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TV Lions Present Check to Time and the Valleys Museum



On December 2nd, 2017, Gene Froehlich, President of the Tri Valley Lions and Carmen Salvemini, Secretary of the Tri Valley Lions, presented a check to Richard I. Coombe, President of the Time and the Valleys Museum and Donna Steffens, the Executive Director of the Time and the Valleys Museum. The check was for \$2,000 which was for the Preservation of the Carlsen Milk House. This was funded by the Tri Valley Lions and the NYS and Bermuda Lions Foundation.

TV Lions Present Check for \$850 to Daniel Pierce Library



Tri-Valley Lions Club President Gene Froelich presents a check for \$850 to Mari Martin, a representative from the Daniel Pierce Library at the Lion's Club annual Christmas Party.

On December 5th, 2017, The Tri Valley Lions Club held their annual Christmas Party at Nardi's Restaurant in Hurleyville. We presented a check to the Daniel Pierce Library for \$850.00 which was accepted by Mari Martin, a representative for the Library. She thanked the Lions for their donation.

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Tri-Valley Central Agricultural Education Program Selected for National Award



NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The agricultural education program at Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville, New York, is one of only six agricultural education programs nationwide that received the National Association of Agricultural Educators Outstanding Middle/ Secondary Agricultural Education Program Award, given at the NAAE annual convention in Nashville on December 6. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Neversink Chamber of Commerce Helps Make Christmas a Little Brighter!



The gifts are wrapped, packed and ready to go

Between the donated presents, the wrapping party and the delivery, this little Chamber will be responsible for quite a few needy families having a memorable Christmas this year.

It all began several weeks ago when chamber members met and helped wrap and prepare the gifts that were donated.

On Monday the gifts were ready to be delivered to Tri-Valley School. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Sullivan County Wins \$5.5M for 13 Projects



Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez, left, and County Manager Josh Potossek, right, were joined at the Consolidated Funding Application awards announcement in Albany by Dutchess County Deputy Executive Ron Hicks.

Amidst a competitive field of contestants throughout the Mid-Hudson region, 13 initiatives across Sullivan County proved winners in the eyes of New York State this week, winning a combined \$5,570,433 in state grants through the 2017 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process. (Contd. Pg. 4)

UC. Executive Mike Hein Signs the 2018 UC Budget

The Budget Once Again Lowers Taxes While Increasing Services and Opportunity



Kingston, N.Y. -- Ulster County Executive Mike Hein signed the 2018 County Budget, a \$323.83 million financial plan, which lowers county property taxes for the fourth consecutive year, while simultaneously achieving important goals that can help improve the lives of many of Ulster County's most vulnerable residents. (Contd. Pg. 6)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 11:1-2

COLLEGE NEWS:

News from SUNY New Paltz

Devon Deery honored as a fall 2017 SUNY New Paltz Outstanding Graduate

Devon Deery of Krumville, NY was one of a select few SUNY New Paltz students honored as the College continued its long-standing tradition of saluting exemplary graduates-to-be at the Outstanding Graduates ceremony on Dec. 14.

The occasion provides a rare and valuable opportunity for faculty mentors, close family and friends to come together and recognize the dedication of select undergraduate and graduate students who performed at an exceptional level in the classroom, independent research, internships and jobs, and leadership positions.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

Dec 19, 1947 The last of the 18 caissons at the Neversink project have now been sunk. The West core wall, started last spring, has been completed and work started on the East core wall, which may be finished by next December. The West core wall is 1,000 feet long. The East core wall where the valley rises more abruptly will cross the valley for a distance of 2,500 feet. One reason the site was chosen was because the bed rock is so near the surface. As a result, each core wall can be keyed into the rock with very little difficulty.

A private road will be built across the top of the Neversink Dam when it is completed. From the roadway to the point where the deepest caisson is sunk will be about 330 feet. The dam is about half a mile below what used to be the village of Neversink. Buildings in the hamlet were torn down before the war. Neversink is the highest of the three reservoirs, the elevation at the maximum water level being 1440 feet above sea level.

1957 - William Rose, former president of the defunct Home National Bank of Ellenville, was sentenced in District Court to five years imprisonment for misappropriation of the bank's funds.

A 15 percent tax on admissions to the Monticello Raceway, which is expected to begin operation in late June 1958 was contained in a local law adopted by the County Supervisors.

