event was scheduled for Saturday, March 28. The organizers decided the most important thing is the health and safety of the vendors and attendees, which is why they made the decision to cancel.

The free event, which invites community members to the property this one day a year, includes: Maple Sugaring Demonstration, Nature Discovery Room, Planetarium Shows, Live Animal Show, Local Crafts and Food Market, and the Annual Maple Syrup Judging Contest.

Organizers look forward to seeing everyone at the Sugar Maple Celebration on March 20 in 2021.

For more information, visit www.FreshAir.org/Sharpe or call 845-897-4320.

The Bardavon in Poughkeepsie has postponed or canceled performances for



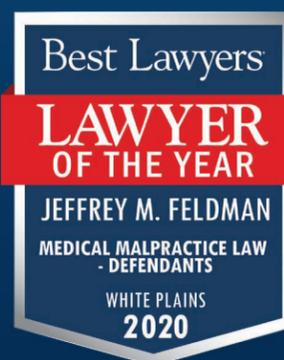
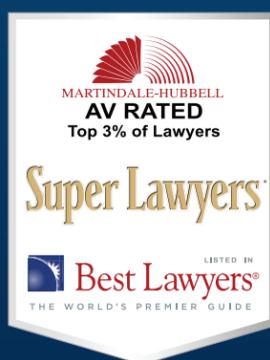
The Fresh Air Fund's annual Sugar Maple Celebration has been canceled for this year due to precautions regarding COVID-19. Next year's event is set for March 20, 2021.

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at least the next 30 days.

"The Bardavon has been closely monitoring the escalation of the Coronavirus outbreak. Our first priority is the safety of artists, patrons, staff, and the broader community. All health authorities clearly emphasize social distancing as the best way to deter the spread of COVID-19; therefore, we have decided to postpone all events at Bardavon and UPAC (in Kingston) for a minimum of 30 days, effective immediately," read the announcement. "We are actively formulating plans for next steps, rescheduling concert and event dates and communicating with all our patrons. As this issue unfolds we will continue to evaluate the situation and communicate our plans."

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