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## Town of Montgomery tax increase anticipated

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The Town of Montgomery board has juggled many challenges throughout this year, but it faced its biggest one this month: the 2025 preliminary budget review. This particular budget was a hard pill to swallow for both residents and officials, as the town needed to raise taxes and consider ways to reduce fund balance spending.

Katie McKnight, the town's account clerk, presented the preliminary budget that she and the town's finance department drafted on October 16. McKnight first listed the assessments for village residents, town residents, and the ambulance district; all three initially shared a tax percentage of 29.35%, a 28.63% increase from 2024. The tax rates for each group included the following:

a. Village residents had a tax rate of \$2.40, a \$1.05 increase from 2024, and a village household with an assessed value of \$200,000 would pay \$480.45 in taxes, a \$209.84 increase.

b. Town residents had a tax rate of

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## Parents to VC: stay in Walden Walden residents make a plea for a village school



Walden residents spoke passionately last week about keeping an elementary school inside the village.

Valley Central Board members, staff and consultants listened for an hour last week as residents made their case to have an elementary school in the Village of Walden.

Valley Central School Superintendent Evette Avila moderated the meeting attended by approximately 50 people last Thursday at the Valley Central High School auditorium. The Town Hall followed Architect Tom Ritzenthaler's presentation of four options in his report on the future

of the school at the October 30 special school board meeting. Those options included renovating the existing Walden Elementary School on Orchard Street; renovating and building an addition to the existing Walden Elementary School; razing the building and constructing a new school building at the same location, or building a new elementary school building at a different location.

The Walden Elementary School Committee, chaired by Principal Gregory Heidemann, expressed its

preference at the Oct. 30 meeting. They'd prefer a new school at a new location.

"And so tonight we are here to answer any questions and hear comments from our community," Avila said, opening up the meeting for public comment.

George Hoeffner a fifth-grade teacher at Walden has taught at all the schools in the district since 2010.

"I graduated in 2005 here from

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**Shawangunk Town Board**, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 14 Central Ave., Wallkill.  
**Crawford Town Board**, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 121 Route 302, Pine Bush.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25  
**Maybrook Village Board**, 7 p.m. Village Hall, 111 Schipps Lane.  
**Town of Montgomery Planning Board** 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3  
**Walden Village Board**, 6:30 p.m. Bradley Assembly Room, 3rd Floor, Village Hall.  
**Gardiner Town Board**, 7 p.m. Town Hall, Route 44-55.  
**Town of Shawangunk Planning Board**, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 14 Central Ave., Wallkill.  
**Montgomery Village Board**, 7:30 p.m. Village Hall, 133 Clinton Street.

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# Montgomery's historian retires

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**B**rian Fitzpatrick, former Village of Montgomery historian, retired from his position last Friday, November 15 after he and his wife Charlene worked tirelessly at the Montgomery Village Museum for over five years. Fitzpatrick is a longtime and passionate resident who has greatly influenced the village's development for over a decade; as he wrote on the village museum's logo, he believes in honoring the past, celebrating the present, and embracing the future.

Fitzpatrick grew up in the Bronx before he and his family moved to Orange County in 1974. He graduated from Pine Bush High School in 1974 and earned his bachelor's in communications and organizational leadership from Marist College in 2004. After graduating from high school, Fitzpatrick married Charlene and began his 35-year career with the U.S. Postal Service, starting as a window clerk and retiring as an executive.

While commuting between Circleville and Wappingers Falls, Fitzpatrick frequently passed through the Village of Montgomery, and after seeing houses for sale, he and his family moved to the village in 1978. He retired from the USPS in 2009 and began working at Winding Hills Golf Course, where he met his future best friend: Marc Devitt, president of Devitt Hospitality and an outgoing community member. While not initially active in the village, Fitzpatrick became much more involved after befriending Devitt.

"When I was in postal service, I wasn't involved in the village at all because I commuted to the city, came home, and raised my daughter. My wife and I were in a commuting world, so we were not active in the village," Fitzpatrick said. "As soon as I retired, I think a month or two later, I started working in a golf shop and as a ranger at Winding Hills Golf Course, and that's where I got to know Marc Devitt. And that started my village journey 15 years ago, working with Marc."



Brian Fitzpatrick inside the Montgomery Village Museum.

Since 2009, Fitzpatrick has contributed to numerous village boards, projects, and events. He served as the president of the village's Chamber of Commerce, a member of the American Legion, and a volunteer for the Clinton Street bandstand committee, St. Patrick's Ramble, and The Great Race. Fitzpatrick also worked with Devitt and the late Trustee Walt Lindner to secure the village's New York Forward grant and helped the village through the Forward process as a member of the Local Planning Committee.

Fitzpatrick, through his outreach efforts, gained a deep appreciation for the village, its residents, and its businesses. He adored the community's beauty and history and dedicated himself to enhancing these elements further through downtown revitalization.

"I feel like I've been in a movie since I retired, and the village has exceeded every expectation I've had. I just fell in love with the businesses and meeting these people here," he said. "Marc Devitt and I, along with Walt Lindner and Kevin Conero, worked on

the downtown revitalization and tried to elevate everything we were doing. I saw this quintessential Norman Rockwell vision of what these streets could be and what this village was. I've always had an appreciation for the streets here, that that extended to New York Forward, the bandstand, and the parks."

"And it's all going to keep growing. Our village is now a charming, picturesque village that people are attracted to," he continued. "Everybody wants to live here, they see this beautiful place to be and live in, and it's unbelievable."

Out of all the hats Fitzpatrick wore over the years, his most recent and well-known role was as the village historian. Marion Wild, a late resident and former historian, requested Fitzpatrick to take over for her, insisting that he would make a great successor. After enough persuasion, he agreed and became the new historian in April 2019, under the condition that he and Charlene could work on the village museum together.

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# Pine Bush Area Arts Council turns 40

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Members of the Pine Bush Area Art Council gathered at the Crawford Town Hall on Wednesday, November 6 to celebrate the group's 40th anniversary, enjoying refreshments and reading old newspapers while reminiscing on the council's history and contributions to the hamlet, from hosting art and music shows to revitalizing Main Street.

In the early 1980s, Pine Bush was a far cry from its past and present glory; most of Main Street's buildings were boarded up and vacant, and the hamlet was void of community activity and business diversity. Pine Bush residents John and Sharon Tarolli sought to change this, so they teamed up with their neighbor Richard J. Smith, a real estate broker, to initiate the hamlet's Renaissance Project in 1982. This partnership evolved into the Pine Bush Area Business Council, which later became the PB Chamber of Commerce, comprising three committees for infrastructure, marketing, and government. Two years later, members of the council's marketing committee would form the PCAAB.

"Back 40 years ago, Main Street was a ghost town; 60% of the buildings were closed, boarded up, dilapidated, and abandoned. A group of us got together and said 'Listen, we can do better than this,'" Smith said. "So we came up with a plan and worked with local professionals who volunteered their time, including an engineer, some artists, and a set designer for Columbia Pictures."

The PCAAB, in collaboration with the business council, worked tirelessly on the Renaissance Project and spent decades researching 1950s and '60s



Members of the Pine Bush Area Arts Council gathered recently for a celebration.

aesthetics, securing grant funding, and designing the hamlet's new look. The group also received help from Don Tirell, a Columbia Pictures set designer, who provided cost estimates and advice for bringing out each building's fullest potential. While the Renaissance Project is still ongoing, the PCAAB and business council successfully transformed Pine Bush's ho-hum Main Street into a fresh, vibrant, and thriving community spot filled with businesses at every corner.

"This was our plan, and we did it all ourselves," Smith said. "We didn't have some consultant who lived outside the area and gave us some contrived plan."

Following the Renaissance Project, the PBAAC continued enhancing Pine Bush and Crawford through various

activities and renovations. The group hosted numerous art shows, secured more grants for the hamlet, and established Crawford's annual Summer Concert Series. PCAAB members also toured several municipalities, including Newburgh and New Paltz, to discuss the Renaissance Project and help other communities revitalize their streets.

"As newbies to the community, my husband and I found out about the Summer Concert Series through the art council right after the pandemic, and it was magical," said PCAAB Member Judi Bosco. "I always look forward to going to the concerts every year, they have such a great range."

During a recent celebration, PBACC members expressed pride in

their accomplishments since forming the council in 1984, and they hope to continue implementing more art and music into Pine Bush for years to come.

"I'd like to thank the Town of Crawford, Supervisor Carnes, the board, previous supervisors, the town's community services department, and Joan Miller for years and years of support and assistance, and for organizing our 40th anniversary. Thank you all," said PCAAC President Ron Carter.

"Art makes the world go around, and it's nice seeing art represented at the Crawford; you don't see much of that in Orange County," said PBAAC Member Vicky Adams.

## Town of Crawford Republicans pick 2025 candidates

With Election Day 2025 still more than 11 months away, the Town of Crawford Republican Committee has announced its endorsements for the 2025 elections, with Michael Menendez receiving the nod for town supervisor. Other endorsements include Jason Muehr and Richard Mahon for the town board,

Jessica Kempter for town clerk, Russell Futrell for highway superintendent, and Connie Latimer for tax collector.

Additionally, the committee backed Mark Schuh and Bryan Kulak for town judge, Kelly Eskew for county clerk, and Rob Sassi for county legislator.

Craig Brown was previously endorsed for county court judge in October.

Committee Chairman Charles E. Carnes, who currently serves as town supervisor, announced he would not seek a 13th term in office.

# Forest of Fun developer returns to planning board

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Developers of Outdoor Venture Group returned to the Town of Montgomery planning board on Monday, November 12 with another round of updates for their Forest of Fun Aerial Adventure Park, a rope course park proposed for Scotts Corners.

Kelly Naughton, an attorney with Naughton Torre Law, opened the hearing with several clarifications to the project, starting with the annual attendance. At the last planning board meeting, the project's course builder stated that the park would attract 20,000 to 40,000 annual visitors, but the actual attendance would likely be 65,000 to 75,000. Naughton added that the park would utilize a timed entry system, preventing too many people from attending the park at a given time.

"This park uses a timed entry system, it spreads the visits across a day. It's not going to be a large spike of vehicles, and my client said this region would have four to six time slots per hour and 12 reservations per time slot," she said. "So if you want to go at a certain time and that time slot's booked, you have to pick a different

time."

Regarding hours of operation, the project's engineer previously mentioned that the park would close at 10 or 11 p.m. Naughton stated, however, that the park would stop taking in visitors around 7 or 8 p.m., as the park's employees would need to close down the rope courses by 10 or 11 p.m.

"While we said some of the closing times are between 10 and 11 p.m., that includes the workers and employees closing down the park," she said. "The park is going to stop accepting admissions between two and a half to three hours before that close time so that people can finish their rope courses before they leave."

For noise, Naughton asserted that the project would generate far less noise than the traffic on Scotts Corners. She noted that the site will have extensive buffering and distance separating the park from its neighbor, Fox Hill Bruderhof.

"Our largest noise generators would be the HVAC systems for the buildings, and the closest residents to that are about 915 feet away. It's pretty far, and between those distances, there's 100 to 200 feet of vegetative buffer," Naughton said. "We did meet with

the Bruderhof neighbors, we did add additional landscaping and extend the fence, which they had requested during our meeting with them."

Lastly, Naughton explained that the site's proposed water tower was the town's request, not the applicant's; the project's developers will be responsible for the tower's grading and access road.

"We met with your town engineer and we designated that parcel for the water tower. We will designate it to the town upon its request, and we are going to grade and build the access road to that tower for the town when we do the excavation for the park," she said. "We're not going to prepare that pad site for the town but we're going to put the road in for the town."

Philip Grealy, a principal at Collier's Engineering & Design, stated that he and his team prepared traffic studies and improvement plans for the park's access road off Route 208. He mentioned that the developers are working with the New York State DOT on a few items, including the project's site drainage, the removal of a passing zone on Route 208, and the potential need for a traffic signal.

"We did receive comments from the New York State DOT back in August,

we responded in October," Grealy said. "They asked us to look at extending the taper of that lane, and we have done and resubmitted that. They also had comments on drainage and we proved the SWPPP and so on."

During public comment, Bruderhof resident David Blough acknowledged the developers' efforts to screen and distance their project from his neighborhood, but he reiterated that the site is still close enough to have a substantial impact on Bruderhof. He requested the developers to add more landscaping and screening and landscaping between the two properties.

"Yes, the closest house is 900 feet away, but our property is right bordering, so it does change the potential," he said. "If we ever build a house or use the property, it would no longer be 900 feet away, so it does affect us from noise to lights to everything."

Fred Reichle, planning board chairman, stated that he and the board are waiting for the DOT's comments and will likely begin writing a negative declaration for the project. The board agreed to continue this hearing on November 25 at 7:40 p.m.

## Montgomery's LPC votes on final NY Forward projects

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It's been a long ride, but after months of planning, reviewing, and collecting feedback, the Village of Montgomery's Local Planning Committee reached its last New York Forward meeting on Thursday, November 7. With the evaluation process completed, the committee voted on the final project slate to be submitted to the state.

Tommy Boston and Christina Kastalek, consultants from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc., presented an updated project list, now featuring detailed cost breakdowns and feedback from the village's second public workshop. Said feedback reflected residents' thoughts on each project's transformative potential for the village, with most residents favoring the public projects over the private ones. For this session, the consultants tasked LPC members with reviewing

each project one last time before voting on the slate.

Since the last meeting, the sponsor for the 76 Union Street mixed-use development withdrew from the program and consolidated their plans with the Overhiser Funeral Home expansion. This left nine projects totaling \$6,781,000 in NY Forward request funds and \$11,319,000 in costs.

"76 Union has since dropped off of the list of projects, and the project sponsors for 76 Union and Overhiser have since consolidated their project into one to now incorporate some of the elements from 76 Union into the Overhiser Funeral Home," Kastalek said.

### The Project List

a. The village's four projects include establishing Wayfinding signage, enhancing streetscapes and connections, redesigning Veterans Memorial Park, and improving downtown buildings with the Small

Project Fund. These four totaled \$4,170,000 in NYF request funds and \$4,320,000 in costs. Most residents agreed that all four projects would be great additions to the village.

b. The Montgomery Nursery School expansion totaled \$588,500 in requested funds and \$618,500 in costs; the project plans now feature new furnishings and landscaping. Most residents considered the expansion highly transformative.

c. The 63 Clinton Street renovation and expansion totaled \$526,000 in requested funds and \$702,000 in costs. The project received mixed support, with some residents in favor of the project and many others not so much.

d. The 71-73 Clinton Street mixed-used development totaled \$950,000 in request funds and \$4,950,000 in costs. The project received polarizing feedback from

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\$8.56, a \$2.28 increase from 2024, and a town household with an assessed value of \$200,000 would pay \$1,712.52 in taxes, a \$456.31 increase.

c. The Montgomery Ambulance District had a tax rate of \$0.5597, a \$0.0684 increase from 2024, and a district property with an assessed value of \$200,000 would pay \$111.94 in taxes, a \$13.68 increase.

McKnight then read the appropriations and revenues for village and town residents. Across all funds, appropriations for retirement will increase by 45%, health insurance will increase by 5%, and liability insurance will increase by \$60,000. Salaries for the Montgomery Police Department will increase by 13%, as the town seeks to bring its police salaries to parity with other municipalities in Orange County. The town will also appropriate \$121,000 to the DA fund, providing more

money for the highway department, and increase the ambulance district's funding by 20%.

For revenues, village residents will have a total revenue of \$2,483,990.85, a \$760,000 decrease from last year, and town residents will have a total revenue of \$5,721,391.19, a \$462,000 decrease. McKnight noted that the lower revenues were due to the mortgage taxes coming in and that the town had additional revenue last year after selling a building on 112 Bracken Road.

Later in the meeting, McKnight clarified the proposed budget's most glaring detail: the substantial increase to residents' taxes. She explained that over the last few years, the town has over-relied on its fund balance to maintain the budget. While this practice prevents residents' taxes from rising, it will eventually deplete the entire fund balance, putting the town in a tight spot if an emergency or unexpected expenditure arises.

"One of the things that's been happening is we've been using the fund balance to stabilize our operating budget, which is not something you should do. It's bad budgeting, and you should be balancing your operating expenses with operating revenue" McKnight said. "If you're going to use fund balance it should be for capital projects or one-off things. Using the fund balance is never a good idea because it's going to keep going down and down."

Starting in 2025, the town will initiate a three-year plan to reduce its usage of the fund balance. Barring capital projects, the town will stop withdrawing from the balance altogether within the next four to five years. Aside from raising taxes to the state's tax cap, the town will mitigate usage through careful planning and spending.

McKnight also listed changes to the budget since October 16. She and the finance department speculated that

they could lower the tax percentage from 29.35% to 18.72% by increasing the town's fund interest revenue, decreasing bond payment and insurance, and reducing the library appropriation line. This will lower village residents' taxes from \$480.46 to \$380.09 and town residents' taxes from \$1,712.53 to \$1,560.30.

The preliminary budget totaled \$18,554,695.71; as of November 14, the tax rate was lowered to 17.9%. Some of the proposed annual salaries included \$94,760.23 for the supervisor, \$21,735.18 for the deputy supervisor, \$18,393.58 for each councilmember, \$32,017.27 for each town justice, and \$99,918.32 for the highway superintendent.

The board, which adjourned the public hearing to Nov. 14, was scheduled to vote on the final budget November 20.

The full budget can be found on the town's website or at the town hall.

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# Walden residents make a plea for a village school

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the same school,” Hoeffner said. “My children will graduate from Valley Central. And I currently serve the Montgomery Fire Department as captain. I’m a Viking for life.”

He said only a new building can address the inequitable educational environment.

“At what point is it no longer cost effective to continue patching the building with Band-Aid style repairs? These included structural cracks and walls, classroom quality, annually painted hallway floors, handicap accessibility, students transferring buildings with leg injuries, damaged campus grounds with non-existent green space, capital project delays, internal and external security with constant door integrity issues, and the fact that all of the students that reside in the Walden community can’t go to Walden Elementary School,” he said. “These issues are rarely heard about unless you work in the building. Since that time, the district has completed a feasibility study, including the equity study of all elementary schools, identified BOCES data that population and enrollment is increasing.”