The Lows Corners Cannonsville Outlet is in over 3,500 feet. The work on the bridge is progressing. A large sewer disposal plant is being built on the lower side of the road. It looks like a large building.

1967 - The Tri-Valley School was closed on Monday and will not reopen until January 8th due to excessive illness. All public events have been postponed.

1977 - Excerpts from a letter to Santa from Tom Higgins, past Townsman reporter:

For the folks who live on the top of Red Hill, a helicopter and pilot to get them up and down during the winter months.

For Ann Higgins, a year's supply of Higgin's India ink.

For each member of the United Life Church, a possible pulpit for their leader; to Cardinal McLain of Liberty a blessing from the Pope

For the Grahamsville and Neversink First Aid Squads, a packed of band aids and a huge thank you from their citizens.

For each of the school bus drivers - ear plugs.

For Don TerBush, president of the new Lions Club, a whip and a chair to keep everyone under control.

Ho, Ho, Ho!

... and as we will not be printing next week - here is a bit more *Days of Yore* history!

Dec. 26, 1967 - Miss Addie Reynolds of Grahamsville died in Ellenville early Wednesday morning, December 24, 1947. Miss Reynolds was the daughter of John and Harriet Reynolds. John, the father, was born in 1818 and was associated with Hammond in the tannery business in Claryville. In 1857 the family moved to Grahamsville where John Reynolds purchased the Judge Hammond property consisting of the house, tannery, general store and other buildings. It was in this Reynold's house that Miss Addie lived practically all of her 86 years.

District Attorney Ben Newberg confirmed reports that the grand jury had launched an inquiry

into the circumstances surrounding a construction accident in which three men were killed at Neversink on November 29th. Mr. Newberg said that the investigation had been undertaken at the request of the families of the three victims: Albert Kortright of Neversink, Werner Gillas of Greenville and Lee Bridges of Kingston. The three men, all employed on the NYC aqueduct project at Neversink, plunged to their deaths in the collapse of a fifty foot form into which they had been pouring concrete.

1957 - The standing room only sign was on display last Thursday when close to 800 people attended the Christmas Concert.

James Moreno was accidentally injured by the explosion of a homemade bomb in his hand last Wednesday afternoon. He is a member of the senior class and a major in science.

The flood waters on Friday and early Saturday did damage amounting to thousands of dollars in this vicinity. Roads and shoulders were washed out in many sections along the Sundown Road near Eck's. The Rondout gorged out a section of the new retaining wall on the county road. Rising waters interfered with the West Delaware Tunnel Project at many points causing power failures.

1967 - It has been announced that a contract for a new post office in Neversink has been awarded to Mrs. Irene Welch, Postmaster. The site will be on Route 55 and the cost will be \$8,500 and the usual rental of \$1,080.

Robert Demetry of Goshen, chief photographer for the *Newburgh Evening News* has recently had two color photographs in the *Conservationist*. Mr. Demetry is a former Neversink resident and graduate of TVCS and Syracuse University.

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2017!

Keep Your Tree Safe Throughout the Holiday Season

Although Christmas tree fires are not common, the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) says they are more likely to be serious.

Keep your trees watered. Dry and uncared for trees can catch fire from a short in electrical lights. They can also catch fire from lit candles, lighters, and matches.

Before your tree becomes an issue, be fire smart with these USFA tips:

- Place the tree away from heat sources and exits.
 - Use only decorations that will not catch fire.
 - Inspect lights for worn wires or other defects before use.
 - Always keep an eye on tree lights. Turn off lights at night.
 - Keep natural tree stands filled with water at all times. Do not let your tree dry out.
 - If the tree becomes dry, remove it.
- Keep yourself from getting stranded this winter. Store emergency items in your vehicle to handle cold weather, ice, and snow.

There are specific emergency items to store in your vehicle during the winter. There are also maintenance checks to keep you safe, your vehicle warm, and your engine running.

Follow these tips and find more winter preparedness information from the Ready campaign.

Check or have a mechanic check items, such as:

- Antifreeze levels
 - Battery and ignition system
 - Brakes
 - Exhaust system
 - Fuel and air filters
 - Heater and defroster
 - Lights and flashing hazard lights
 - Oil
 - Thermosat
 - Windshield wiper equipment and washer fluid level
 - Winter tires
- Add winter items to the emergency kits in your vehicles:
- Shovel
 - Ice scraper, snow brush
 - Boots, mittens, warm clothes
 - Blanket(s)
 - Tow chain or rope
 - Road salt and sand
 - Tire chains or snow tires

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

The Christmas Story

Luke 2:1-14

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all should be taxed- (and this taxing was first made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child-

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered-

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid-

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

A Message by Pearl S. Buck

Yes, we need Christmas. Christians have made Christmas, but in every religion everywhere in the world there are days which mean Christmas, days of renewal of peace and goodwill among men. The ways in which we express the day's meaning differ in time and place but the meaning never changes. The blessed Christmas spirit descends upon us even in this year....And so, God bless us all.

Tri-Valley Central Agricultural Education Program Selected for National Award

(From Pg. 1) "Agricultural education started at Tri-Valley Central School in 1951 and been a staple of the community since its inception," Tara Berescik and Robert Hayes, Tri-Valley agriculture teachers, wrote in their application.

Today, with more than 180 students enrolled in grades 6 - 12, the program is the largest it has ever been. The courses, which are constantly evolving, have been modeled around local opportunities in agriculture. Through their lessons, Tri-Valley educators are providing students with hands-on, career-oriented instruction.

Berescik is currently working with Cornell University to develop a pre-veterinary science curriculum. The new curriculum will feature the hands-on learning and job training, that help she and Hayes make their lessons real and interesting.

Another way students at Tri-Valley get real-world experience through the agriculture program is in the Floral Design class. Students run a floral shop from their classroom, learning each aspect from planning and purchasing to design and billing. Students are required to budget time and plan as if they were real florists.

Another component of the success at Tri-Valley is the attitude of life-long learning demonstrated by Berescik and Hayes. Both have actively sought professional activities to develop their teaching skills, and attend professional development to learn about new opportunities for their students.

"Professional development means working together as partners and throughout our state, nation and world. We have truly grabbed every opportunity and bring them back to our students," Berescik and Hayes comment.

Both teachers are also active in the community, putting their teaching skills to work building a network of support for the agricultural education program. Berescik offers workshops on theatrical stage makeup to the state theater association, and Hayes trains ski patrol personnel.

Each of the six regional Outstanding Middle/Secondary Program Award winners was recognized at the NAAE convention in Nashville. The Outstanding Middle/ Secondary Agricultural Education Program Award is partially sponsored by Monsanto as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. NAAE is the professional association for agricultural educators. Its mission is "professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service." The NAAE office is located in Lexington, Kentucky.

Celebrate Christ's Birth at the Claryville Reformed Church

Everyone is invited to celebrate Christ's birth with us on Christmas Eve at 7 PM at the Claryville Reformed Church. John Bernstein will be at the organ for our traditional service of carols and candlelight. There will be no service at 10 AM.

On December 31st at 10 AM Pastor Paul Nulton will conduct his farewell service in Claryville. He is retiring from active pastoral duties and moving to the Philippines where he hopes to have plenty of time for fishing. Everyone is welcome! A coffee hour will follow the service. Pastor Paul has served in Claryville for more than eight years and will be missed! The congregation is beginning a search for a new minister.

Holiday Hours at the Town Hall And Transfer Station

The Town of Neversink Town Hall will be closing at noon on Friday, December 22, 2017 and all day on Monday, December 25, 2017 for the Christmas Holiday. It will also be closing at noon on Friday, December 29, 2017 and all day on Monday, January 1, 2018 for the New Year's Holiday. Please plan your Town Hall business accordingly. The Town of Neversink Transfer Station will be operating normal hours during both Holidays on Wednesday and Saturday.

CCE and Sullivan Worksites Celebrate Wellness with Nearly 200 at 103rd Annual Meeting

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY-Schools, municipalities, organizations, and businesses in Sullivan County faced a healthy challenge this year to make a commitment to worksite wellness and put promises into practice.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC), Catskill Regional Medical Center, Eat Smart New York of the Hudson Valley Region, HealthLinkNY, Sullivan County Public Health Services, Sullivan Renaissance & Sullivan 180, and the American Heart Association worked with organizations to show that "health means business" in Sullivan County, initiating a worksite wellness competition for local employers in early 2017.

Nearly 200 attendees celebrated the champions of this challenge at CCESC's 103rd Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 with special awards and recognition. Sullivan's Health & Wellness Leaders included Sullivan County Government; Town of Bethel; Town of Mamakating; Ideal Snacks Corp.; Jeff Bank; First Presbyterian Church of Liberty; SullivanArc; Bethel Woods Center for the Arts; Gerry Foundation, and Granite Associates; New Hope Community; Fallsburg Central School; Liberty Central School; Monticello Central School; Sullivan BOCES, White Sulphur Springs School; and Sullivan County Head Start.