He said the school should have been maintained better, but if nothing is done, students will continue to work and continue to learn in an inequitable environment.

“We can’t lament that Walden Elementary was neglected and then do nothing about it. We all wish that it wasn’t this way. Our students deserve better than it’s always been this way,” Hoeffner said. “So my question to the administration in front of us tonight is how do you see these ongoing concerns being addressed without a new building?”

Bernadette “Bunny” Reichle, a former principal, said the building was in “pitiful condition” and asked that the district hold the referendum on the future of the school as soon as possible.

“I am so proud of the Walden School Committee recommending to the board a new school on a new site,” Reichle said. “That is what is necessary. I don’t care what anyone else says. I’ve been

around long enough. I was principal in a very old building with lots of issues.”

She urged the school board move up the process that currently calls for a public vote on a plan in December of 2025.

“We need to move forward on this project and we need to do it quickly. The building is in pitiful condition,” Reichle said. “It was when George (Hoeffner) was a student there with my son. Let’s get going.”

Brad Conklin, Assistant Superintendent for Business, clarified the process, noting that the board of education must make a decision and then submit the project to the State Education Department for approval and feedback, before it can go to a public referendum.

“That will ultimately drive what everybody in this room and the community is going to want to know is ‘what is my share going to be,’ Conklin said. “How is it going to impact my taxes? So it will take some time to get that answer from the state.”

Mary Ellen Matisse, a former Walden Village Trustee, presented a petition with 160 signatures to keep the school in the village.

“As community members, parents, and grandparents, we are concerned that the village of Walden will lose its neighborhood school, if a serious effort is not made to repair and or renovate the current structure at its present location,” Matisse said, reading from the petition.

“And our concern and the concern expressed to me by 115 people on September 28th who signed this, was to keep the school in the village and for really for one main reason. And that reason is delineated in the village of Walden comprehensive plan,” Matisse added. “It’s been in the comprehensive plan for many years. We started a full blown overview of a comprehensive plan in 2005, and we renewed it every five years since. And I don’t think that the issue about the school being in the village and the village’s intention of why they like it in the village has changed.”

She said walkability is important

and keeping the school in the village is essential to its viability.

Former Walden Mayor Susan Taylor spoke next.

“Full disclosure, I served as a Valley Central School Board member for two terms in the 90s, right after the Coldenham tragedy,” Taylor said. “On July 1, 1958, people who had great foresight centralized the Valley Central School District. During that process, the three villages were concerned that they would lose their identity and sense of community. They were assured by that committee that that would not happen. And we were able to preserve that until Maybrook (Elementary School) was sacrificed for 700,000 pieces of silver.”

At the time of the centralization, Walden, Montgomery and Maybrook Schools were all K-12 schools that would be converted into Elementary Schools. Taylor said Walden was running two sessions at the time, because of the high volume of students.

“We were a blue collar community. We were the first elementary school eligible for free lunch,” Taylor said. “We have working people and a very diverse community. Our school has been the center and the heart of our village for over a hundred years.”

Taylor asked if the district has earmarked property on which to build a new school.

“Anybody ever walk around the village to see where there’s eight plus acres? Do you have the property yet? Because if you don’t, you let every land owner in the Valley Central School District know that you’re searching for eight plus acres,” Taylor said.

She asked to board to consider that people’s finances are strained now.

“They’re gonna be strained in the future,” she added. “We want everything wonderful for our children, but government needs to do with what we can afford, just like the families that live here have to.”

Don Berger, a Village of Montgomery resident, asked what’s best for the children.

“We need to give them the best opportunity to learn,” Berger said.

“And Walden’s not it. That’s a horrific building.”

Becky Person, a Walden Village Trustee and former mayor, also wondered where the district might find eight suitable acres to build within the village.

“Taking it out of the village would be detrimental, and right now I can think of one piece of property that may be eight acres or so, which you’re talking about in the plan needs to be, and it’s under high tension wires,” Pearson said.

Jim Corbett said the district owes its children a facility with modern amenities, even if it’s not within walking distance of home.

“I fully support a new facility,” Corbett said. “A new facility on that ground would not suffice, would not do our children justice. We have 52 acres at Berea School and 34 acres at Coldenham Elementary School. I can’t see why some of that property couldn’t be used.”

Avila said several potential properties have been identified in the report but has not identified them, pending further feasibility study.

“We wanted to provide that information so that we knew at least there were properties to consider, but until the committee and the board ultimately makes a recommendation one direction or another, we wouldn’t go to the next step,” she said.

Avila closed the meeting by acknowledging Walden Elementary staff in providing a solid educational experience.

“They are an extremely dedicated staff and besides what happens with the physical building they have created a warm, caring, loving environment where they teach our children every single day from their heart and soul,” the superintendent said. “and I just wanted to say thank you for that and thank you for your continued love and dedication for our children and doing best for them every single day without a second thought.”

She urged everyone to “remain engaged during this process because it’s a process for all of us to contribute.”

# Montgomery's LPC votes on final NY Forward projects

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residents.

e. The 110 Clinton Street facade restoration totaled \$166,000 in requested funds and \$221,000 in costs. Many residents considered the project highly transformative, while others felt differently.

f. The Overhiser Funeral Home expansion totaled \$380,000 in requested funds and \$507,000 in costs; the project plans now feature an increased scope, a new bathroom, an additional office, and a retractable wall. Residents were very split on the project's transformative nature.

Overall, the LPC was very pleased with these nine projects and approved the final slate. The committee members felt that this list boasted a diverse mix of public and private initiatives that would significantly transform the village and enhance both residents and visitors' quality of life.

While this meeting marked the end of the review process, the village is far from finished with the Forward program. The village will submit its NYF Strategic Investment Plan, including the project list, to New York's Department of State this December. The state will then award projects from the list this spring, and the village will begin contracting for the chosen projects by the end of 2025.

Following the vote, Boston and Kastalek presented a post-Forward roadmap containing steps that the village could take to further enhance its downtown area. A few of the initiatives included projects that benefit residents of all ages, enhancements to the village's historical and cultural amenities, increased access to the Wallkill River waterfront, and policies that further develop Montgomery's vision.

"Montgomery's revitalization extends beyond the New York Forward



program; these steps are common themes we heard from the public during the second workshop last month," Boston said. "As part of our job as the project team, we're not just producing these presentations and working with the public. We've been listening this whole time, and this culminated into a community road map that is going to serve as a strategic guiding tool to sustain and build upon the progress you guys made during the New York Forward process."

Before closing the meeting, LPC

members and consultants thanked one another for their collaboration and continued dedication to the Forward program over this year. Brian Fitzpatrick, LPC member and former village historian. Expressed his gratitude to everyone involved in the process and handed out certificates to several committee members and consultants.

"I want to thank all of our LPC team members for sticking and staying on the train with us, because there's nothing more important than maintaining the integrity of how this turned out," Fitzpatrick said. "Our team members volunteered, endured long summers, and spent a lot of time reading and reviewing. These are the people that we have to rely on, all of us, for the completion of this process."

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**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), USDA

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the RBS, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by Goshen Solar I, LLC and Goshen Solar II, LLC, of Goshen, New York. The proposal is for construction of two solar sites consisting of a 5.45-MW and a 6.61-MW solar photovoltaic array and associated infrastructure, located at 111 Owens Road, Goshen, Orange County, New York 10924. Goshen Solar I, LLC and Goshen Solar II, LLC has submitted an application to RBS for funding of the proposal.

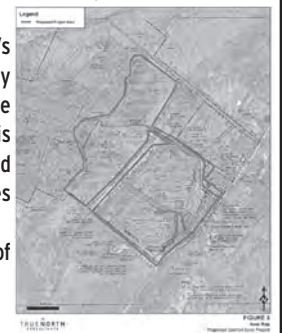
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Pereira, Energy Coordinator, RBS, United States Department of Agriculture, 9025 River Road, Marcy, NY 13403, (315) 570-2233, [gary.pereira@usda.gov](mailto:gary.pereira@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Goshen Solar I, LLC and Goshen Solar II, LLC proposes the construction and operation of two solar sites: a 5.45-megawatt (MW) DC / 4.00-MW AC and a 6.61-MW DC / 5.00-MW AC solar photovoltaic array and associated infrastructure within the Proposed Project Area. The Proposed Project will be located at 111 Owens Road, Goshen, Orange County, New York 10924. The Proposed Project will be situated on an approximate 52-acre portion of the larger 126.4-acre parcel identified as 10-1-10.22 by the Orange County GIS Department. The Proposed Project Area currently consists of undeveloped land, appearing to be former agricultural land, and wooded areas. The Proposed Project's infrastructure will include installing PV panels on a fixed racking system; inverters (to allow for the transmission to the existing utility grid); connections to the existing powerlines and necessary safety features including access roads, perimeter roads and fencing. The typical depth of ground disturbance for ground-mounted solar facilities ranges from 4' to 16' consisting of the steel pile foundation depth of 8' to 10' (maximum of 16' for inverter foundations). Ground disturbance will reach a maximum depth of 24". The Proposed Project will require approximately 19.85 acres of tree clearing for project development. Gravel or concrete equipment pads will be installed in several locations throughout the facilities. The estimated duration of construction is approximately 12-15-months, and it is anticipated that the facilities will operate for 35 years. Once the Proposed Projects have reached their operational end, the Proposed Project Areas will be decommissioned and returned to their pre-construction states following the guidelines of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

True North Consultants, Inc., an environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment for RBS that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. If implemented, the proposed project will permanently convert approximately 0.407 acres of wetlands, and temporarily convert approximately 0.27 acres of wetlands, with authorization under The Department of Army Nationwide General Permit Number 51. In accordance with Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, the purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this proposed conversion or effect and request comments concerning the proposal, alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and methods that could be used to minimize these impacts. RBS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to RBS at the address provided. RBS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RBS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures. A general location map of the proposal is shown here.



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# Opinion

## The quiet crisis of community engagement

**C**ommunity organizations are the lifeblood of any town, village, or city. They preserve history, foster civic pride, provide critical services, and create a sense of belonging that turns a collection of streets and buildings into a true home. Yet, across the nation—and right here in the Hudson Valley—these groups are struggling. Membership is declining, and attendance at events is dwindling.

Take, for instance, a recent “Meet & Greet” event in the Village of Walden. Hosted at the Anita Vandermark Community Center, it was an ideal opportunity for residents to connect with local organizations such as the Walden Historical Society, the Rotary, and even essential services like the police and fire departments. Despite the event’s potential to spark collaboration and mutual understanding, participation was far from what it could—and should—have been.

This is not an isolated incident. It’s a symptom of a deeper issue. Today’s fast-paced world, dominated by long work hours, digital distractions, and the lingering effects of pandemic isolation, has eroded the commitment many once felt toward community involvement. Once vibrant organizations are now facing dwindling rosters, fewer volunteers, and limited engagement.

The cost of this decline is steep. Without active community groups, local traditions fade, public services strain under the weight of inadequate support, and residents feel increasingly disconnected from one another. Events like the “Meet & Greet” are designed to reverse this trend, but they only succeed if people show up.

It’s time to recognize that community engagement isn’t just a nice-to-have; it’s a necessity. Joining an organization, volunteering, or even attending a single event can have a ripple effect. It strengthens the fabric of the community,

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## Yesteryear



St. Nicholas Hotel, Walden, NY (Undated postcard).

## LETTERS

### That didn’t take long

When Donald Trump stormed into office in 2017, his record a blank tablet, doubters were advised to “give him a chance.” That would be the patriotic thing to do, so it was said. Today, we have a full list of particulars from his 2017-21 years. (It’s important to include the 2021 part.) We also have all of Trump’s campaign threats and promises and the quickly re-emerging Project 2025, tucked away when it was politically inconvenient. Should we now retreat and give this a chance (not that MAGA cares what we do):

--Cabinet nominations (Gaetz, Gabbard, Hegseth, RFK Jr.) whose sideshow escapades (sex trafficking,

spy intrigue, provocative tattoos, brain worms) are secondary to their gross lack of experience for their positions . . . but understandable when issued by the canny barker-in-chief

--Trump’s demands to bypass and override the Senate’s constitutional role (Article II, Section 2) to advise and consent to those nominees

--The spectacle of the world’s richest man advising Trump how to dismantle the social safety nets that protect almost all Americans in one way or another

As in 2017, Senate Republicans are threatened: What

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# Days of sun and garlic

**N**ow that the biggest stones are off the field, it is time to get to work. This has been a very beautiful November and working outside in this weather, well, it doesn't get any better than this -- crisp mornings, clear blue skies, and a full sun, low enough to require a brim to shade the eyes. We are rapidly catching up on our chores, and with a full crew Saturday, we made some comforting progress getting the 2025 garlic into the ground.

This time last year, we were done with everything and had some black dirt in the south of the county we were happy to experiment in, but that avenue is closed to us this year and so we have been concentrating our efforts on the hill from where we took the stones. When we take a break from our back breaking endeavors, and stand up for a stretch, we can see the mountain in the west, and the leafless woodland below us, set for snowfall, and today, just for a moment, the white-headed bald eagle of Wallkill carouseling above us, heading home from a leisurely hunt.

I don't know how it happens but each season I seem to add a couple more steps to our planting procedure. This year I added the step of spraying last year's landscape fabric with a 50 to 1 solution of hydrogen peroxide from Oxidate 2 to, maybe, in my mind, sterilize the fabric we are reusing as a precaution against viruses and I don't know what. The fabric has one-inch holes burned in it every six inches, or so, and after the fabric is stapled to the ground, and sandbag, we plant the cloves through these holes right into the soil. But, before we roll out the fabric, we spread alfalfa pellets by hand for nitrogen, bone meal for root growth, Chilean nitrate, just because, and this year, something new, another step in the process, this year we are casting sulfur. I have come to the opinion that this added trace of sulfur may add a great deal of color to next year's garlic, purplish, or red. We shall see.

Once the augmentations have been applied, I rake it all in with a metal landscape rake. Doing this, I also pull out any stones over a certain size



**RICHARD L. PHELPS**

*Natural Essays*

(the size depends on how tired I am, the more tired, the larger the stones left behind...it's like a natural law of farming), and I rake them, along with any clumps of grass, or weed roots, and anything else I don't want, into neat piles which are then transferred out from between our rows to the skid steer bucket where they are added to the hedgerow stone pile you saw in last week's column. This completes the prep.

The fabric in place, we move the stakes for the next row, while the planters take over and put, by hand, a garlic clove in each hole. Our rows are averaging 800 garlic cloves per roll of fabric. While this row is being planted, the next row is being prepped. It's a rhythm.

I am planting seven varieties of garlic this fall. I painted some fresh row stakes this year to help with field coding the planting. For example, a blue tipped stake is for Carpathian, an earthy, mild garlic, while red tipped stakes are for Ukrainian red, our biggest crop, and hot like its color of stake. We put a painted stake at the beginning and end of each variety. There is another natural law of farming which reads, no matter how well these indications are intended, nor how diligently the signposts are set up, they WILL get confused over time. Garlic is a nine-month crop. A lot can go wrong!

After the fertilizers are down, and the fabric laid, and the garlic cloves planted, I come along with a wheelbarrow of beautiful compost and cover each hole with a handful of this compost. This year's covering is a concoction of City Winery grape pomace, mixed with manure and leaves, and cooked in a pile for a year on the edge of field near the hedgerow. This compost not only feeds the bulb below but adds some protection from the hard freezing soon to come, which could come any night now, protects the young fruit while it develops its first root growth.

Our final step will be to cover each walkway between the rows of fabric with a thick layer of woodchips to help inhibit weed growth next May and June. The wood chips add carbon to the field and we love chopped leaves for the same reason. Our soil needs more organic matter. We want to sink that carbon in. We try to do everything naturally without pesticides and so far we have 8,000 cloves in the ground for 2025. We try to do everything naturally, of course, as, after all, these are the Natural Essays.

**Public Service Announcement:** *Join us Saturday, November 23rd, at the Valley Central*



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*Scholarship Council's Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair in the Valley Central High School. Phelps Woodside Farm will be a vendor at this event. Our booth is Social Studies Hall Booth 9 (SSH 9) and we will be selling our local raw honey, and we will be selling honey from the award-winning Town of Montgomery Community Garden Honeybee Pollination Project at Benedict Farm Park. Come out on Saturday and support VC scholarships and, at our booth, support the Town of Montgomery's Conservation Advisory Council's Pollination Project with a purchase of honey drawn from the flowers of the Community Garden and Benedict Farm Park. Community Garden members be sure to ask for your garden discount! See you Saturday! Plots are available in the Community Garden for next year. Sign up with Tara O'Connor in the Parks Department at Town Hall, now!*

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does their integrity mean to them? What shreds of power do they want to retain in the Trump presidency? Power, party, country—in what order? Senator Vance will escape these challenges, and in a slow boil will instead be tasked with championing Gaetz, explaining incoherent X posts, defending mass resignations of good men and women.

Trump will never enjoy sustained public approval. See the polls in six months. We don't need to give him a chance for six months or one month. He has thrown the gauntlet. He will win if we despair. Don't. The battle begins in January.

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## LETTERS

### Election is over

I've spent a lot of time in the community meeting and speaking with people. A lot of people. Some insist the 2020 election was stolen and there were millions of illegals voting. Always with ZERO proof. Mr. Trump never provided any proof. After being sued into bankruptcy Mr. Guilani still has provided ZERO proof of his lies. Mr. Trump, a convicted felon, will walk free suffering no repercussions for his lies, cheating and treasonous acts. Yes, he did lie and cheat on his taxes, yes, he is unfaithful all of his wives, yes, he was found guilty of sexual assault and yes, he DID take classified materials to his motel and lie to the government about it and refused to return them.

Just because he lies ad nauseam does not mean he didn't do these things. He knows he did. You know he did. You just don't care because he's not Democrat and not a woman.

You believe he was sent by God because God always uses the most corrupt, evil person to spread his words of love and compassion. God always uses someone who thinks it's ok to be a liar, thief and adulterer. Look who He sent the first time. A poor Jewish carpenter who cared for the wounded, protected the children and provided for those who were in need. Ooops, did I spoil that for those of you who haven't read the Bible yet? Also stop using religion as a weapon of hate. You have guns for that.

You know who really won the election? Russia. Enjoy your freedom. For now.

Carl Sagan once said, "One of the sadder lessons of history is: If we've been bamboozled long enough, we reject any evidence of the bamboozle. It's simply too painful to acknowledge that we've been taken for a fool. Once you give a charlatan power over you, you almost never get it back".

**GINGER FITZGERALD**  
*Shawangunk*

### Congestion pricing

Well now that the elections are over our feckless Governor is again expecting New Yorkers to pay for the privilege of driving south of 60th Street in New York City. This past June she "paused" her planned \$15 fee but now that the wrath of the voters has passed, she is attempting to give the drivers a "break" by only charging them \$9. In the meantime the MTA has estimated they are losing as much as \$750 million a year from riders refusing to pay "their fair share".

If the Governor was seriously looking for additional revenue, she could drop her preconceive objection to fracking as our next-door neighbor has done. FTI Consulting Inc. recently conducted a study on the economic impact of natural gas development in Pennsylvania. The report is titled "Economic and

Fiscal Impact of Pennsylvania Shale Development." In Pennsylvania their fracking of the Marcellus Shale has been "responsible for more than \$14 billion in 2022 economic activity". The industry is projected to generate \$86-91 billion in state and local taxes from 2023 to 2050, averaging about \$3 billion per year.

Looks like it's a no-brainer but in New York State the one-party rule won't consider what seems to be an easy solution to their bloated spending. Governor Cuomo banned fracking in New York State back in 2014 based on recommendation by Howard Zucker, the then acting Department of Health commissioner. This is the same Howard Zucker, along with then Governor Cuomo who released the March 25th, 2020 Advisory "Hospital Discharges and Admissions to Nursing Homes" that resulted in an explosion of COVID deaths of seniors.

New York State population is 19.57 million with a \$229 billion budget. Florida population is just under 23 million with \$116.5B budget. Could it be its time for a change and let Republicans see if they can get our state under control?

**JEFF GLIEDMAN**  
*Marlboro*

The Wallkill Valley Times welcomes letters to the editor and will print them as space allows. As a general rule, they should be no more than 500 words and submitted by Friday at 5 p.m. to increase the chance they will be printed in the following week's paper. All letters should be signed and include the author's address and phone number. Publication of letters not dealing with timely topics may be delayed and consideration is given to those who have not had letters published recently. We will not publish anonymous letters. We reserve the right to edit for style or for potentially libelous content. You can email your letters to: editor@tcnewspapers.com, fax them to 845-561-3967, or mail them to Wallkill Valley Times, 500 Stony Brook Court, Suite 2, Newburgh, NY 12550.

## The quiet crisis of community engagement

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builds resilience, and makes the place we call home a better, safer, and more vibrant space for everyone.

Walden, like so many towns, has the heart and the resources to thrive. But its future depends on the willingness of its residents to step up, get involved, and make a difference. Let's not let apathy be the legacy we leave behind.

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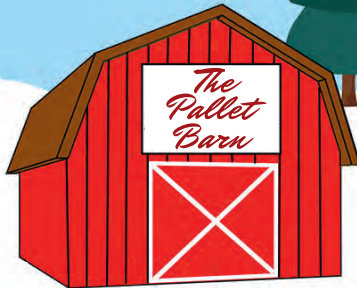
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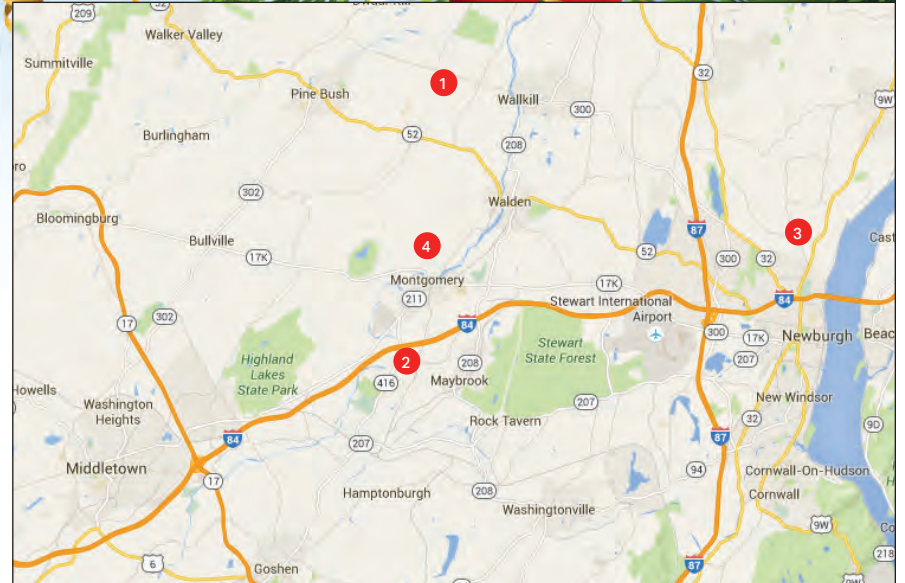


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# Junior league honors 'Rising Stars'

Eighteen individuals who either live, work or volunteer in Orange County were honored at the 19th Annual Orange County's Rising Stars event at The Barn at Villa Venezia in Middletown, NY, an event hosted by the Junior League of Orange County, NY, Inc. (JLOCNY).

"In a world that often feels uncertain and divided, this event is a reminder of the beauty that lies in our collective efforts to make a difference," stated Barbara DeStafeno, 2024 Orange Counties Rising Star Chairwoman. "My hope is that the positive energy from this event continues to ripple throughout our county, inspiring all of us to keep striving for a better, brighter future."

Rising Stars recognizes men and women who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills in their community, from the public, private, non-profit and or volunteer sectors. Their valuable contributions positively impact the county's quality of life, as they build on the progress of others who have made Orange County an attractive region in the Hudson Valley for families and businesses. The individuals selected have helped their organizations thrive by fostering innovation, presenting creative solutions, and providing leadership for continued success. This year's honorees deserve to be recognized for excelling in their professional and volunteer service.

"The 2024 Orange County's Rising Stars event showcased the vibrant energy and unwavering dedication that make our community truly special," remarked Ginny Townsend, JLOCNY President. "These exceptional individuals embody the heart and soul of Orange County. By recognizing and supporting our Rising Stars, we're cultivating a brighter future for all of us."



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"The 2024 Orange County's Rising Stars" at The Barn at Villa Venezia, Middletown, N.Y.

Front left to right: Lt. Col. Andrew Townsend, Abigail Doyle, Barbara DeStafeno, MSgt. Dominique Walsh, Mrs. Solimando accepting on behalf of Sophia Solimando, Jacqueline Perez, Denise Hulse  
Back left to right: Kara J. Cavallo, Esq., Douglas Mace, Ginny Townsend, Curtis L. Rhett, Michael C. Smith, Eamon McAuliffe, Justin LaMarch, Maj. Brittany Vinson, Jacqueline Batavia accepting on behalf of SrA. Joseph Batavia  
Not pictured: SSgt. Christen Mills, Dandai Paharsingh-Moreno.

This year's honorees:

SrA. Joseph Batavia, 105th Stewart Air National Guard

Kara J. Cavallo, Esq., J&G Law, LLP

Barbara DeStafeno, UPS, Junior League of Orange County, NY

Abigail Doyle, Walden Savings Bank

Denise Hulse, The Alcohol & Drug Awareness Council of Orange County

Justin LaMarch, Monroe Fire Department-Harriman Engine Co #1, Knights of Columbus Council 2079

Douglas Mace, Sugarhouse Wedding & Events Venue

Eamon McAuliffe, New York State Assembly, New York State Young Republicans

SSgt. Christen Mills, Stewart Air National Guard Base

Dandai Paharsingh-Moreno, Crafty Dee's Canvas & Cruisin' Kids Party Rental, Town of Highlands Chamber of Commerce

Jacqueline Perez, Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan & Ulster

Curtis L. Rhett, Middletown City School Board Trustee and Manager, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

Michael C. Smith, NY Air National Guard  
Sophia Solimando, Pennsylvania College of Technology, The Double H Ranch

Lt. Col. Andrew Townsend, New York Air National Guard, Orange County Chamber of Commerce

Ginny Townsend, Noetic Consultants, Junior League of Orange County

Maj. Brittany Vinson, 137th Airlift Squadron Stewart Air National Guard

MSgt. Dominique Walsh, New York Air National Guard

## About the Orange County Rising Stars Award

Junior League of Orange County, Leadership Orange, and the Orange County Chamber of Commerce partnered in 2006 to create an opportunity to recognize those emerging leaders within our community that were making remarkable contributions in a public forum. Recipients of this award are those who possess and execute excellent leadership skills in both their professional and volunteer lives and are chosen based on values such as achievement, experience, innovation, vision and community impact. To qualify for this award, nominees must live, work or volunteer in Orange County. An independent panel chooses the recipients from a diverse pool of candidates for this prestigious award. Including this year's honorees, 422 individuals have received this prestigious recognition. This year's event is being sponsored by the Junior League of Orange County. Email [orangecountysrisingstars@gmail.com](mailto:orangecountysrisingstars@gmail.com).

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# 46 new citizens welcomed

Orange County has once again opened its arms, this time to welcome 46 new citizens into our community at the November Naturalization Ceremony held at the Emergency Services Center Auditorium.

The day was filled with joy and pride for forty-six individuals and their families from different backgrounds and cultures. Orange County Clerk Kelly Eskew administered the Oath of Allegiance, the final part of the naturalization process, renouncing all foreign allegiance while pledging to support and defend the American Constitution and the laws of the United States. Once completed, each one of them officially becomes a citizen of the United States.

“Each ceremony is truly a humbling experience, and one of my favorite parts about being the Orange County Clerk,” said Eskew, who has sworn in over one thousand new citizens



Greeting a new U.S. Citizen (c) is (l. - r.) Family Court Judge Victoria Campbell, Orange County Clerk Kelly Eskew, Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus, and Orange County Sheriff Paul Arteta.

through the years. “I want to extend a heartfelt congratulation to all the new citizens. I am honored to be a part of

your journey towards the American dream.”

This ceremony had twenty-five

countries represented, with the highest being nine from the Dominican Republic and Mexico.

The County Clerk’s Office hosts several naturalization ceremonies each year in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security (Citizenship and Immigration Services).

“Being a part of the County’s naturalization ceremonies is always a wonderful experience,” said Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus. “To be and speak with these people while witnessing their pride and excitement as they complete their journey to become Americans is quite an honor. I wish them all the best of luck.”

Orange County Family Court Judge Victoria Campbell presided over the ceremony, and Orange County Sheriff Paul Arteta read the pledge of allegiance.

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Presented by Dr. Ashok Vaswani

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# HONOR advocates for runaway and homeless youth

HONOR, the nonprofit organization and social service leader in housing and homeless services in the Hudson Valley, recognized National Youth HOPE Month with festivities to bring awareness to the issue of youth runaway and homelessness.

November is Youth Homelessness, Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month, a public awareness campaign led by the National Runaway Safeline to shine a light on the challenges faced by runaway and homeless youth. HONOR is proud to unite with hundreds of organizations nationwide to share information, spotlight resources, and show young people in crisis that they are not alone.

HONOR manages Orange County's ONLY runaway and homeless youth shelter. The shelter is named "A Friend's House" and provides a safe place for runaway and homeless children ages 17 and younger. A Friend's House is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and provides critical services such as emergency shelter, counseling, and after-care support to youth experiencing homelessness.



HONOR staff recognized Youth HOPE Month with a Wear Green Day at HONOR's Middletown Emergency Shelter location on November 14, 2024. The group stood alongside a holiday tree lit entirely with green lights. Green is the official color of the National Youth HOPE Month.

"Area youth come to us oftentimes in the middle of the night," said HONOR Executive Director Chris Molinelli.

"While working to meet each child's immediate needs, we connect resources available to young people in crisis, show care while working to prevent a crisis from escalating or mitigate its impact. We also work to reunite young people with families or locate appropriate alternative locations," he added.

HONOR hopes to educate Orange County residents about their resources, as well as amplify the challenges vulnerable youth face each day, while providing youth at A Friends House with support and hope.

Here are some ways the public can help:

If a young person you know is thinking about leaving home or has threatened to do so, talk with them about the issues and their options. Frequently, youth contemplating leaving their homes overlook essential considerations, such as securing accommodations, ensuring access to fundamental necessities like sustenance, clothing, and transportation, maintaining their educational commitments, and assessing potential risks.

If your child or a young person you

know has run away, contact your local police department.

There are organizations for additional support and guidance, such as the National Runaway Safeline or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

To learn more about A Friend's House, or how you can donate to support kids who come to our youth shelter, please visit [HonorHelpingOthers.org](http://HonorHelpingOthers.org).

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NOTICE OF FORMATION  
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COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Eve Carnevala Real Estate, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Eve Carnevala: Cornwall, NY. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
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OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
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Notice of Formation of 11 Louise Drive LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 11 Louise Drive LLC: 11 Louise Drive, New Windsor, NY 12553. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of Integrity First Holding, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/01/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Integrity First Holding, LLC: 99 Clinton Street Montgomery, NY 12549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
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OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
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Notice of Formation: R. Alexander Insurance Brokers, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the NY Department of State on 08/02/2024. Office: Orange County, NY. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 858 Wallkill Ave, Wallkill, NY 12589. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

**Orange County  
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COMPANY**  
MORRICE WELDING AND FABRICATION LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/17/2024. Office loc: Orange County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1435 Route 208, Washingtonville, NY 10992. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
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Notice of Formation of 14 Herman LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 14 Herman LLC: 14 Herman Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of MSE LASER LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/04/2024. Office location: Orange. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to MSE LASER LLC: 10 PHEASANT RUN HIGHLAND MILLS NY 10930. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**  
N A I N T E R I O R RENOVIATIONS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/08/2024. Office loc: Orange County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 143 Conklingtown Road, Chester, NY 10918. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of SIPPIN' PONY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/27/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to SIPPIN' PONY LLC: 316 Brola Road Middletown NY 10940. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
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OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Eve Carnevala Real Estate, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Eve Carnevala: Cornwall, NY. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**  
ENZO'S PLUMBING SERVICES LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/17/2024. Office loc: Orange County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 36 South Street, Goshen, NY 10924. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

**TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR  
PUBLIC NOTICE**  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
  
TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR  
  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR, New York, will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Section 48-34A of the Zoning Local Law on the following Proposition:  
  
**Appeal No. 24-25**  
**Request of GOMEZ**  
  
**for a VARIANCE of the Zoning Local Law to Permit:**  
  
A 25.15% variance for developmental coverage is requested.  
  
**for property located at:**  
**328 Nina Street**  
  
**known and designated as tax map Section 73 Block 2 Lot 20**  
  
**PUBLIC HEARING will take place on November 25, 2024**  
**at the New Windsor Town Hall, 555 Union Avenue, New Windsor, New York beginning at 7:00 P.M.**  
  
**George Rodriguez,**  
**Chairman**

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Chelsea Munkelt Midwifery PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/05/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Chelsea Munkelt: 960 County Route 17 Montgomery NY 12549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Patriotic Holding, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/09/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Robert M. Bowen, Jr: 78 Brookside Avenue, Suite 132B Chester, NY 10918. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**TOWN OF NEWBURGH  
PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL**  
  
The bond resolution, summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, 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 Town of Newburgh, Orange County, New York, 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.  
  
A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.  
Dated: Newburgh, New York,  
September 30, 2024  
  
/s/ Lisa M. Vance-Ayers  
Town Clerk  
BOND RESOLUTION  
DATED SEPTEMBER  
30, 2024.  
  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$4,546,100 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH, ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LEVINSON/OLD POST ROAD AREA EXTENSION TO THE CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT IN SAID TOWN.  
Class of objects or purposes: Improvements for the Establishment of Levinson/Old Post Road Area Extension to the Consolidated Water District.  
  
Period of probable usefulness: Forty years  
Maximum estimated cost: \$4,546,100  
Amount of obligations to be issued: \$4,546,100 bonds; to be reduced by any grants-in-aid received therefor  
SEQRA status: Unlisted Action, negative declaration. SEQRA compliance materials on file in the office of the Town Clerk where they may be inspected during regular business hours.