4-H youth members Erin Denman and Kailyn Klein helped accept the dedication of a new American and 4-H flag set donated by the Hessinger family in memory of Fred and Lena Hessinger of the 4-H Faithful Workers Club.

Jonathan Schiller, CEO of Catskill Regional Medical Center was keynote speaker, sharing shocking statistics of health in this area, and encouraging sustained community involvement by Sullivan's business sector to improve health outcomes. CCESC board members Todd Brown, Jenny Chamberlain, Marcie Ehrman, Denise Frangipane, Luisa Parker, Robert Wong, and Erin Mason were elected to the 2018 board, with grateful acknowledgements offered to Donna Willi, Earl Myers, Pam Fisk, and Glenn Pontier, reaching the end of their term.

The traditional Friends of Extension awards recognized this year's outstanding supporters, including volunteers Helene Glatt, LucySmassanow, and Beverly Hesse; partners Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, and Miss Monticello Diner; and Extension Professional of the Year Marilyn Jones! Healthy refreshments including nutritious mocktails were provided by New Hope Community, sponsored by Catskill Regional Medical Center.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart and Jean Helthaler.

A Beautiful Blue Winter Bird The Blue Jay



The Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) is a large, crested songbird native to North America with bright blue coloration. Blue jays are beautiful, intelligent and highly aggressive birds that live in small flocks, and are highly protective of their nesting site. They will form groups and 'mob' much larger birds in order to fight them off. Blue Jays can imitate calls of their predators, especially hawks, and may use these calls to test whether or not these predators are in the area. Blue jays are prey to hawks, eagles and other raptors.

Blue jays are large for songbirds, typically measuring between 9 and 12 inches long, and weighing between 2.5 and 3.5 ounces. Distinguishing characteristics of the blue jay include the pronounced blue crest on its head, which the blue jay may lower and raise depending on its mood. The crest will bristle outward when the bird is aggressive or frightened. Blue jays sport colorful blue plumage on their crest, wings, back and tail. Their face is typically white, and they have an off-white underbelly. They have a black-collared neck, and the black extends down the sides of their heads. Their bill, legs, and eyes are also all black. Their wings and tail are black and sky-blue, with white bars. Male and female blue jays are nearly identical.

Blue jays have very strong black bills, which can crack nuts and acorns. They will harvest acorns and store them in little holes in the ground. Once in a while they may forget where they left an acorn, and a new oak tree will be born! They like to eat corn, grains, berries, seeds, insects, and peanuts. Blue jays will often force smaller birds away from bird feeders, but will typically stay away from the feeders and wait their turn when other medium sized birds, like woodpeckers, are feeding. Blue jays will sometimes eat eggs and nestlings of other birds, but this is rare.

After a courtship in the air with its mate between mid-March to July, a nest will be built in a tree (either coniferous or deciduous) by both the male and female. Blue jays typically form monogamous pairs and stay together for life.

The nest resembles an open cup made of twigs, grass, weeds, bark strips, moss, sometimes held together with mud and built either in the verticle crotch of a tree trunk, or at a horizontal fork on a limb usually 8 to 30 feet above the ground. Nests are lined with rootlets and other fine materials, and are often decorated with paper, rags, string, or other debris.

The female will lay between 4-7 greenish or buff eggs. Sometimes the eggs are pale blue, spotted with brown and gray. Incubation is by both parents (but female does more), for about 16-18 days. Both parents bring food for nestlings. The young generally leave the nest 17-21 days after hatching.

Some blue jays remain as permanent residents others will form into flocks ranging between 5 and 250 and migrate southwards before winter. Much of the blue jay migratory behavior remains a mystery - some blue jays may migrate one year, then stay in their home range the next, then migrate another year. One theory is that blue jays may migrate if their winter food sources become scarce, or if weather conditions are harsh. It has been found that younger blue jays are more likely to migrate than adults. One theory is that the jays who most likely survive to older age are those that don't migrate as frequently.

It sounds like the Blue Jay sitting up in the oak tree in our back yard may not be a good prognosticator of what the winter ahead will be like! He just might be one of those old wise birds who likes his home in the Catskills!

Household Hints

Make nail polish last longer

Your nail polish will have a longer life expectancy if you first dampen your nails with some vinegar on a cotton ball and let it dry before applying your favorite polish.