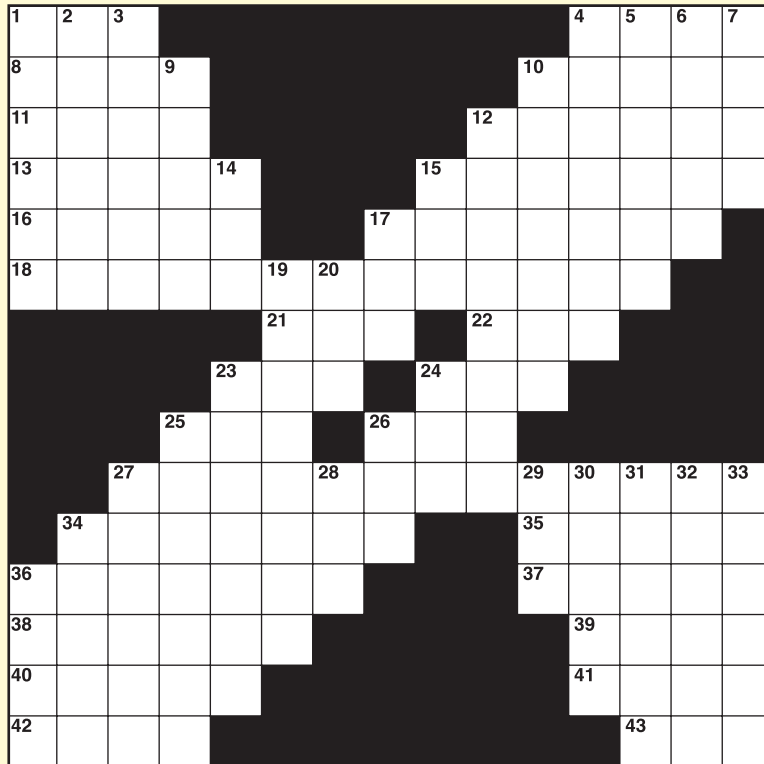
**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Title Connect Agency, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/22/2023. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Title Connect Agency, LLC: 20 Scotchtown Avenue, Box 174, Goshen, New York 10924. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Tyffanie Ammeter Nutrition PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/25/2023. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Tyffanie Ammeter Nutrition PLLC: 29 Rumsey Road, #830, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

# The Weekly Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1. One point south of due east
- 4. Coagulated blood
- 8. Fortifying ditch
- 10. Devotee of Hinduism
- 11. Trunk of a tree
- 12. Bank note
- 13. Capital of Guam
- 15. Study again
- 16. Covered with hoarfrost
- 17. Opening
- 18. Legendary Rolling Stone
- 21. Stray
- 22. Computer storing system
- 23. Signal
- 24. Pitching statistic
- 25. Human being
- 26. Malaysian isthmus
- 27. The "Blonde Bombshell"
- 34. A gland
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Endangered
- 37. Three-dimensional
- 38. In a way, precipitated
- 39. God associated with dissolution
- 40. Blemished
- 41. Flow or leak slowly
- 42. Disco legends
- The Bee \_\_\_
- 43. Midway between south and southeast



- 2. Get down
- 3. Highly seasoned sausage
- 4. First day of month
- 5. Eurasian shrubs
- 6. The organ that bears the ovules of a flower
- 7. Small lake
- 9. Belief
- 10. Sunrooms
- 12. Metric weight unit
- 14. Vasopressin
- 15. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 17. One-time family room staple
- 19. Got back together
- 20. Anger
- 23. Sang merrily
- 24. Sea eagle
- 25. Military men
- 26. Kilo yard (abbr.)
- 27. Found in the sea
- 28. Protects from weather
- 29. Type of medicine
- 30. City along the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martini ingredients
- 33. Get away
- 34. Lack of disunity
- 36. One-time European Commission officer

Answers from last week's puzzle

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**Ulster County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

Name: **Inner Best LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on **September 30, 2024**. Office Location: **Ulster County**. The "SSNY" is designated as agent of the "LLC" upon whom process against it may be served. "SSNY" shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: **PO Box 126, Milton, New York 12547**. Purpose: **Any and all activities for which a limited liability company may be lawfully engaged in under the laws of the State of New York. The LLC was formed by Rusk, Wadlin, Heppner & Martuscello, LLP, 1390 Route 9W, PO Box 727, Marlboro, New York 12542.**



**TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH  
LEGAL NOTICE  
SITE PLAN APPLICATION**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE MARLBOROUGH PLANNING BOARD PURSUANT TO TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH TOWN CODE §155.31 AND §155.32 ON: Monday December 2, 2024 FOR THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION: Matthew Bernhardt AT THE TOWN HALL, 21 MILTON TURNPIKE, MILTON, NY AT 7:00 PM OR AS SOON THEREAFTER

AS MAY BE HEARD. THE APPLICANT IS ASKING FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A SHORT-TERM RENTAL ON LANDS LOCATED AT: 351 Old Post Road, Marlboro, NY 12542 SECTION:108.4 BLOCK: 5 LOT: 11 ANY INTERESTED PARTIES, EITHER FOR OR AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL WILL HAVE ANY OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THIS TIME. Documents and materials submitted in connection with the application can be viewed at: <https://www.townofmarlboroughny.org/2247/Agendas-Minutes> CHRIS BRAND / CHAIRMAN TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH PLANNING BOARD

**TOWN OF PLATTEKILL  
LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF PLATTEKILL  
LEGAL NOTICE  
BID FOR ICE CONTROL;  
ABRASIVE SCREENINGS**

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Bids must be submitted on official forms and in sealed envelopes at the above address and shall bear on the face thereof the name, address and telephone number of the bidder, designating the bid item and "Town of Plattekill". The Town reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to re-advertise for new bids. Bids shall be awarded in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 103.

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Sarah Nelson  
Town Clerk

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**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of CILIA'S GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/24/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to CILIA'S GROUP LLC: 15 Park Ave., Middletown NY 10940. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

312 45TH AVE NORTH NMB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/26/23. Office: Orange 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, 5668 Searsville Road, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of 75 NORTH STREET LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 75 NORTH STREET LLC: 13 Bedford Ave., Middletown NY 10940. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**TOWN OF NEWBURGH  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 267-a (1) of the Town Law, State of New York and Section 185-55A (1) of the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Newburgh, a Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Newburgh, New York on Tuesday the 26th day of November, 2024

at 7:00 P.M., in the Town Hall, 1496 Route 300, Town of Newburgh, New York, to act

upon the following appeal: APPLICATION of Sara Gould for an area variance of increasing the degree of non-conformity of the front yard to keep an existing non-conforming front porch. PREMISES LOCATED at 7 Eastview Rd 70-2-4 R3 Zone in the Town of Newburgh, New York.

TAKE NOTICE that the applicant should appear at the hearing and all persons interested in any way may appear and be heard by the Board.

BY ORDER of the Zoning Board of Appeals dated the 12th day of November, 2024.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

EVERGREEN SECURITY SOLUTIONS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/5/24. Office in Orange Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 228 Route 17, #273, Tuxedo Park, NY 10987. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 57 Crows Nest Rd #4, Tuxedo Park, NY 10987.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

3 FEDORKO LN, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/23/24. Office: Orange 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, 75 Van Amburgh Road, Montgomery, NY 12549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of THE POSITIVE THERAPY NOOK LCSW PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/18/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to THE POSITIVE THERAPY NOOK LCSW PLLC: 29 TANAGER RD., #2905, MONROE NY 10950. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
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OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
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Notice of Formation of 99 Railroad Avenue LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 99 Railroad Avenue LLC: 28 St. James Place, Goshen NY 10924. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
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OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
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Notice of Formation of 60 E. CEDAR STREET LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/24/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 60 E. CEDAR STREET LLC: 2951 Route 9W, New Windsor NY 12553. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
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Notice of Formation of RH Nutrition LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Rebecca Hoeffner: 374 Dunn Road, Montgomery, NY 12549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of LYNN MARGO FARMS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to LYNN MARGO FARMS LLC: 74 Hoslers Rd., Westtown NY 10998. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.



**Orange County  
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OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

3885 GOLDEN KEY ROAD CONWAY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/26/23. Office: Orange 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, 5668 Searsville Road, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
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OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

FINI BROTHERS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/8/24. Office in Orange Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 7 Farview Ln., Campbell Hall, NY 10916, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
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COMPANY**

3002 NIXON STR NMB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/26/23. Office: Orange 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, 5668 Searsville Road, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
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COMPANY**

68 ULSTER AVE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/23/24. Office: Orange 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, 75 Van Amburgh Road, Montgomery, NY 12549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
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COMPANY**

21 MAPLE ST, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/23/24. Office: Orange 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, 75 Van Amburgh Road, Montgomery, NY 12549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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COMPANY**

622 S WACCAMAW DR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/26/23. Office: Orange 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, 5668 Searsville Road, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**MONTGOMERY FIRE DISTRICT  
LEGAL NOTICE**

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF MONTGOMERY FIRE DISTRICT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual Election of the Montgomery Fire District will take place on

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.** at the Montgomery Fire

District Fire Station located at 136 Ward Street, Montgomery, New York 12549 for the purposes of:

- 1) Electing one commissioner for a five-year term commencing on January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2029; and
- 2) Voting on Proposition 1 a resolution to amend the Montgomery Fire District's Length of Service Award Program.

Proposition 1 reads as substantially as follows:

Shall be: Resolution of the Montgomery fire district board of fire commissioners, authorizing, pursuant to article II-A of the general municipal law of the State of New York, an amendment to the existing defined length of service award program currently administered by the Montgomery fire district for active volunteer firefighter members of the Montgomery Fire Department, to be effective January 1, 2025; stating that the service award program shall increase the maximum number of years of allowable service credit from thirty (30) years to fifty (50) years; stating that all other provisions of the Montgomery Fire District service award program, which require voter approval to be amended, shall not change and the program shall continue to be administered by The Montgomery Fire District in accordance with article ii-a of the New York State general municipal law, be approved?

Candidates for the office of Fire District Commissioner shall file their names and the position they are seeking in writing with the Secretary of the Montgomery Fire District, 136 Ward Street, Montgomery, New York 12549 no later than November 18, 2024.

Only those persons who are residents of the Montgomery Fire District on or before November 18, 2024, and who also registered to vote with the Orange County Board of Elections on or before November 18, 2024, shall be eligible to vote in this election.

Copies of the Resolutions authorizing Propositions 1 and 2 are available for inspection at the Fire District Offices upon request or at Montgomery Town Hall Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Janet Fekete, Secretary - Montgomery Fire District 136 Ward Street, Montgomery, NY 12549

**TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR  
BID NOTICE  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK  
CAESARS LANE Waste Water Treatment Plant EXPANSION PHASE 1**

**General Notice**

**Town of New Windsor** (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

**Caesars Lane Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion Phase 1**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **Town of New Windsor Clerk** located at **555 Union Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553** until **23 January 2025** at **11:00AM** local time. At that time the Bids received will be **publicly** opened and read.  
The Project includes the following Work:

Construction of a new plant control building, renovations to the existing plant control building, and associated site improvements at the Town of New Windsor Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Separate Bids will be received for the following Contracts:

**Contract GC-1 – General Construction      Contract MC-1 – Mechanical Construction      Contract EC-1 – Electrical Construction      Contract PC-1 -Plumbing Construction**

**Obtaining the Bidding Documents**

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

**MHE Engineering, D.P.C.  
33 Airport Center Drive, Suite 202, New Windsor, NY 12553**

Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of **8:30 am and 5:00 pm** and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described above and becoming available on **21 November 2024**.

Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Only those persons whose name and address are on record of having obtained the Contract Documents will be permitted to bid and issued the Addendums, if any.

**Digital copies of the contract documents may be obtained online as a download by a secured electronic link for a non-refundable fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) upon payment with a check made payable to MHE Engineering, D.P.C. by contacting the Issuing Office at (845) 567-3100 or by email at mheny@mhepc.com.**

**Hard copies of the contract documents may be obtained from MHE Engineering, D.P.C. by special request for an additional fee.**

Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable form of Bid Guarantee in an amount equal to at least five (5) percent of the amount of the Bid payable to the **Town of New Windsor** as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the Bidder will, within fifteen (15) days after the award of the Contract, execute the Contract and file acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds and Certificate(s) of Insurance.

Bonding entity must be registered in OMB Circular 570:

<https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/surety-bonds/list-certified-companies.html>

OWNERS RIGHTSRESERVED: **Town of New Windsor** hereinafter called the Owner, reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive any informality or technicality in any Bid in the interest of the Owner.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

**Pre-Bid Conference**

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **7 January 2025** at **10:00AM** at the **project site, 145 Caesars Lane, New Windsor, NY 12553**. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

This project is being funded in whole or in part by the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR) with funds obtained from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). All federal CDBG-DR requirements will apply to the contract. Prevailing wages established under the Davis-Bacon Act will apply to this contract. New York State law requires that the contractor pay the higher of State prevailing wages or Davis-Bacon, for each class of worker. The contract documents contain requirements addressing prevailing labor wage rates, labor standards, nondiscrimination in hiring practices, goals for MBE and WBE participation, and, for projects over \$200,000, participation by Section 3 residents and businesses, and related matters. Provisions under 2 CFR Part 200 will apply to the awarded contract. See Instructions to Bidders for additional information.

“This is a HUD Section 3 Project with contracting priorities for businesses that hire or are owned by low- income persons and/or public housing and Section 8 residents.”

The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701 U (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure, to the greatest extent feasible, that training, employment, contracting and other economic opportunities generated by Section 3 covered financial assistance shall be directed to low- income residents of the neighborhood where the financial assistance is spent, or substantially employ these persons. Section 3 Businesses are encouraged to submit bid proposals.

Bidders are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the requirements of Section 3. Further information regarding same can be found in the NYS Homes & Community Renewal Section 3 Policy Manual: <https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/11/hcr-section-3-compliance-manual-20211201.pdf>.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirement as to conditions of employment to be observed and the minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109, and Executive Order 11246. The requirements for Bidders and Contractors under this order, which concerns non-discrimination in employment, are further explained in the Contract Documents and Attachments. Bidders are also required to comply with the provisions of Section 291-299 of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION: Bidders on Contracts are required to execute a non-collusive bidding affidavit pursuant to Section 103d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT: By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief, each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to paragraph (b) of Subdivision 3 of Section 165-a of the State Finance Law.

Subject to the provisions of Article 28, Part III of the New York State Tax Law and the provisions of the Contract Documents, the Owner is exempt from any payment of sales and compensating use taxes of the State of New York and cities and counties on all materials supplied to the Owner pursuant to this contract.

The location of the bid opening is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact Patricia Clarino, Town Clerk, at (845) 563-4611 or [pclarino@newwindsor-ny.gov](mailto:pclarino@newwindsor-ny.gov) at least two weeks in advance of the bid opening date to allow for necessary arrangements.

**Town of New Windsor** is an equal opportunity employer and affirmative action employer, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this

advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, gender, color or national origin in consideration of an award.

This Advertisement is issued by: Owner: Town of New Windsor

By: Patricia A. Clarino  
 Title: Town Clerk  
 Date: 21 November 2024

**Orange County  
 NOTICE OF FORMATION  
 OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
 COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Studio 50 salon. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/01/2024. Office location: Orange County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Rebecca paulus : 580 e main st middletown ny 10940. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
 NOTICE OF FORMATION  
 OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
 COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Apothecary Gardens NY. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/12/2024. Office location: Orange County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Lauren Mariotti: 58 Jessup Rd., Warwick, NY 10990. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Ulster County  
 NOTICE OF FORMATION  
 OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
 COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Upstate Platinum Property Care. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/22/2024. Office location: Ulster County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Michael Brocco: 42 Saint Josen Rd Accord NY 12404. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
 NOTICE OF FORMATION  
 OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
 COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of 272 GREAT WALL RESTAURANT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/2024. Office location: Orange County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The Limited Liability Company : 272 Route 32, Central Valley NY 10917. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**TOWN OF CRAWFORD  
 NOTICE OF FORMATION  
 OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
 COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Chelsea Munkelt Midwifery PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/05/2024. Office location: Orange County, SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Chelsea Munkelt: 960 County Route 17 Montgomery NY 12549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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 Or Call to Schedule an Interview: (518) 767-9331

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**EQUIPMENT**

**VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS  
LEGAL NOTICE  
WATER RENTS**

WATER RENTS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, VILLAGE HALL, 303 MAIN STREET, HIGHLAND FALLS COMMENCING NOVEMBER 1, 2024, FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. MONDAY TO FRIDAY. ALL BILLS MAY BE PAID UNTIL 4:00 P.M. DECEMBER 2, 2024, WITHOUT PENALTY. BILLS REMAINING UNPAID AFTER DECEMBER 2, 2024, WILL BE CHARGED A PENALTY OF 10% WITH ADDITIONAL ½% INCREASES EACH MONTH THEREAFTER.

**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 11, 28 AND 29 2024.**

LUCIANA BROWN  
DEPUTY TREASURER  
DATED: NOVEMBER 1, 2024

**TOWN OF NEWBURGH  
LEGAL NOTICE  
Town of Newburgh  
Planning Board  
21 Hudson Valley Professional Plaza  
Newburgh, New York 12550  
(845) 564-7804  
fax: (845) 564-7802**

**Notice of Hearing**

**Town of Newburgh Planning Board**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Town of Newburgh, Orange County, New York will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Section 274-A of the NYS Town Law and Chapter 185-48.9 of the Town of Newburgh Code on the Application of:

Lands of Colandrea Amended Subdivision (2024-31) The project is an amended subdivision to consolidate three existing lots approved within the Anchorage Subdivision (File Map 216-02). The project proposes to combine the three lots to create a 4.043 +/- acre parcel of property. A single residential house is proposed on the combined lot. The project will be served by an on-site well and on-site subsurface sanitary sewer disposal system. Orange County Health Department approval for the amended subdivision is required. A retaining wall is proposed along the west side of Anchor Drive to stabilize existing slopes. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan / Erosion Sediment Control Plan has been provided. The project is located in Towns R-1 Zoning District. The project is designated on Town Tax Map Section 121, Block 1, Lots, 8, 9.2 and 10.2.

A Public Hearing will be held on the 5th day of December 2024 at the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1496 Route 300, Newburgh, New York at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter it can be heard at which time all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH PLANNING BOARD**

**JOHN P. EWASUTYN, Chairman  
Planning Board Town of Newburgh**

Dated: 11 November 2024

Publish one time only

- no later than 22 November 2024  
Town of Newburgh

Orange County  
**NOTICE OF SUMMONS  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ORANGE**  
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF  
CSMC 2020-RPL2 TRUST,

Plaintiff,

SUPPLEMENT AL SUMMONS Index No. EF006019-2024

-vs-

CHARLES MILLER A/K/A CHARLES G. MILLER; UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF WARREN SWAIN A/K/A WARREN SWAIN MILLER; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; "JOHN DOE #1-5" and "JANE

DOE #1-5" said 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,

Defendants.

Mortgaged Premises: 267 POWELL AVENUE

NEWBURGH, NY 12550 TO

THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiffs attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you, unless the Defendant obtained a bankruptcy discharge and such other or further relief as may be just and equitable.

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 an 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.

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

ORANGE County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises.

Dated: October 21, 2024

VICTOR SPINELLI, ESQ. FEIN,  
SUCH & CRANE, LLP  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
28 EAST MAIN ST., SUITE 1800  
ROCHESTER, NY 14614  
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**Orange County  
LEGAL NOTICE  
COUNTY OF ORANGE  
EXTENSION OF ORDER ASSOCIATED WITH EXECUTIVE  
ORDER NO. 13 OF 2024 DECLARING A STATE OF  
EMERGENCY IN ORANGE COUNTY DUE TO PROLONGED  
DRY WEATHER CONDITIONS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN  
BURNING ACTIVITIES**

I, Steven M. Neuhaus, County Executive of the County of Orange, State of New York, do hereby:

Extend the Order made by Executive Order No. 13 of 2024, ordering that that the following is hereby remains **PROHIBITED** within the boundaries of the County of Orange: All outdoor burning of any material, including, but not limited to, yard waste, household paper products, bonfires, campfires, warming fires, outdoor fireplaces, outdoor chimneys and any cooking fires unless such an activity is expressly authorized by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The following exceptions shall apply to the above list: (i) outdoor cooking for food exclusively is permitted within a contained gas or charcoal grill; (ii) any firefighting training; and (iii) any burn operations expressly approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Order shall be extended until the maximum time permitted by law.

This order is pursuant to my powers contained within the Orange County Charter (Section 3.02-q) and Administrative Code (Section 3-2-q) and Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

ORDERED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024  
/s/  
Hon. Steven M. Neuhaus  
Orange County Executive

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

4506 NOB NMB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/26/23. Office: Orange 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, 5668 Searsville Road, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

Notice of formation of SUPREME CARE & WELLNESS LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/23/24. Office in Orange County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 6 HOMESTEAD CT WALDEN, NY, 12586. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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**TOWN OF NEWBURGH  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 267-a (1) of the Town Law, State of New York and Section 185-55A (1) of the Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Newburgh, a Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Newburgh, New York on Tuesday the 26th day of November, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., in the Town Hall, 1496 Route 300, Town of Newburgh, New York, to act upon the following appeal: APPLICATION of Prestige Homes (Louis Lema) (Planning Board Referral) for a proposed lot line change located on the corner of Charles St and Elmhurst Ave. Both lots (10 & 11) require area variances for minimum lot area and lot 11 requires an area variance of the minimum lot width. PREMISES LOCATED at Charles St/Elmhurst Ave/Gardnertown Rd 53-2-10 & 11 R1 Zone in the Town of Newburgh, New York.

TAKE NOTICE that the applicant should appear at the hearing and all persons interested in any way may appear and be heard by the Board.

BY ORDER of the Zoning Board of Appeals dated the 12th day of November, 2024.

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NOTICE OF MEETING  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

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TAKE NOTICE that the applicant should appear at the hearing and all persons interested in any way may appear and be heard by the Board.

BY ORDER of the Zoning Board of Appeals dated the 12th day of November, 2024.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

CAFE AHS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/05/24. Office: Orange 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, 105 Sandpiper Lane, New Windsor, NY 12553. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.



**Ulster County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

Bernlebo Realty LLC. Filed 10/2/2024. Office: ULster Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 365 Rt 59, Ste 229, Airmont, NY 10952. Purpose: General.

**Ulster County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of 27412 Jackson LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/23/2023. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 27412 Jackson LLC: P.O. Box 98 Tillson NY 12486. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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**Orange County  
LEGAL NOTICE  
COUNTY OF ORANGE  
EXTENSION OF ORDER ASSOCIATED WITH EXECUTIVE  
ORDER NO. 12 OF 2024 DECLARING A STATE OF  
EMERGENCY IN ORANGE COUNTY REGARDING  
TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS TO ORANGE COUNTY IN  
VIOLATION OF STATE LAW**

I, Steven M. Neuhaus, County Executive of the County of Orange, State of New York, do hereby:

Extend the Order made by Executive Order No. 12 of 2024, ordering that all hotels, motels and/or any facilities allowing short term rentals do not accept individuals transported to Orange County in violation of Social Services Law § 62 and related Administrative Directives of the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, including, but not limited to, 06-ADM-07 as described in Executive Order No. 12 of 2024. Such Order shall be extended until the maximum time permitted by law.

This order is pursuant to my powers contained within the Orange County Charter (Section 3.02-q) and Administrative Code (Section 3-2-q) and Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

ORDERED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024  
/s/  
Hon. Steven M. Neuhaus  
Orange County Executive

**Orange County  
BID NOTICE**

Sealed bids for providing **Collection, Handling, Transportation and Processing Disposal of Covered Electronic Equipment and Non-Covered Electronic Equipment (RFB-OC030-24)** to the County of Orange will be received at PO Box 218, 255-275 Main St., Goshen, New York 10924, until **3:00 PM on Wednesday, December 18, 2024**, when the same will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms, including specifications, may be obtained from the Department of General Services at the above address or at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-orange>.

Renee Arnold-O'Regan  
Commissioner of General Services  
County of Orange

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**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY  
LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF MONTGOMERY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Montgomery on December 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Montgomery Town Hall regarding the adoption of a Local Law Extending Local Law No. 6 Of 2023 Which Established A Twelve-Month Moratorium Prohibiting The Review And Approval Of Applications For The Development Of Battery Energy Storage Systems In The Town Of Montgomery For An Additional Three Months.

Any resident of the Town of Montgomery is entitled to be heard upon said proposed Local Law at such public hearing. Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at Montgomery Town Hall, 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery, New York 12549.

A copy of the proposed Local Law may be reviewed at the Town Hall at the address listed above, during normal business hours. Written comments may be submitted prior to or at the public hearing. Oral comments may be made at the public hearing.

The Town of Montgomery will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONTGOMERY.  
Dated: November 6, 2024  
Tara Stickle, Town Clerk  
Town of Montgomery

**Orange County  
LEGAL NOTICE**  
COUNTY OF ORANGE  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14 OF 2024

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ORANGE COUNTY RELATED TO A SEVERE FIRE EVENT

I, Steven M. Neuhaus, County Executive of the County of Orange, State of New York, do hereby declare as an EXECUTIVE ORDER the following:

WHEREAS, the area surrounding and encompassing the Town of Warwick and the Village of Greenwood Lake, Orange County, New York, are experiencing a significant fire event, owing in part to the prolonged dry weather conditions over the course of several months creating an extremely dry vegetation and environmental condition; and

WHEREAS, said fire event poses a real, immediate and continued danger of wildfires and fire-related hazards, and the concomitant perilous effect on the lives and safety of the Greenwood Lake and surrounding area inhabitants and others that require immediate measures to protect the lives, health and safety of the public and emergency service providers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York, the County Executive of Orange County, as its Chief Executive, is authorized to proclaim a local state of emergency within any part or all of the territorial limits of the County of Orange, and in connection therewith the County Executive may promulgate local emergency orders to protect life and property or to bring the emergency situation under control; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law, the County of Orange, and all Towns, Cities and Villages therein, are authorized to forgo the competitive bidding process when conditions exist whereby circumstances affecting public buildings, public property or the life, health, or safety of the inhabitants of any such municipality require immediate action which cannot await the competitive bidding process to take place,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven M. Neuhaus, as County Executive and Chief Executive of the County of Orange, New York do hereby find the public safety to be imperiled by the present and imminent conditions created by the above-referenced fire event and the resulting risk to the lives of residents, officials, rescue workers and other in the County of Orange and, consequently, to safeguard the lives, health, safety and property of the public, I do hereby declare a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the entirety of the Town of Warwick and the Village of Greenwood Lake pursuant to, inter alia, New York State Executive Law Sections 24 and 25, and request the Governor of the State of New York to provide assistance to the extent that this fire event is beyond the capacity of local governments to meet adequately and state assistance is necessary to supplement local efforts to save lives and to protect property, public health and safety, beginning at 5:00 p.m. this date, November 13, 2024, and continuing until such time that I declare the State of Emergency is no longer necessary or such declaration expires by law, whichever first occurs; and

I FURTHER FIND, that conditions exist which pose a threat to the public, health, safety, and environment, and due to the fact that immediate action may be required to perform emergency repairs and services, and procure goods and services to prevent loss of life and to protect the public health and safety, that the County of Orange, Town of Warwick and Village of Greenwood Lake cannot wait for the competitive bidding process to take place; and

I FURTHER ORDER, as a result of my Declaration of a State of Emergency and above findings, and during the duration of this Declaration and Order, and any extensions thereof, the following:

(X) Contracts for public work or the purchase of supplies, material, or equipment necessary to respond to the impacts of the above-noted fire event may be let or procured by the appropriate officer, board, agency or Special District of the County of Orange, allowing the piggybacking of such public work and purchases by the Town of Warwick (including any special districts), the Village of Greenwood Lake, and/or the Greenwood Lake Union Free School District, without competitive bidding or competitive offerings, pursuant to Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and the Orange County Procurement Policy, as this is a public emergency arising out of an unforeseen occurrence or condition whereby circumstances affecting public buildings; public property or the life, health, safety or property of the inhabitants of the County of Orange, which require immediate action and cannot await competitive bidding or competitive offerings.

(x) The following roadway shall be closed to public traffic:

EAST SHORE ROAD FROM 32 EDGEMERE TO THE NORTH ENTRANCE OF WOODS ROAD

and, in addition, any vehicular or pedestrian traffic shall also be prohibited in any surrounding area or areas as determined by emergency service personnel, including sheriff and police officers.

Excepted from the foregoing prohibition on travel are the following:

- Police, fire, EMS, and other emergency service providers (including those personnel actively working and traveling to/from work);
- Healthcare and social services workers (including those going to/from hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, facilities or residences to provide direct care to those in need; or medical offices to serve those in emergency need);
- Essential public employees who work to protect the public health and safety;
- Utility crews (including persons assisting such crews who are employed or contracted by utilities);
- Persons who are in need of immediate medical care in route to/from such care.

(X) THE GREENWOOD LAKE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024 (and thereafter if a superseding Executive Order is issued modifying this ORDER) WITH NO SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION BEING PROVIDED, INCLUDING FOR ANY CONTRACTED BUS ROUTES.

(x) The suspension of the following local laws, ordinances, or regulations:

(i) All local weight restrictions on any County of Orange roadways and/or bridges in order to allow emergency heavy vehicles and equipment needed in furtherance of the abatement of the emergency.

Pursuant to New York Executive Law § 24(5), any person who knowingly violates this Executive Order is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

This Executive Order does not affect any County of Orange operations for any County of Orange employees.

This Executive Order shall take effect beginning at 5:00 p.m. this date, November 13, 2024, and, pursuant to New York Executive Law § 24(3) shall be (1) signed in quadruplicate, (2) published as soon as practicable in a newspaper of general circulation in Orange County and transmitted to the radio and television media for publication and broadcast, and (3) filed within 72 hours or as soon thereafter as practicable in the (i) office of the Clerk of the County Legislature, (ii) office of the County Clerk, (iii) office of the Secretary of State, and (iv) State Office of Emergency Management within the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, either directly and/or through the County of Orange Division of Emergency Management.

ORDERED this 13th day of November, 2024

/s/

Hon. Steven M. Neuhaus  
County Executive



**TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING  
AMEND CHAPTER 263,  
ARTICLE III, OF THE TOWN  
CODE OF THE TOWN OF  
NEW WINDSOR TO  
AUTHORIZE PROPERTY  
TAX EXEMPTION TO  
VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTERS,  
VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE  
WORKERS & THEIR  
QUALIFYING UN-  
REARRIED SPOUSES,  
PURSUANT TO NYS RPTL  
§466-a**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the **TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR** will hold a public hearing on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in Town Hall, 555 Union Avenue, New Windsor, New York, to consider a Local Law to amend Chapter 263, Article III, of the Town Code of The Town of New Windsor, to authorize property tax exemption to volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance workers and their qualifying un-remarried spouses, pursuant to NYS RPTL §466-a.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact Patricia A. Clarino, Town Clerk, at (845) 563-4611 or pclarino@newwindsor-ny.gov at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements.

The local law, as proposed, may be reviewed in the Town Clerk's Office during regular working hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

BY ORDER OF THE  
TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF NEW  
WINDSOR

PATRICIA A.  
CLARINO

TOWN CLERK

**TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING  
NYS GML SECTION 3-c(5)**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Town Board of the Town of New Windsor will hold a public hearing to consider repealing and rescinding Local Law #3-2024, which was adopted to allow the Town of New Windsor to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c, and adopt a budget which exceeds such tax levy limit. Said hearing to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 555 Union Avenue, New Windsor, New York 12553.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact Patricia A. Clarino, Town Clerk, at (845) 563-4611 or pclarino@newwindsor-ny.gov at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements.

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BY  
ORDER OF THE TOWN  
BOARD

TOWN  
OF NEW WINDSOR

PATRICIA A. CLARINO

TOWN  
CLERK

**VILLAGE OF CORNWALL  
ON HUDSON  
LOCAL LAW**

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to set a time and place for a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) audit;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS  
HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby determines that it will be the lead agency with respect to the review of (the "project") in accord with New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and part 617 of the regulations implementing SEQRA, since there are no other agencies that have the authority to approve the project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby classifies the action as an unlisted action under SEQRA; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held by the Village Board in order to receive comments and suggestions regarding the audit of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), and to receive any comments concerning the potential adverse environmental impacts of the proposed project in accord with SEQRA, on December 16, 2024 at 7:01 p.m. at the Village Hall located at 325 Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

November 18, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES  
DORIS WICKISER  
VILLAGE CLERK

**Orange County  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids for providing **RFB-OC130 Diagnostic and Repair Services and Parts for Turfco® Equipment** to the County of Orange will be received at PO Box 218, 255-275 Main St., Goshen, New York 10924, until **3:00 PM on Wednesday, December 11, 2024**, when the same will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms, including specifications, may be obtained from the Department of General Services at the above address or at [www.orangecountygov.com/m/577/General-Services.com](http://www.orangecountygov.com/m/577/General-Services.com). Renee Arnold-O'Regan Commissioner of General Services  
County of Orange  
November 20, 2024

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

Notice of Qualification of Washington Street New Windsor LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State: 11/13/24. Office location: Orange County. Princ. bus. addr.: 1023 Washington St., Apt. 1, Hoboken, NJ 07030. LLC formed in DE: 11/12/24. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Cogency Global Inc., 122 E. 42nd St., 18th Fl., NY, NY 10168. DE addr. of LLC: 850 New Burton Rd., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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**Orange County  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids for providing **RCO-OC067-24 Scheduling and Timekeeping Solution** to the County of Orange will be received at PO Box 218, 255-275 Main St., Goshen, New York 10924, until **3:00 PM on Wednesday, January 8, 2025**, when the same will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms, including specifications, may be obtained from the Department of General Services at the above address or at [www.orangecountygov.com/m/577/General-Services.com](http://www.orangecountygov.com/m/577/General-Services.com). Renee Arnold-O'Regan Commissioner of General Services  
County of Orange  
November 20, 2024

**TOWN OF CORNWALL  
LEGAL NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Cornwall on Hudson will hold a Public Hearing on December 16, 2024 at 7:01 p.m. at the Village of Cornwall on Hudson Board Room, Cornwall on Hudson, New York regarding granting a cable television franchise agreement by and between the Village of Cornwall on Hudson and Spectrum Northeast, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications.

A copy of the agreement is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the

Village of Cornwall on Hudson Clerk's office, 325 Hudson Street, Cornwall on Hudson, New York. At such public hearing, all persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written and oral statements will be taken at that time. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.

November 18, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

DORIS WICKISER

VILLAGE CLERK

**TOWN OF WALLKILL  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, the 4th day of December, 2024, at 7:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, there will be a Public Hearing conducted by the Planning Board of the Town of Wallkill at Town Hall at 99 Tower Dr, Building A, Middletown, NY on the application of Multani Reliance, LLC for Major Subdivision Approval under Sections 209-6, 209-7, 209-9, 209-10, 209-11, 209-12, 209-13, & 209-14 of the Town Code to construct and/or operate residential dwellings on the premises located at 201 Schutt Rd, which premises is located in the Town of Wallkill, Orange County and identified on the Town's Tax Maps as Section 77 of Block 7, Tax Lot 25&28. All parties of interest will be heard at such time and place. The public hearing will be held in person only. Members of the public may attend the meeting in person to offer comment during the public hearing.

Please contact the Planning Board Secretary at 845-692-7814 or email [planning@townofwallkill.com](mailto:planning@townofwallkill.com) for questions relative to the meeting. Please check the website for any updated information as it will be posted on the Town's page: <https://www.townofwallkill.com>

GARY W. LAKE CHAIRMAN



500 Stony Brook Court, Suite 2, Newburgh, NY 12550  
(845) 561-0170

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY  
LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF MONTGOMERY PLANNING BOARD  
State Environmental Quality Review  
NOTICE OF COMPLETION and NOTICE OF COMBINED PUBLIC HEARINGS  
For Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Other Local Approvals for the  
NEELYTOWN BUSINESS PARK**

This Notice is issued pursuant to the Zoning Law of the Town of Montgomery and Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

On October 28, 2024, the Town of Montgomery Planning Board, as Lead Agency, deemed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") complete subject to Planning Board final comments and accepted it for purposes of commencing public review.

The DEIS is available for review at the Town of Montgomery Planning Board office 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery, NY 12549 and at the following website:  
<https://townofmontgomery.com/Government/Planning-Board>

A combined Public Hearing on the DEIS, and on the special use permit, subdivision and site plan, will be conducted on December 9, 2024, at 7:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, to be held at Montgomery Town Hall, 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery, NY, 12549. Comments on the DEIS are requested and will be accepted by the contact person until the end of business day, January 6, 2025, or ten (10) days following the end of the public hearing on the DEIS, whichever is later.

**Name of Action:** Neelytown Business Park Site Plan, Special Use Permit, and Minor Subdivision and Lot Consolidation for Two (2) Distribution Facilities

**Applicant:** RDM Group, LLC

**Lead Agency:** Town of Montgomery Planning Board

**SEQR Status:** Type I Action

**Description**

**of Action:** The Proposed Action is for Planning Board approval of the development of two warehouses to be served separately by public water and sewer collectively comprising 1,128,270 SF located on separate lots involving approximately 112.46 acres of land with frontage along Neelytown Road (County Rt. 99) to the east and Beaver Dam Road to the west in the Town of Montgomery as follows:

- Warehouse 1 on 85.6-acre parcel Lot 1 would consist of a single building containing ±850,000 SF of gross floor area, 300 passenger vehicle parking spaces, 134 loading docks, 246 trailer parking spaces, stormwater management basins and improvements, accessory driveways, utilities, dark sky-compliant lighting, landscaping, signage, and other related improvements.
- Warehouse 2 on ±26.8-acre Lot 2 would consist of a single building containing ±278,270 SF of gross floor area, 156 passenger vehicle parking spaces, 50 truck loading docks, 56 trailer parking spaces, stormwater management basins and improvements, accessory driveways, utilities, dark sky-compliant lighting, landscaping, signage, and other related improvements.