The Ghosts of Galway

Mysterious Book Report No. 315

by John Dwaine McKenna



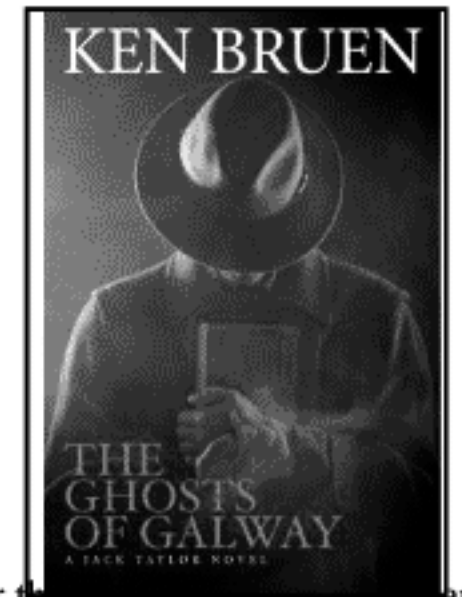
We're winding up the year here at the Mysterious Book Report with one of our favorite Irish authors. His name is Ken Bruen; a writer who's witty, campy and filled to the brim with what can only be called *Irish Noir*. It's a mixture of delicacy, violence, grief and guilt as depicted by his iconic, unforgettable and utterly devastated character named Jack Taylor.

In his newest adventure, *The Ghosts of Galway*, (Mysterious Press, \$25.00, 330 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2733-4), Jack is recovering from a failed suicide attempt. He's broke, alcoholic, friendless, and desperate. An ex-cop, he takes a job as a security guard . . . rock-bottom of the barrel in career choices as far as Taylor's concerned. But when his Ukrainian boss learns about his newest employee's resume, he enlists Jack in a scheme to steal a notorious book of heresy. It's called *The Red Book*, and it's rumored to be in Galway, in the possession of a rogue priest . . . who stole it from the Vatican archives. Although it goes against his grain, Jack is so down and out, he agrees to steal it in return for an envelope stuffed with cash. It's at this juncture that Em, the madwoman who's been a focal point in Jack's life over the past two years, reappears with an agenda of her own . . . one that includes an interest in *The Red Book*. Soon after, Jack is ensnared in ever-escalating violence, as a series of attempts are made on his life. At the same time, ghosts out of his past return to haunt him . . . all the way to the point of madness . . . as he is consumed with personal guilt. Jack Taylor is one of the most unforgettable, unique and cherished characters in contemporary crime fiction.

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Sullivan County Wins \$5.5M for 13 Projects

(From Pg. 1) "What great news for Sullivan County! This is the highest number of projects we've ever had gain funding through the CFA program," noted Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez. "Thanks to diligent efforts by our Division of Planning and Environmental Management in helping cultivate a diverse array of projects to submit to the CFA reviewers, we scored a range of funding awards which will not only improve infrastructure but enhance tourism and economic development," said County Manager Josh Potosek.

"For several of these projects, this isn't the sole funding stream but will augment existing revenue sources," pointed out District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, who chairs the Planning & Environmental Management Committee. "I'm particularly excited about the \$300,000 for the Village of Monticello, which we'll be able to leverage for more projects in the County seat's downtown, and the \$77,500 to study the feasibility of composting organics taken in by our Department of Solid Waste."

Announced on Wednesday, these are the projects which will move forward with this important state funding:

- \$1.6 million to restore the historic Antrim Lodge in Roscoe, re-establishing the legendary lodging establishment as a premier country inn with event and conference space
- \$900,000 to build and develop Seminary Hill Ciders in Callicoon, combining a cidery and tasting room in an orchard overlooking the Delaware River
- \$748,900 to make needed improvements to the White Sulphur Springs Water District infrastructure within the Town of Liberty
- \$689,063 to complete a three-day festival in 2019 at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock Music and Art Fair in Bethel
- \$624,750 to construct an enclosed salt and sand shed at the site of the new Town of Highland Highway Department garage in Eldred, replacing one next to a Class A trout stream
- \$393,995 to replace an old salt storage shed with a new one, moving it away from private wells and the Callicoon Creek, for the Town of Delaware Highway Department in Hortonville
- \$300,000 to revitalize Broadway in the Village of Monticello, with assistance by Sullivan County to renovate mixed-use buildings in the downtown core
- \$110,500 to upgrade the Town of Fallsburg's Loch Sheldrake Wastewater Treatment Plant by reducing pollutants entering the Neversink River
- \$77,500 to hire an engineering firm to conduct an organics composting feasibility study for the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, to better manage organics waste
- \$37,500 to study shared services amongst the Roscoe, Livingston Manor and Downsville school districts, specifically in the business, facilities and special education offices
- \$30,000 to complete an engineering report on inflow and infiltration issues impacting the Town of Fallsburg's wastewater treatment plant in Mountandale
- \$30,000 to complete an engineering report on relocating Callicoon's wastewater treatment plant outside of a flood zone
- \$28,225 to prepare for marking various historic features of the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair in Bethel, and for Bethel Woods Center for