The two intensive warehouses are anticipated to function independently within the definition of the term "warehouse" in the Town of Montgomery Zoning Law, including parking areas. No other principal uses or truck maintenance or repair services will occur.

The Project Site is located within the Town of Montgomery's I-1 (General Industry) zoning district, as well as the Airport Overlay district. Access to the Project Site is served by I-84 via Exit 28 (old Exit 5), approximately 1.5 miles away from the Site along Neelytown Road, a 2-lane County highway from which direct access to the Project Site is proposed. Access into the Project Site is proposed via two (2) driveways and one (1) Emergency Access Road. One passenger car and truck access driveway are proposed from Neelytown Road and the second driveway for passenger cars only from Beaver Dam Road. The Emergency Access Road on the north end of the project site is proposed to connect to building 2 and will be designed with a gate and an emergency key box for Emergency Vehicle use only.

The proposed project would disturb a 100-foot adjacent area of a state-regulated wetland, WD-29. A small portion of the parking area is located within the 100-foot regulated adjacent area. In addition, the site contains wetlands under USACOE jurisdiction.

The tenant(s) of the two warehouses are not known yet. It is anticipated that at least one tenant would occupy each building for industrial warehouse and/or distribution, but most likely each building will host two tenants each. The warehouses are not anticipated to be utilized for industrial manufacturing. The hours of operation will be specific to the tenant(s). However, the facility will likely be running 3 shifts and operating continuously on a 24/7 schedule. Storage of hazardous materials or waste onsite is not anticipated. The distribution facilities would be served by Town of Montgomery public water and sewer service.

**Location:** Beaver Dam Road and Neelytown Road, Town of Montgomery, Orange County, NY - Tax Lots 36-1-33, 36-1-11.221, 36-1-11.23, 36-1-11.212, 36-1-11.211, 36-1-11.1, 36-1-10.1, and 33-1-91

**Potential Environmental Impacts:**

Potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action have been identified by the Planning Board based upon a review of the Full Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1 and 2.

These impacts, which may be reasonably expected to result from the Project, have been compared to the criteria for determining significance identified in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c)(1) and in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c)(2) and (3). The Planning

Board found that the proposed project may have a potential significant adverse impact on the following resources – the list below is not intended to be all inclusive:

- **Impact on Traffic:** The Proposed Action will substantially increase traffic above present levels. Access to the Project Site will be provided by Neelytown Road (truck traffic only) and Beaver Dam Road (employee vehicle traffic only).
- **Impact on Land:** The Proposed Action will involve the substantial physical disturbance of approximately 65 acres of land.
- **Impact on Stormwater:** The Proposed Action will increase stormwater run-off and the potential for erosion and sedimentation into downstream water bodies.
- **Impact on Visual Resources:** Elements of the Proposed Action may be visible from nearby residential properties and from I-84, Neelytown Road and Beaver Dam Road.
- **Impact on Noise:** The Proposed Action may produce construction and operational sound that may exceed existing ambient noise levels on and around the Project Site as established by local or State regulation.
- **Impact on Lighting:** The Proposed Action may result in lighting brighter than existing area conditions.

**For Further Information:**

Contact Person: Ms. Suzanne Hadden, Secretary  
Town of Montgomery Planning Board  
Town Hall – 110 Bracken Road  
Montgomery, New York 12549  
Phone: (845) 457-2643 x 1260  
Fax: (845) 457-2760  
Email: [shadden@townofmontgomery.com](mailto:shadden@townofmontgomery.com)

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the application and plans are available to review at the Town Planning Board office and also on the Town website at:  
<https://townofmontgomery.com/Government/Planning-Board>

At the public hearing, all persons interested will have an opportunity to be heard. The public hearing will be live-streamed and may be viewed at <https://acquisitionsmarketing.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/TownofMontgomeryOfficial/live>.

This Notice is being sent to the following involved and interested agencies (along with the DEIS as applicable) as well as to all property owners within 500 feet of the project site:

**Involved and Interested Agencies:**

Town of Montgomery Planning Board  
110 Bracken Road  
Montgomery, New York 12549

Town of Montgomery Town Board  
110 Bracken Road  
Montgomery, New York 12549

Town of Montgomery Building Department  
110 Bracken Road  
Montgomery, New York 12549

Town of Montgomery Zoning Board of Appeals  
110 Bracken Road  
Montgomery, New York 12549

Town of Montgomery Highway Superintendent  
110 Bracken Road  
Montgomery, New York 12549

Town of Montgomery Industrial Development Agency  
110 Bracken Road  
Montgomery, New York 12549

Orange County Health Department  
124 Main Street  
Goshen, New York 10924

Orange County Department of Public Works  
P.O. Box 509  
Goshen, New York 10924

Orange County Planning Department  
124 Main Street  
Goshen, New York 10924

Maybrook Fire District  
204 Wallace Avenue  
Maybrook, NY 12543

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Region 3 Permit Administrator  
21 South Putt Corners Road  
New Paltz, New York 12561

OPRHP, Field Services Bureau – Peebles Island  
PO Box 189  
Waterford, NY 12188-0189  
Patricia Henighan, Chairperson

Town of Montgomery Conservation Advisory Council  
110 Bracken Road  
Montgomery, New York 12549  
Mary Ellen Matise, Chairperson

Town of Montgomery Historic Preservation Commission  
110 Bracken Road  
Montgomery, New York 12549  
New York State Department of Transportation  
SEQR Unit, Traffic Engineering and Safety Division  
4 Burnett Boulevard  
Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)  
Wetlands and Section 404 Clean Water Act:  
USACE Operations/Regulatory 16-406  
c/o PSC Mail Center  
26 Federal Plaza  
New York, NY 10278

David Everett, Esq.  
(for the applicant – notice only, no attachment)  
Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP  
One Commerce Plaza  
Albany, New York 12260

Richard Hoyt, Esq. (for the Planning Board)  
P.O. Box 402  
Walden, New York 12586  
Environmental Notice Bulletin (Notice Only)  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-1750

Neelytown BD Developers LLC (owner of record)  
4770 White Plains Road  
Bronx, NY 10470

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF MONTGOMERY  
PLANNING BOARD

Fred Reichle, Chairperson

Dated 11/15/24

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Rich Portfolios LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/10/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Rich Portfolios LLC: 13 Karlsburg Rd Unit 303, Monroe NY 10950. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of The Monroe Lake House LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/07/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Elimaylech Moskowitz: 1121 54th Street, Brooklyn NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of JFK UNLIMITED TRUCKING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/30/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to johnnie knowles: 328 Aristotle Dr. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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COMPANY**

PATIENT FIRST NURSE PRACTITIONER IN FAMILY HEALTH PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/17/24. Office: Orange 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, 360 Angela Drive, Montgomery, NY 12549. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Nurse Practitioner in Family Health.

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COMPANY**

DLD PROJECTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/25/24. Office: Orange 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 Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Avenue Suite 700, Albany, NY 12260, which also serves as the Registered Agent address. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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COMPANY**

Notice of formation of OC ELITE CARE LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/16/24. Office in Orange County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 12 CANE CT GOSHEN, NY, 10924. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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COMPANY**

NOTICE OF SUBSTANCE OF EGD, LLC

The Articles of Organization of EGD, LLC were filed on November 4, 2024 with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY). This Limited Liability Company (LLC) has an office in Orange County, New York. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to 8 Tara Drive, Cornwall, NY 12518. In addition to the events of dissolution set forth in Section 701 of the Limited Liability Company Law (LLCL), the company does not have a specific date of dissolution. The purpose of the company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which an LLC may be organized under the LLCL. The Articles of Organization were subscribed to by Aaron C. Fitch, Esq., Organizer, Drake Loeb PLLC, 555 Hudson Valley Avenue, Suite 100, New Windsor, New York 12553.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

1763 S WACCAMAW DR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/26/23. Office: Orange 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, 5668 Searsville Road, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

HAVERSTRAW CP LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/24/24. Office in Orange Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 590 Route 211 E, Middletown, NY 10941. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 147 Rte 9W, Haverstraw, NY 10927.

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Formation of BOURDEAU LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/24/2024. Office loc.: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Joanne Marie Albert-Washington, 85 Wildwood Dr., Rock Tavern, NY 12575. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

1 PLEASANT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/23/24. Office: Orange 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, 75 Van Amburgh Road, Montgomery, NY 12549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
LEGAL NOTICE**

LITTLE BRITAIN CEMETERY Little Britain Cemetery Assoc. annual meeting will be held on December 1, 2024 At 3:00 pm, 601 Station Rd, Rock Tavern, NY 12575. All are Welcome

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Notice of Formation of JFP INSPECTION CONSULTANT LLC . Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/2024. Office location: Orange County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to None : 30 Wild Road, Circleville, NY 10919. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
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COMPANY**

4704 NOB NMB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/26/23. Office: Orange 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, 5668 Searsville Road, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
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COMPANY**

3300 NOB NMB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/26/23. Office: Orange 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, 5668 Searsville Road, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Orange County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

3910 NOB NMB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/26/23. Office: Orange 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, 5668 Searsville Road, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, the 4th day of December, 2024, at 7:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, there will be a Public Hearing conducted by the Planning Board of the Town of Walkkill at the Town Hall at 99 Tower Dr, Building A, Middletown, NY on the application of Aden Brook Agricultural LLC, for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval under Sections 249-38, 249-39, 249-39.1, & 249-40 of the Town Code to construct and/or operate a service & repair shop (motor vehicle services and repair not included) on the premises located at Rykowski Lane, which premises is located in the Town of Walkkill, Orange County and identified on the Town's Tax Maps as Section 60 of Block 1, Tax Lot 88. All parties of interest will be heard at such time and place. The public hearing will be held in person only. Members of the public may attend in person to offer comment during the public hearing. Please contact the Planning Board Secretary at 845-692-7814 or email [planning@townofwalkkill.com](mailto:planning@townofwalkkill.com) if you have any questions relative to attending the meeting. Please check the Town's website for any updated information as it will be posted on the Town's website page: <https://www.townofwalkkill.com>  
GARY W. LAKE CHAIRMAN

**Ulster County  
NOTICE OF FORMATION  
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Daring Dreams Media LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/31/2024. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC.: 57 Glen Rock Cir, Highland, NY 12528. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**VILLAGE OF  
MONTGOMERY  
LOCAL LAW  
VILLAGE OF  
MONTGOMERY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that there has been introduced before the Village Board of the Village of Montgomery, New York, a local law entitled "A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 5 of 2023, As Amended by Local Law No. 4 Of 2024, to Extend the Moratorium Prohibiting the Approval of Certain Land Development Applications in the Village of Montgomery for an Additional Six Months.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a public hearing will be held by the Village Board of the Village of Montgomery on December 3, 2024, at 7:15 p.m. at the Montgomery Village Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery, New York to consider the adoption of the aforesaid Introductory Local Law. Any resident of the Village of Montgomery is entitled to be heard upon said proposed Local Law at such public hearing. Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at: Montgomery Village Hall 133 Clinton Street Montgomery, NY The Village of Montgomery will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Village Clerk. **BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY.** Dated: November 6, 2024, Tina Murphy, Village Clerk, Village of Montgomery

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# Village of Montgomery's historian retires

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"I have a strong appreciation for American History, but I never, ever thought about being a historian. When asked, I had no idea where to even start, but my love for the village and the incredible legacy appreciation village residents and their families have for its history, inspired me and Charlene to use our background retail and marketing experience to visually communicate and share that history at the museum," Fitzpatrick said. "I think the positive reviews we continually receive about the museum from residents, outside visitors, and other historians, have made me believe we did what we set out to do, for generations to come. I think Marion Wild would be proud."

For the next five years, Fitzpatrick and Charlene poured countless hours into making the museum the best it could be, from sorting old records and preserving artifacts to hosting tours and educating residents on the village's history. The museum's presentation was a major priority, and the two used their experiences in marketing and postal service to create informative, organized, and visually striking displays. Fitzpatrick credits the museum's success to his wife and other community members who helped them along the way, including his family, former DPW Superintendent Buddy Nelson, current DPW Superintendent Jake Henry, and many more.

"I held the title, but Charlene was the driving force behind all the research and folders. My sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Bob, worked here every Saturday for years; whenever we opened, they would be up here from April right through Christmas organizing files and creating folders," he said. "The DPW in this village, whether it was Buddy Nelson or Jake Henry, lived here with us. They moved cases and files, cleaned every week, and they were constantly here in a minute's call for the last five years. They've all been the greatest support I've had."

Fitzpatrick officially retired from village historian last week, as he felt it was time for a new face to take over and implement their own vision into the museum. Moving forward, he wants to spend time with his family, catch up on golfing, and "live in the moment."

Fitzpatrick thanked everyone worked with over the years, including the board of trustees, Mayor Mike Hembury, Brescia, Devitt, Lindner, and the rest of the community. As a resident not a native to Montgomery, he feels honored to have served as the village historian and is grateful for the overwhelming support from residents.

"I'll never find the words to fully convey my heartfelt appreciation for all the support, recognition,

and accolades that I've received. Charlene and I have been blessed to share our lives with every one of you business owners and residents in this extraordinary village," he said. "Tomorrow, I give the key back, and

I think I'm more emotional now than I was leaving the postal service. I spent 35 years in that career, but this was more than just business. This is my life, and it's so personal to me."

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# OBITUARIES

## Gary Benken

Gary Benken, of Wallkill, formerly of Peekskill, NY entered into rest on Saturday, November 16, 2024. He was 69.

Son of the late Gerhard and Veronika (Grosskortenhau) Benken, he was born September 9, 1955 in Bronx, NY.

Gary retired from the Poughkeepsie IBM Corporation in 2020 after dedicating over 40 years of hard-work as a Service Planner. He was a faithful parishioner of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, a 3rd Degree member of the Fr. Michael Pascual Council #9165 of the Knights of Columbus, and was known for his infectious personality when directing traffic in the Sunday School parking lot. Gary loved sports and excelled in soccer, basketball, and softball. He was an avid Yankees and Giants fan. He shared his love of sports with his children and spent many years



coaching and loudly cheering them on ("Nobody Better"). In his free time, he loved to golf and spent many hours fishing with family and friends.

Survivors include his loving wife, Susan M. Benken; a daughter, Christine D. Benken, and a son, Gary W. Benken, all of Wallkill; A sister, Monica Carlough of Garner, NC; and several nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, William Benken.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 1250 Rt. 32, Plattekill.

Burial followed at the Assumption Cemetery, 1055 Oregon Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY 12567.

Donations in Gary's memory can be made to St. Jude Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

Gary's radiant kindness, love, and willingness to help others will be missed, but never forgotten. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, brother, and friend.

Arrangements are under the care of White, Venuto and Morrill Funeral and Cremation Service, Newburgh.

## Hilton T. Bonilla

Hilton T. Bonilla, of Walden, passed away Saturday, November 9, 2024, in Middletown, NY. He was 80.

The son of the late Santiago and Luz Maria (Acevedo) Bonilla, he was born March 13, 1944 in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

Hilton was married to the love of his life Elsie for 60 years. Hilton was an amazing father to his son Mark being present in the stands for almost every game from little league, to high school, to college, then still rooting with pride as he watched Mark become a coach. But being Papa to his grandchildren



Rebecca, Andrew, and Alyssa brought him his greatest joy. They will remember him as their best friend, their #1 fan, and craziest man in the room. Hilton loved big, loved hilariously, and celebrated each and every moment he could with his family.

Hilton was an avid runner. Training with the Bronx Roadrunners club he completed ten NYC Marathons, a Spartan Race, and many 5k's.

Hilton happily worked for nearly 57 years at the Statue of Liberty where he was proudly named "Liberty's Fastest Man".

Hilton was a member of Fusion Church and was thankful for the faithful prayers, friendships, and support from his church family. Hilton found peace in the Word of God.

He is survived by his loving wife Elsie Bonilla, his son Mark & his wife Rachel, grandchildren Rebecca, Andrew, and Alyssa, sister Helen Vila, sister Carmen Bonilla, cousin Wanda Lampon and sister-in-law Priscilla Rodriguez.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Feeding America 161 North Clark Street, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60601.

Arrangements were made by Millspaugh Funeral Directors.

## Charles D. Garrison

Charles D. Garrison, Jr. of Wallkill, NY, passed away on Sunday, November 10, 2024 at the age of 74. Born on November 25, 1949, son of Charles D. and Louise (Miller) Garrison, he is survived by his wife, Mariann, their sons Brandon (Lauren) and Chad (Mary-Katherine), and grandchildren Emily, Elizabeth, Waylon, and Axel. He leaves behind siblings Lola Saya (Stan), Gail Riggins, and Glen Garrison, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was two weeks shy of his 75th birthday

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and 52nd wedding anniversary to his bride Mariann. He lived for his family.

Chuck was an auctioneer by occupation, but his true passion was farming. Born into a long line of farmers, Chuck worked on his family farm on Plains Road since he was a child. Together until his late father's passing, they began as

dairy farmers and then raised chickens, veal calves, and hogs. After Chuck took over the family farm, he eventually transitioned to raising beef cattle. With a need to fund his farming habit and a great mind for enterprise, Chuck built many successful ventures, both on and off the farm. From rental properties, to operating a Ford dealership in Wallkill, to his many years as a well-respected real estate and auto auctioneer, Chuck was a true entrepreneur and left a great impact on the community.

Though he was a man of few words, he had a big heart and was always willing to help anyone in need. He never needed to take credit or attract the spotlight, but he would always drop what he was doing to show up and lend a hand. He was the former president and long-time member of the Wallkill Lions Club and volunteered as the auctioneer for several different benefit auctions.

Visitation was held Friday, November 15, at Wallkill Funeral Home. A funeral service took place on Saturday, November 16 at Reformed Church of Shawangunk, followed by the burial at New Hurley Reformed Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Wallkill Volunteer Ambulance Corps and The Reformed Church of Shawangunk.

Arrangements were made by Millspaugh Funeral Directors.

For directions or condolences please visit [millspaughfuneralhome.com](http://millspaughfuneralhome.com).