the Arts to create a scenic overlook of the site

Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg thanked the Sullivan County Funding Corporation for making grantwriters available to assist with CFA applications, and she notes that their services remain available. For more information, contact the Planning Division at 845-807-0527.

County Debuts Interactive, Informative Geoportal

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Director of Real Property Tax Services Ed Homenick announces the release of the County's new Geoportal.

"This is a new tool I'm very excited to have our Office bring to the public," Homenick affirms. "It will greatly expand and simplify the ways people can find a range of information, from tax maps to specific parcel data to natural and manmade features throughout Sullivan County."

The Geoportal gives residents, visitors, and businesses greater access to the GIS (Geographic Information System) Resources implemented by staff. Developed, designed, and maintained by Senior GIS/Tax Map Technician Jennifer Stone, the Sullivan County Online Geoportal offers GIS data, maps, and apps free to the public.

"The Geoportal allows the people of Sullivan County to get the answers they need, when they need them," says Stone. "Our desire is to leverage our data to foster community, facilitate informed decision-making, increase citizen participation, and create opportunities for economic development. Our Geoportal can help achieve that aim."

Business operators, landowners and real estate developers, for example, can now easily search for, filter, and export timely, high-quality GIS (spatially located) data. One of the most highly sought-after resources, this data can be used in private or commercially owned GIS or spreadsheet software, at no cost. Researching such info has never been easier, with pop-ups that link directly to the assessment and ownership records for parcels of interest, plus widgets to measure features, add spatial data, search open data (free) GIS resources from reputable federal, state, county, and municipal sources, and print simple, self-made maps.

Users can use built-in search features to locate properties by SBL (Section-Block-Lot) numbers, addresses, road names, even landmarks. The apps make it easy to apply for a 911 address, submit a question regarding an address, obtain information about abutting parcels, and access up-to-date real property data on mobile and desktop devices.

From the Geoportal home page, visitors can still find cornerstone features such as Image Mate Online for property assessment and ownership data; Tax Lookup to search for most town, village, and school taxes; and the Sullivan County website itself.

"Ed, Jennifer and the entire complement of Real Property Tax Services staff remain committed to providing high-quality data available via the Internet and serving the people of Sullivan County in the best way possible," says District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, chair of the Legislature's Planning, Environmental Management and Real Property Committee. "To accomplish that goal, all data developed and maintained by the GIS staff is updated bi-weekly. I commend our crew who worked on this, and I think taxpayers will find the Geoportal a very handy use of their hard-earned dollars."

"The Geoportal is the product of listening to the needs of residents, visitors, and businesses within Sullivan County and is the realization of a long-time goal," concludes Stone. "The result is a website that brings the mountains to you, at a time and place of your convenience."

Sullivan County's \$226M 2018 Budget Passes Unanimously

Monticello, NY - All nine legislators gave their assent today to the 2018 Sullivan County Budget, which proposes to spend just over \$226 million yet stay under the state-mandated property tax cap with a projected tax levy increase of 2.3%.

"This is a conscientious budget, taking into account the needs of both our staff and our taxpayers," remarked Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez. "I thank everyone who worked toward that goal."

"There was a tremendous amount of hard work which went into the crafting of this budget," affirmed District 1 Legislator Scott Samuelson, chairman of the Management & Budget Committee. "Both the Office of Management and Budget and the Legislature took the time to ensure our 2018 spending plan watches out for the best interests of our citizens and our employees."

"We all worked very hard to keep this budget under the tax cap, while also providing the services our public deserves and demands," added Legislature Vice Chair Nadia Rajsz.

"I'm particularly gratified we could continue to support and enhance the good work undertaken by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County," said District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, referring to the addition of \$45,000 to the \$415,000 the Extension received in 2017, for a total of \$460,000 in 2018.