### **Dominic Anthony Lombardi Jr.**

Dominic Anthony Lombardi Jr., a retired window covering installer for Lynn's Window Coverings in Portland, Oregon and 14 year resident of Pine Bush, NY, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday November 12, 2024. He was 86.

The son of the late Dominic Anthony Lombardi Sr, and Virginia McCarthy Lombardi, he was born on November 4, 1938 in Glens Falls, NY. Dominic served his country in the United States Air Force



from 1958-1966, reaching the rank of A2C, Airman 2nd Class. He was decorated with the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, National Defense Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster.

Dominic was a member of the G. Paul Bettinger Post 1308 in Pine Bush and the Church of the Infant Saviour. He was also an avid musician, golfer and fisherman.

Survivors include his beloved sisters, Patricia Carluccio of Pine Bush, and Madelyn Frogner of Lincoln City, Oregon, niece, Virginia Carluccio of Glens Falls, NY, nephew, William Carluccio Jr. and his wife Maria of Westfield, NJ, niece, Maria Buckley and her husband William of Haworth, NJ, and grandniece, Ava Buckley of Haworth, NJ, and his special beloved friend, Toni McConnell. Dominic is predeceased by his brother, William Lombardi, and sister, Anne Lombardi.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Monday, November 18, 2024 at the Church of the Infant Saviour, Pine Bush. Burial with full Military Honors was in the Orange County Veterans Cemetery, Goshen.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Church of the Infant Saviour, 22 Holland Ave., Pine Bush, NY or to the G. Paul Bettinger Post 1308, PO Box 651, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Arrangements entrusted to the William M. Gagan Funeral Home Inc.

### **Paul A. Melzer**

Paul A. Melzer, of Maybrook, NY, passed away Tuesday, November 12, 2024. He was 92.

The son of the late Albin and Marie (Stegman) Melzer, he was born April 1, 1932 in Brooklyn, NY.

Paul served in the United States Army and was a retired engineer for IBM in East Fishkill, NY. He was an avid stamp collector and enjoyed playing chess. Paul was also a loyal Mets fan, and he enjoyed



watching his favorite games shows Family Feud, Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy.

He is survived by his wife Betty, daughter Lynn Princisvalle & her husband Tony, daughter Nancy Melzer, daughter Janice Melzer, daughter Carol Petrilli & her husband Billy, grandchildren Katherine (Andrew) Schrichte, Laurretta (Lance) Sonner, Joseph (Azenet) Zak, Diane (William) Eull, Michael (Jocelyn) Petrilli, great grandchildren Gwyn, Killian, Bran, Natalie, Jaxon, Melody, Luke, Parker, Jazper and baby Schrichte to be, sister-in-law Valerie Gardner and nieces, nephews and extended family.

Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law Carl and Virginia Melzer.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at the Millspaugh Funeral Home.

Burial followed in Wallkill Valley Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, 195 Hudson St, Cornwall-On-Hudson, NY 12520.

Arrangements were made by Millspaugh Funeral Directors.

### **John Brendan McCabe**

John "Jack" Brendan McCabe, son of Frank McCabe & Bridget Hanratty, passed away peacefully on November 6, 2024, at the age of 84. Jack is survived by his devoted wife of 55 years, Mary McCabe of Montgomery, NY; his sons, Rory McCabe of Montgomery and Colin McCabe of Seattle; daughter-in-law, Jaclyn McCabe; and his beloved granddaughter, Molly. He was preceded in death by his son, Brian McCabe, and his sister, Marion Dorning of San Francisco. He was cherished as "Uncle Brendan" by his



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niece and nephews, Jack, Kevin, Bill, Moira, and Tom. As well as a large Family of cousins In the US, Ireland and England.

Jack spent his formative years in St. Albans and Douglaston Queens. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict, he began a long and successful career at the New York Stock Exchange. Jack met his “better half,” Mary, and they settled in Montgomery, NY, where he became an active member of the community. Upon retirement he then joined his wife as a Realtor with Terra Acres Realty.

Jack’s lifelong love of baseball—particularly the Brooklyn Dodgers—led him to become a dedicated Little League baseball coach for many years and the president of the Bayside Little League in Queens. Fondly remembered by his sons for coaching fresh off the train in his work suit. Also, an avid golfer who found great joy on the links. Jack brought passion to every role he undertook. Known for his quick wit, intelligence, and generous heart, he was a hard-working man who could always be counted on by friends and family alike. Jack was also a dedicated member of “The Montgomery Breakfast Club.” He leaves behind many friends & family and will be dearly missed.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, December 7, 12 -3 p.m. at Millspaugh Funeral Home, 22 Bank St., Walden.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tunnel to Towers or Covenant House in Jack’s memory.

Arrangements were made by Millspaugh Funeral Directors.

For directions or condolences please visit [millspaughfuneralhome.com](http://millspaughfuneralhome.com).

## Suzanne M. Reeves

Suzanne M. Reeves, of Cornwall-On-Hudson, NY entered into eternal rest on November 13, 2024 at home. She was 71 years old.



The daughter of the late Harry Reeves, Sr. and Martha (Weber) Reeves, Suzanne was born on November 9, 1953 in Cornwall, NY.

Suzanne was a Cashier at ShopRite in Vails Gate, NY.

Suzanne was a kind and loving person with a heart of gold. She loved feeding her birds and the squirrels that came to visit her each

morning. She was always willing to help others and enjoyed her job at ShopRite and her customers.

Suzanne was an avid New York Mets fan. She will be greatly missed by all.

In addition to her parents, Suzanne was preceded in death by her brother: Harry Reeves, Jr. and her niece: Amber L. Reeves. She is survived by her loving sisters: Martha M. (Reeves) Ronk of Cornwall-On-Hudson, NY and Judy A. (Reeves) Nicholson of Byron, GA; her niece: Charlotte Shue; and by her nephew: Derek Ragan.

Visitation was held on Sunday, November 17 at Quigley-Sullivan Funeral Home, Inc., 337 Hudson St. Cornwall-On-Hudson, NY. Cremation took place at Cedar Hill Crematory in Middle Hope, NY.

Memorial Contributions in Suzanne’s name may be made to Hudson Valley Humane Society, 200 Quaker Road, Pomona, NY 10970.

Arrangements are entrusted to Quigley-Sullivan Funeral Home, Inc.; to send condolences or to get directions to the funeral home, please go to [www.Quigleybros.com](http://www.Quigleybros.com).

## Deborah Schoonmaker

Deborah Schoonmaker, of Ellenville, NY, has been reunited with her parents and grandparents. She was 68.

The daughter of the late Melvin and Barbara (Donovan) Reed, she was born August 23, 1956 in Newburgh, NY.

Deborah worked hard running the family farm, Dreamcatcher Farm. She loved her family dearly and was the glue that held everyone together. Deborah will be forever loved and missed by all those who were blessed to know her.



She is survived by her husband Kief Schoonmaker, daughter Tracy, son Kenny & Tracy, son Joey, son Jeremy & Barbara, daughter Cheyenne & Randy, daughter Krystal, grandchildren Dave (Elizabeth), Maria, Cierra, Jonny, Raven, Takoda, Damian, Tati, Scarlett, Katerina, Isabella & Drusilla

Great grandchildren Charlotte, John, McKenzie and Zackary; sister Linda, and mother-in-law Ruth Schoonmaker.

Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her father-in-law Doug Schoonmaker.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, November 15 at Most Precious Blood Church, Walden, NY.

Burial followed in Ulster Heights Cemetery, Ellenville, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude

Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements were made by Millspaugh Funeral Directors.

## William Joseph Tomlin Sr.

William Joseph Tomlin Sr. was the beloved husband of Juana Tomlin and cherished father of Jessica, William Jr., Mary, Hunter and step son Paul. William was the son of Thomas Tomlin and Mary Riley. He was born on April 30, 1958 at St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY.

William grew up in the village of Wappingers Falls, a place where everyone knew everyone that he was proud to call home. He always spoke fondly of his memories growing up in the village, visiting Johnny’s corner store, playing baseball with his neighborhood friends, fishing and hunting and ice skating on the lake.

William was the best husband to Juana and together God blessed them with their two youngest children. He loved being a husband, father and friend to all. He was a beloved member of his community, treating others with respect and generosity.

He was an amazing musician, lifelong guitarist and song writer. He used his talents to teach others and share his love of music. He spent countless hours playing guitar and singing to his children, passing his passion onto them.

Playing baseball was one of his favorite pastimes. He shared his love of the game with his children, and taught his sons how to pitch and hit, with countless hours in the yard or on the field. He loved to share his memories going to Yankees Stadium and was a lifelong fan. He spent many years visiting spring training camps in Florida, collecting autographs and working as a sports photographer.

William was an avid collector with vast knowledge in many areas. He collected autographs and memorabilia, and successfully ran his online collectibles business for 25 years. He loved matting and framing photos and autographs, creating special pieces throughout his life.

William began his long career in hospitality as an instructor at the Culinary Institute of America where he also coached the ice hockey team. He went on to create a catering business and become a private chef in Palm Beach, Florida. In his role as food service manager at Vassar Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY he loved taking care of others.

He is survived by his wife Juana Tomlin and his children Jessica, William Jr., Paul, Mary, and Hunter, his sisters Pat Lauricella and Cathye Borman and brother Thomas Tomlin. He is also survived by his niece Mary and nephews Michael, Adam and Trevor and many other family members. His memory will live on through them.

## MONTGOMERY

# The most wonderful time of the year

I'm typing this column as I am enjoying the most wonderful time of the year, the Christmas movies now being shown on the Hallmark Channels and UP TV and GAF. (Great American Family Channel, Hallmarks competitor). And its only the beginning! What a wonderful respite from the news, prime time shows and reality TV.

The Valley Central High School PTSA is collecting winter clothing this year. They are looking for donations



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of new or gently used winter jackets, gloves, hats, boots, and other winter gear that will be donated to local shelters. Drop off locations are at the VC High School, VC Central Office and the lobby of the town hall. Items will be accepted thru January 31.

On November 23 the Valley Central Scholarship Council will have their annual Holiday Craft Fair at the High School, Rt. 17K Montgomery. It will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students and seniors, kids under 5 are free. There will be over 90 vendors, basket and vendor raffles and food and refreshments for purchase.

The following notices are from the Senior Center Advisory Board:

A thank you to our Veterans for an amazing Veterans Appreciation Luncheon. So many people and organizations to thank. A big thank you to the Maybrook Senior Center



The Toys for Tots Train returns December 15.

for their warm welcome, support and generosity. We are grateful to all especially our Veterans, past and present.

Join them for Cards & Games on Thursday, November 21 from 1-4 p.m. for an afternoon of fun and friendship. Please bring your own favorite games, there will be light refreshments. The location is Wallkill River Art School, 232 Ward Street, Montgomery.

Trivia Lunch at the Maybrook Senior Center on December 5 at noon. Please call to pre-register at 845-260-4475. A \$5.00 payment made at the door for pizza - beverage and dessert.

The Senior Citizens Advisory Board presents a Photo Album Tech Support Days event. The days for this drop in event are December 4 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The location is the Wallkill River School, 232 Ward St. Montgomery. For more on this call 845-260-4475.

The Senior Citizens Advisory Board announces a Villa Roma Christmas Lunch & Musical on Dec. 4. It is \$50.00 per person which includes a 4 course lunch, cake and coffee. The bus will leave at 9 a.m. from the Town of Montgomery Government Center and will return at 4:30 p.m. The last day to sign up is November 27, and advanced

payment must be made at time of sign up. Checks can be mailed to the Wallkill River School at 232 Ward St., Montgomery NY call 845-260-4475 or checks can be dropped off at the Wallkill River School, Office A. Selling out fast, call soon.

Knitting & Crocheting Club will meet on December 4, 11 & 18 at 11a.m. All levels welcome! The location: Wallkill River Art School, 232 Ward Street, Montgomery, 845-260-4475. Please check out, like and follow our Facebook page. We have exiting classes, events and trips coming up! <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=senior%20citizens%20advisory%20board>.

Musicians of the Hudson Valley 5th annual Toys for Tots event will be held on December 1 at Lolly's Airport Inn, 247 Rt. 211 Montgomery. Enjoy music from 2 to 9 p.m. featuring 7 local bands. Donate a new unwrapped toy and enjoy a free buffet. There will be 50/50 drawing and raffles. Any business or community that would like to support or participate in this event can contact [geochoa154@gmail.com](mailto:geochoa154@gmail.com).

The Operation Toys for Tots

### Community Events

THURSDAY

**Group Exercise.** 9 a.m.,  
Montgomery Senior Center. 845-457-9367.

FRIDAY

**Cards & Games.** 9 a.m.  
Montgomery Senior Center. 845-457-9367.

MONDAY

**Group Exercise.** 9 a.m.,  
Montgomery Senior Center. 845-457-9367.

TUESDAY

**Line Dancing Lessons.** 9:30 a.m.  
Montgomery Senior Center. 845-457-9367.

WEDNESDAY

**Tai Chi.** 10 a.m. Montgomery  
Senior Center. 845-457-9367.

Train is speeding down the tracks for our area on Sunday, December 15. It will stop in Warwick, Sugar Loaf, Montgomery, Campbell Hall, Middletown and Port Jervis. Operation Toy Train runs a series of special annual toy collection trains across the United States during the holiday season. Each year, the trains collect over 35,000 donated toys for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation and other local civic organizations, all of which redistribute the toys to underprivileged children within the collection areas.

Have Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 22. It will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Montgomery Senior Center. Proceeds to benefit the Montgomery Food Pantry. The full buffet breakfast will include pancakes, eggs and all the fixings. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids.

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Shawangunk Democrats to host fall cleanup

The Shawangunk Democrats will hold their annual fall cleanup on Saturday, Nov. 23. The event, open to all, begins at 9 a.m. at the Walker Valley Schoolhouse Community Center, 6 Marl Road, Walker Valley.

Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather and bring gloves and any tools they may have. The event offers an opportunity for residents to give back to the community and connect with neighbors.

### PBANGP presents a Holiday Shopping Extravaganza

The Pine Bush All Night Graduation Party will host its annual Holiday Shopping Extravaganza on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Town of Crawford Senior Community Center, 115 NY-302. The event, which supports local vendors and raises funds for the PBANGP, will feature holiday shopping opportunities, concessions, and a basket raffle with prizes that winners need not be present to claim.

Advanced ticket sales come with a bonus ticket. Santa will make a special appearance from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with photo opportunities available for \$10 each. Shoppers are encouraged to start their holiday shopping early and support local businesses.

### Annual Christmas Market returns to Walden

The Bruderhof Communities will host their annual Christmas Market on Saturday, Nov. 23, from noon to 4 p.m. at 10 Coleman Road, Walden.

The event will feature a variety of handcrafted items and fresh baked goods, available while supplies last. Guests can enjoy complimentary coffee and cookies while browsing the displays of holiday crafts.

Please note that the market operates as a cash-and-check-only event.

### Maybrook VFW Post to Host Friendsgiving Dinner and Dance

The Maybrook VFW Post 2064 will host a Friendsgiving Dinner and Dance on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 6 to 10 p.m. at 209 Main St. The evening will feature a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, dessert, music, dancing, and drinks, with entertainment by DJ Mike. A \$15 donation per person is requested.

In addition to the festivities, the VFW is also an official Toys for Tots drop-off location, now accepting



Osiris Country Club will host a fashion show fundraiser on Sunday to benefit the Newburgh-based Project My Day Inc.

donations.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the post's community and veteran support initiatives.

### Hudson Valley nonprofit hosts fashion show fundraiser

Project My Day, Inc., a Newburgh-based nonprofit dedicated to celebrating foster children's special moments, will host its second annual Holiday Shopping Kickoff and Fashion Show Fundraiser on Sunday, Nov. 24, at the Osiris Country Club in Walden.

The event, running from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., offers attendees a chance to enjoy hors d'oeuvres,

unlimited soft drinks, and a swag bag. Guests can shop from local businesses and watch families model styles from Hudson Valley brands and boutiques in the fashion show. VIP ticket holders will receive early access at 11 a.m.

Tickets are \$60 for general admission and \$80 for VIP access. Attendees are encouraged to dress in business casual attire.

Project My Day, Inc. is a volunteer-led 501(c)(3) nonprofit that works with the Dutchess and Orange County Departments of Social Services and The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie. The organization fulfills wishlists for children in foster care, ensuring they receive gifts for milestones such as birthdays, graduations, and other special occasions.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [projectmydayinc.org/events](http://projectmydayinc.org/events) or contact Amanda O'Connor at 845-391-8013 or [amandao@projectmydayinc.org](mailto:amandao@projectmydayinc.org).

Proceeds from the event will support the nonprofit's mission to bring joy and lasting memories to foster children across the Hudson Valley.

### Walden Library Notes

Just a few reminders from the library:

Celebrate Indigenous People's Month and hear some Native American Tales on Thursday, November 21, 4:30 p.m. Learn about the first people of New York State. Afterward, we will do a craft based on one of the tales. This is a Family Program, all are welcome.

Our Pop-Up Movie Matinee is scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2 p.m. and will feature Home Alone, a favorite holiday comedy. Light refreshments will be served.

Drop-in at our Lego Club on Tuesday, November 26, 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. Legos of all shapes and sizes will be available.

The Walden Knights Chess Club will meet on Saturday, November 30, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. We have plenty of Chess sets and all skill levels are welcome.

The Library will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### Walden Community Council lottery calendar available

The Walden Community Council will once again have lottery calendars available for sale. The calendars sell for \$20 each and are good for the entire

## AROUND THE VALLEY

2025 year. Winning numbers drawn on a week day win \$25.00, on Sundays the prize is \$40.00, and on selected holidays \$75.00.

The New Year's Eve 2025 number drawn will win \$100.00. Once a calendar is purchased, the number chosen (based on the NYS Lottery evening number) is good for the entire year. The numbers are monitored by our committee and a check will be mailed to you if/when your number wins.

Look for the calendars at the front desk of the Josephine Louise Library in Walden.

### Pine Bush Lions Club hosts 3rd annual pajama drive

The Pine Bush Lions Club is collecting new pajamas for its third annual Lions Pajama Drive to benefit children in foster care.