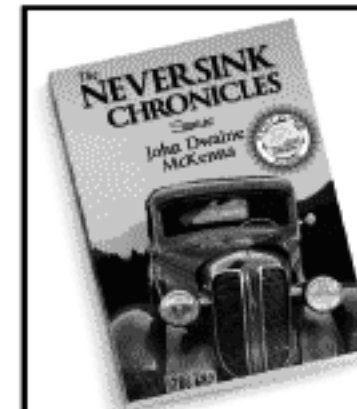
"I'm very pleased to say this was a diligent, bipartisan effort," explained District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart. "We agreed to a fiscally responsible, forward-looking budget for 2018."

"We stayed under the tax cap, and I'm very happy with this budget," stated District 4 Legislator Catherine Owens.

"I'm glad to see it pass with unanimous support," agreed District 3 Legislator Mark McCarthy. "I thank my colleagues and our staff for all their efforts."

"There were some items I disagreed with," noted District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, preferring the County fund rather than bond for road repairs, "but we had to make some tough decisions going forward. Hopefully next year will be more prosperous for Sullivan County."

"It was challenging to develop a budget without knowing what future revenue will be from the soon-to-open casino," acknowledged District 5 Legislator Terri Ward. "But I'm really proud of how we all worked together amidst the challenges." (Contd. Pg. 6)



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Greetings and Salutations

Social Media is buzzing with politically correct holiday greetings. Never before has "Happy Holidays" had a connotation of being "un-American." Merry Christmas has taken on the standard of being, at the same time, Christian and patriotic even though most of us seem to celebrate Santa and the Elf on the Shelf more than the Christ child. To cover my bases, I wish every one a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season.

My conversational greeting dilemma will only last another week. My greater issue with greetings and salutations lasts the other fifty weeks. I am going to shorten my greeting to "Hi, there." Using this greeting, I do not have to remember anyone's name, which is becoming more difficult each day. I can look at a person, know their dog's name, their telephone number, and birthday, but their name eludes me until I let it boomerang back. Names go into a time warp. By the time I remember, at the supermarket, I am an aisle away and saying the name to a jar of salsa. My Uncle Stanley solved this name problem by calling every woman "Gloria." I notice that my friend Jeannie calls everyone "honey", and another person I know covers "name-lapsing" by addressing all men as "buddy."

I no longer greet anyone of Medicare age with a "How are you?" Those three words sometimes open a flood gate of aches, pains, problems, and personal relationships. If the reply is not "good" or "fine", look out. If you really don't want to know, you may just wish you had never asked.

Well, I am pretty safe with, "Happy New Year!" However, even that greeting can open a dialogue of political or social rants if this year was not up to that person's expectations. On second thought, I think I will not risk it after this year. I think I will stick to "Hi, there."

UC. Executive Mike Hein Signs the 2018 Ulster County Budget

(From Pg. 1) "I am proud that my administration continues to lead the way on innovative programs that make a profound difference in the lives of the people of Ulster County, while continuing to protect property taxpayers with the lowest property taxes in almost a decade," said County Executive Mike Hein. "Simply put, working in conjunction with the Legislature we have created a government that serves the people, protects the taxpayer, defends our environment and helps those of us most in need. The bottom line is, we are focused on creating a model government that delivers for everyone."

The 2018 Ulster County Budget not only cuts the property tax levy to the lowest level since 2009, but it also provides funding for important social initiatives, such as the Restorative Justice and Community Empowerment Center. The facility and corresponding programming will assist the County in implementing 'Raise the Age' legislation, and work to reduce racial and ethnic disparities within the juvenile justice system while helping keep more youths in school and providing a second chance and a pathway to a brighter future. The 2018 Budget also significantly expands the critical Lifeline program for seniors and eliminates any wait list for the service as part of an expansion of senior services. A well-water testing program is also included and will help protect the health of Ulster County families by providing free water potability testing.

Additionally, the 2018 budget continues Ulster County's unprecedented investment in infrastructure by committing an additional \$16 million to the 'Building A Better Ulster County' initiative to upgrade County roads, bridges and signage, bringing the four-year commitment to over \$60 million.

The Ulster County Legislature unanimously passed the County Executive's Proposed Budget with only a few minor changes on December 6th.