Pajamas in all sizes, from baby to adult, can be donated at the village tree lighting on Dec. 7 or dropped off in advance at 61 Main St. at either Cronin & Co. Real Estate or The Dog House Grooming.

For more information, visit the Pine Bush Lions Club on social media.

### Holiday Lights in Bloom returns November 29

Get ready to light up your season, because the 16th annual "Holiday Lights in Bloom" is coming soon!

Presented by the Orange County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation, the lights program will run from November 29 to December 29th, every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Arboretum located at Thomas Bull Memorial Park.

Be dazzled by the magical display of lights and decorations as you stroll through the beautiful gardens. It may be chilly out, but the Arboretum will be in "full bloom" with beautiful, garden-themed light displays in the forms of flowers, animals, and insects. Children, and adults alike, will be charmed as they stroll through the various themed gardens created in lights.

"The Lights in Bloom exhibit has become a holiday tradition for families in Orange County," said Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus. "The holidays are about spending time with the ones you love, and this month-long exhibit is a great way to do that. I look forward to it each year and hope other families enjoy it as much as I do with my own."

It's a walkthrough only display open to the public, and it's FREE. No buses or groups larger than 15 people. Pets are not permitted. Parking is limited, so please arrive by 7 p.m. to ensure you have time to park and enjoy the lights as they are turned off promptly at 8:00 p.m.

Due to construction on the Ottaway Education Center, the Friends of the Arboretum will hold their Holiday Boutique in the greenhouses in conjunction with the light show from Nov. 29 through Dec. 21 (closed Sundays). Please visit their website for more info on dates and times at [orangecountyarboretum.org](http://orangecountyarboretum.org).

The Arboretum is located at 41 Grove St., Hamptonburgh, NY 10916, within Thomas Bull Memorial Park. For more information, please call 845-615-3828 or visit: [visitorangecountygov.com/2315/Parks-Recreation](http://visitorangecountygov.com/2315/Parks-Recreation)

### Gardiner's Full Circle hosts Holiday Craft Market

Full Circle, Gardiner's new community and event space and home to the Gardiner Bakehouse, will host a one-day holiday craft market on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The market will feature local artisans and creators, including ceramic artists Annie O'Neill and Tiffany Dyckman, textile artists Alexa Ginsburg and Mary Leary, and modern clockmaker Leonie Lacouette. Additional exhibitors include Forest Artists, offering handmade cutting boards, maple syrup, and beeswax candles, as well as former town clerk Michelle Mosher, who crafts aromatic soaps. Jewelry designers Alexa Grace and Connie Verrusio will also showcase their unique creations.

Visitors can enjoy the culinary offerings of the Gardiner Bakehouse, including sourdough breads, Parisian-style croissants, and barista-prepared coffee. The event takes place in Full Circle's timbered great room at 297 Bruynswick Road.

For more details, visit [fcgardiner.com](http://fcgardiner.com).

### Walker Valley Fire Company hosts Breakfast With Santa

The Walker Valley Fire Company will hold its annual Breakfast With Santa on Sunday, Dec. 1, at the Walker Valley Fire House.

Tickets are available at the door, with prices set at \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and veterans, \$5 for children ages 3-12, and free for children under 3.

Doors open at 8 a.m.

### See the Jets take on the Seahawks

The Village of Walden Recreation and Parks Department is organizing a bus trip to see the New York Jets face the Seattle Seahawks at MetLife Stadium on Sunday, Dec. 1.

The cost is \$175 per person, which includes a game ticket, bus transportation, and catered food. The bus will depart from Oak Street parking lot promptly at

8:30 a.m. Only 50 seats are available, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with completed forms and payment.

Checks should be made payable to "Village of Walden Recreation & Parks Department" and mailed to 1 Municipal Square, Walden, NY 12586. For questions, call 845-778-2177 ext. 1527 or email [LFanizzi@VillageofWalden.org](mailto:LFanizzi@VillageofWalden.org).

The Seattle Seahawks, incidentally, have the highest winning percentage at MetLife Stadium among NFL teams. They hold a perfect 5-0 record at the venue, including a victory in Super Bowl XLVIII, which remains their only championship win. Three of these victories came against the New York Giants, further solidifying their success in East Rutherford, New Jersey.



### Walden Fire Department to host Holiday Craft Fair

The Walden Fire Department will hold a holiday craft fair on Sunday, Dec. 1, from noon to 4 p.m. at 230 Old Orange Ave. Shoppers can browse items from more than 30 vendors, including candles, soaps, handmade crafts, jewelry, vintage gifts, and clothing. Santa Claus will also make a special appearance.

For more information, contact [LBruggemann@Waldenfd.org](mailto:LBruggemann@Waldenfd.org).

### Maybrook Tree Lighting is December 1

The annual Village of Maybrook Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 1, at 6 p.m. at the Frederick Meyers Veterans Memorial Park.

The event, held annually on the Sunday after Thanksgiving features music by the Maybrook Scout Band and, of course, a visit from Jolly Old Saint Nick himself.

### Come see The Polka King's Christmas Show

The Village of Walden is organizing a senior trip to see "Sleigh Bells & Snowflakes," presented by Jimmy Sturr, on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Paramount Theatre. The event is open to adults over 55.

The trip costs \$30 per person, with reservations on a first-come, first-served basis, limited to 50 seats. Departure is at 1:30 p.m. from the Walden Firehouse parking lot, with an approximate return at 6:15 p.m.

Sign up at the Anita L. Vandermark Community Center, 97 Sherman Ave., or call 845-778-2177 ext. 1527 for tickets.

# Senator Hinchey honors 156th NY Regiment's victory at Cedar Creek

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During the week of October 19, New York Senator Michelle Hinchey presented a proclamation to the Town of Shawangunk, commemorating the 160th anniversary of the 156th New York Infantry Regiment's victory in the Battle of Cedar Creek during the American Civil War. This regiment comprised many Shawangunk natives who helped the Union reclaim the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia from the Confederacy in 1864.

The 156th New York Regiment, nicknamed the Mountain Legion after the Catskills and Shawangunk Mountains, mustered into service on November 17, 1862, in New York City Hall. The troop was commanded by Colonels Erastus Cooke and Jacob Sharpe and comprised about 1,100 men; most of the group's members came from Ulster County, including New Paltz and Shawangunk, with additional recruits from Richmond and Greene County. A few of the regiment's engagements included the Battle of Fort Bisland in April 1863, the siege on Port Hudson in June 1863, and the Battle of Mansura in May 1864.

During the Civil War, Confederate General Jubal Early maintained



Sergeant Phillip Decker (provided by Williams).



A Mountain Legion reunion at New Paltz, post-Civil War (provided by Williams).

control over the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia, providing critical food production for his army. Union General Philip Sheridan stifled Early's grip on the territory through his victories in the Third Battle of Winchester and the Battle of Fisher's Hill in September 1864. Sheridan also employed scorched-earth tactics to burn the Confederate's food sources.

"General Phil Sheridan had his hand on the throat of the Confederacy. The commanding general and the Shenandoah Valley was General Jubal Early, and he had taken two decisive losses: the first being at the Battle of Third Winchester and the second being at the Battle of Fisher's Hill," said Shawangunk Historian Kyle Williams. "After those two decisive victories for the Union Army and the Shenandoah Valley, Sheridan went into scorched earth practice, which became known as 'The Burning,' and he burned the Confederacy's mills, barns, wheat fields."

On October 19, 1864, General Early and his troops ambushed Sheridan's army along Cedar Creek. Shrouded in the morning fog, the Confederates gained the upper hand and delivered huge blows to the Union regiments, including the 156th NY Regiment. All hope seemed lost for the Union but in the nick of time, General Sheridan galloped from Winchester onto the battlefield and rallied his soldiers to continue fighting. This push was enough for Sheridan's troops to counterattack and turn the tide, driving the Confederates away and winning the

Battle of Cedar Creek.

"General Phil Sheridan, who was several miles north in Winchester, hears the boom of a cannon and decides to see what's going on. He rode closer to the battlefield and found out that there was an engagement going on," Williams said. "This is a very historic moment where he rode from Winchester to the battlefield at full gallop and rallied his men. They won the last attack and took the field, and that pretty much concluded the fighting in the Shenandoah Valley."

Of the Union regiments at Cedar Creek, the Mountain Legion played a major role in the battle and contributed immensely to the counterattack. By this point in time, the regiment went from 1,100 men to about 200 and suffered 50% casualties during the Battle of Cedar Creek. Despite these losses, the regiment was instrumental to the Union's victory in the Shenandoah Valley, and the 93 surviving members celebrated this battle for years to come.

"Going into the fight that morning, we had barely 200 men; half of them were either killed, wounded, or captured. But with Sheridan reinvigorating the army and coming onto the field later in the day, the 156th was part of that one final attack," Williams said. "The 156th regiment held many reunions after the Civil War, and they were always held on Battle of Cedar Creek's anniversary on October 19, 1864."

A standout Mountain Legion member was Sergeant Philip Decker, a farmer originally from Shawangunk who left his daughter in 1862 to fight in the Civil

War. During the Battle of Cedar Creek's morning scuffles, Decker recovered his regiment's flag from two Georgian soldiers; he was shot in the process but handed off the flag's remains to Captain Alfred Cooley, who then gave the flag to Brigadier General Alfred Neafie. The 156th Regiment recognized Decker as "the modest hero who saved our flag," and a piece of the flag was preserved at Historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz.

"During those early morning hours when it started getting really crazy and frantic and they got overrun, Decker engaged in hand-to-hand combat with a soldier from the 53rd Georgia, and he wound up recovering our flag," Williams said. "He was an icon and immortalized; even after the war, he was given grand honors, and people would offer him things like free carriage rides and night stays in a hotel. He was the man who saved the regimental flag, and the flag was everything to these men."

Residents can find Senator Hinchey's proclamation hanging proudly in the Shawangunk Town Hall. Williams, who is a descendant of several soldiers from the Mountain Legion, was ecstatic for the town to receive this proclamation, and he hopes to continue preserving and celebrating this regiment and the stories of its members.

"These are all farmers or students, blacksmiths, and school teachers who formed our communities, and they decided to volunteer. Three-quarters, if not more, of the Union Army were volunteers," Williams said. "They decided to leave the comforts of their firesides and loved ones at home to preserve liberty, unite the Union, and fight for what they believed was right."

"It's a tremendous honor to receive this proclamation, and this is all for the regiment. It's 160 years, a milestone anniversary, and it's a great way to honor these men," he continued. "I thank our senator for acknowledging their sacrifice; the more we can do that, the better."

## GIRLS SOCCER

# Viking season ends on double overtime loss

By MIKE ZUMMO

The Valley Central Vikings had come so far, and it all ended so suddenly.

Goshen's Grace Duffy hit the game-winning goal with about five minutes to go in double overtime as the No. 1 Gladiators eliminated the third-seeded Vikings from the tournament with a 4-3 win at Wallkill Senior High School's Robinson Field to win the Section 9 Class AA championship.

"It still hasn't fully set in," Valley Central coach Jon Walsh said. "It was an amazing game. I wish it ended the opposite way, obviously, but kudos to Goshen. They worked hard. It was a battle back and forth."

But in the end, it was the top-seeded Gladiators who returned to Wallkill High School on Saturday for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association regional championship game against Section 4 champion



Valley Central's Cailin Swart kicks the ball from under Goshen's Eryn Primus as Samantha Setteducato looks on during a Section 9 Class AA girls' soccer game.

Vestal.

The Vikings never held a lead but had to answer the Gladiators three times. The third time came with 17 seconds left in the game on a goal by sophomore Dayna Scott.

That goal quieted Goshen's student section, which had already started a "start the buses" chant when the Gladiators took the lead for the third time.

"We felt good," Walsh said. "We were moving the ball well. We were playing our game. We were getting our opportunities. I felt like it was going to come. They got one counter and there we

are."

With the game tied at 3-3, Duffy brought the ball forward and launched the ball under the crossbar to end the game, and with it, the Vikings' season.

They had an opportunity to end the game in the first overtime period when Sophia Appello went one-one-one with Valley Central goalkeeper Anna Ferraro, but she couldn't get a shot off before Ferraro covered the ball.

The Gladiators led from the immediate drop when Goshen's Gigi Obligado scored on a direct kick four minutes into the game, giving the Gladiators a 1-0 lead.

It stayed that way until about 19 minutes left in the game on a goal by Ayla Andrews.

The flurry started with 13:20 remaining in regulation when Duffy scored her first goal of the game off an assist from Appello, but four minutes later, Valley Central's Samantha Setteducato passed the ball through to Cailin Swart, who tied the game at 2-2.

At that point, the Vikings found their way on the turf and started stringing together better passes.

"We were able to find feet a little more than in the beginning," Walsh said. "It wasn't like we were trying to play so direct, but we just weren't as composed on the ball as we should have been. By that second goal we were locked in and building out."

Then, with 2:25 remaining in regulation, a corner kick play resulted in Appello's second goal of the game, sending the Goshen fans into a frenzy anticipating an 80-minute win.

At least, until Scott had her say.

"We did not give up," Walsh said. "I couldn't be prouder of the way that they played tonight. They left it all out there. They put everything on the line."

## Section 9 Class AA Semifinals No. 3 Valley Central 1, No. 2 Warwick 0

Caitlin Swart's corner kick was inadvertently kicked into the goal by a Warwick defender as the No. 3 Vikings eliminated the No. 2 Wildcats on Nov. 4 at Sanfordville Elementary School in Warwick.

Anna Ferraro made four saves for the Vikings.

## No. 1 Goshen 1, No. 4 Wallkill 0

Erin Primus scored the game's only goal as the top-seeded Goshen Gladiators eliminated the No. 4 Wallkill Panthers on Nov. 4 at Goshen High School.

Julia Griffin made one save for the Gladiators and Aoife Brady made 11 saves for the Panthers.

## THIS WEEK

FRIDAY, NOV. 22

### Girls Diving

Pine Bush, Valley Central at NYS Federation Championships, 1:30 p.m. (Webster Aquatic Center)

### Girls Swimming

Pine Bush at NYS Federation Preliminaries, 10 a.m. (Webster Aquatic Center)

SATURDAY, NOV. 23

### Girls Swimming

Pine Bush at NYS Federation Championships, 10 a.m. (Webster Aquatic Center)

TUESDAY, NOV. 26

### Girls Basketball

Wallkill at Monroe-Woodbury, 5 p.m. (multi-scrimmage)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

### Girls Basketball

Valley Central at Wallkill, 1 p.m. (scrimmage)

## Local contingent heads to state swimming meet

By MIKE ZUMMO

The Pine Bush Bushmen's contingent at the NYS girls' swimming championships is smaller, but success is still expected.

A year after the Bushmen sent what coach John Barth then described as the best overall team the Bushmen had taken to state meet, the Bushmen will take their top individual swimmer – Sadie DeGeorge – and their 200-yard medley relay team to the New York State Federation championship meet on Friday and Saturday at the Webster Aquatic Center.

“That’s a little bit less than normal, but you have to rebuilding eventually, right? So now we’ll just rebuild.”

That didn’t stop the Bushmen from winning their seventh straight Section 9 championship and DeGeorge will lead the Bushmen into the state meet, competing in all three of Pine Bush’s events. She will compete individually in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events after winning the Section 9 champi-



Pine Bush’s Sadie DeGeorge stands on the podium after winning the 500-yard freestyle at the Section 9 girls’ swimming championships on Nov. 9 at Valley Central High school in Montgomery.

onship in both, and she also will lead the second-place 200-yard medley relay, which came in under the state qualification time of by fractions of a second.

The relay team also includes Maya Oakes, Ella Humphrey, and Alanah Giannini.

DeGeorge has state meet experience and swam individually at the state meet

last year, having gone in the 200-yard individual medley. She finished 36th.

She also teamed with Humphrey, and graduated seniors Ashley Martin and Mackenzie Gula to finish 19th in the 200-yard freestyle relay and seniors Katie Webster, Martin and Gula to take 15th in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Oakes and Humphrey teamed with Ashley Martin and Katie Webster last year in the 200-yard medley relay and finished seventh.

DeGeorge didn’t hit the state qualifying time in her individual events but qualified by winning the Section 9 championship. Her 200 time of 1:57.79 was a personal best and her 500 time of 5:17.32 was a season-best.

Paige Gandolfini also met the qualifying diving score by about six points in the 1-meter diving event.

“We’re looking forward to going more best times,” DeGeorge said. “We’re also hoping we get a better time in the medley. For me, I want to go faster in my two events.”

Barth has more specific goals in

mind for his athletes.

“I’m hoping they get top 20 with their times, and I hope Sadie does the same,” Barth said.

Valley Central will to send two divers to states: Eleanor O’Neill and Rilee Kinsley.

O’Neill qualified with an 11-dive score of 442.55 at the Orange County Interscholastic Championships and Kinsley qualified with a score of 446.90 at the Valley Central 11-dive meet on Oct. 11.

The diving event will take place in its entirety on Friday.

### Caitlyn Murphy 6th at state meet

Wallkill’s Caitlyn Murphy finished sixth at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class B championship race on Saturday at Queensbury High School.

She finished with a time of 18:16.8, 17.4 seconds ahead of Cornwall’s Sophia Semo, who beat her at the Section 9 championships on Nov. 6 at Bear Mountain State Park.

Bayport-Blue Point’s Sophia McInnes won the individual race with a time of 17:45.5, and Section 1’s Tappan Zee won the overall team championship with 65 points. Section 9 finished third overall with 357 points and Section 1 took first place with 208 points.

Wallkill’s Nathaniel Diemoz was 23rd in the boys’ race with a time of 16:18.4 seconds and Mario Verruto was 62nd in 17:08.9.

Pittsford Sutherland’s William Tempest won the individual race in 15:21.4 and Section 8’s Manhasset won the team title with 44 points. Section 9 finished fifth with 441 points and Section 8 was first with 233 points.

- Mike Zummo



Top from left, Valley Central’s Eleanor O’Neill and Rilee Kinsley are with Pine Bush’s Paige Gandolfini, Maya Oakes, Alanah Giannini, Ella Humphrey, Sadie DeGeorge and Norah Germano are shown with the rest of the Section 9 New York State qualifiers on Nov. 9 at Valley Central High School in Montgomery.