Sullivan County's \$226M 2018 Budget Passes Unanimously

(From Pg. 4) "I am grateful to legislators for passing a 2018 budget which largely reflects what I proposed in October," said County Manager Josh Potosek. "We avoided a large tax increase without reducing jobs or services, and so the County is well-positioned for the incredible growth coming our way in the new year."

Budget Highlights

- Total Appropriations: \$226,150,639
- Projected Tax Levy Increase: 2.3% (underneath the state-mandated property tax cap)
- Authorized:
- \$3.2 million in serial bonds for road reconstruction
- \$40,000 for a new playground at one of the County's parks (location to be determined)
- \$1.14 million in serial bonds for replacing roof and windows at Government Center
- \$10 million in serial bonds for bridge reconstruction
- \$670,000 in serial bonds for construction equipment purchases
- No layoffs, no raises, no service cuts

Downtown Kingston Winner of \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative in Mid-Hudson Region

Downtown Kingston was selected as the winner of the \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative in the Mid-Hudson region.

The City of Kingston's downtown has historically been the city's economic hub, containing county office buildings, financial and professional services offices, the city's sole supermarket, and key recreational spaces. Within the past ten years, it has experienced a renaissance led by an influx of new investments and a resurgence of new cafes, restaurants, and boutique shops. Kingston has an ideal combination of recent strategic investments, shovel-ready future opportunities, involved anchor institutions and partners, recent

infrastructure improvements, and supportive policies and plans to jump-start the DRI planning process. Additional Downtown Revitalization Initiative investments in the area dubbed the "Stockade Business District" will continue the area's economic revitalization and create new opportunities for the surrounding neighborhoods, towns and counties.

All 10 Regional Economic Development Councils Receive Funding to Drive Local Economies Forward and Implement Strategic Plans for Growth Central New York, Mohawk Valley, Capital Region, Mid-Hudson and Long Island Named 'Top Performers' - Awarded \$425.9 Million in Total Funding

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that more than \$755 million in economic and community development funding has been awarded through Round VII of the Regional Economic Development Council initiative.

A centerpiece of the Governor's strategy to jump-start the economy and create jobs, the Regional Councils were established in 2011 to replace the state's old top-down approach to economic development, with one that is community-based and performance-driven. The initiative empowers community, business, and academic leaders, as well as members of the public in each region of the state, to develop strategic plans specifically tailored to their region's unique strengths and resources in order to create jobs, improve quality of life and grow the economy.

"Over the past seven years, the Regional Economic Development Councils have successfully brought together the most innovative minds in economic development, fostering collaboration between state and local leaders to invest in New York's regional resources from the ground up," Governor Cuomo said. "These awards are critical to building the foundations for New York's future and ensuring that our economic momentum continues. I congratulate each of the Councils on their awards and look forward to continuing to partner to keep our communities vibrant and thriving for years to come."

"By empowering the people who know their communities best, the Governor has transformed this state's economic development strategy into one that is not only successful, but is built to last," said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, Chair of the Regional Economic Development Councils. "Together, we're restoring downtowns, supporting local businesses and welcoming new residents and new visitors. That's the story of the REDC's that everyone needs to know. Thanks to the leadership of Governor Cuomo and the exceptional plans presented by the REDC's across the state, we are ensuring that progress continues."

The REDC process has transformed New York State government's approach to economic development, creating a statewide framework for bottom-up, regional economic growth and streamlining the state funding application process. Since the initiative's inception in 2011, over \$5.4 billion has been awarded to more than 6,300 projects that are projected to create and retain more than 220,000 jobs statewide.

Today, more than \$755 million in economic and community development funding was awarded through Round VII of the REDC initiative. In the Mid-Hudson area - Top Performer Awardee of \$84.8 million supporting 113 projects

In the spring, Governor Cuomo kicked off REDC Round VII and the second year of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. The \$100 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) is a comprehensive, community-driven effort to improve the urban vitality of city centers across New York State by investing \$10 million in 10 municipalities statewide. Earlier this year, after thoroughly evaluating each downtown's potential for transformation, each of the REDC's selected the top community plan in their region. To guide the use of the \$10 million DRI awards, each municipality follows a Strategic

Investment Plan, which identifies specific projects that align with a unique vision for revitalization of their downtown area.

During Round VII, the Strategic Implementation Assessment Team (SIAT), which is composed of state agency commissioners and policy experts, traveled to each of the 10 regions to see firsthand the progress being made by REDC investments. The SIAT received presentations on this year's proposals from the Regional Councils directly and assessed the implementation of the regions' strategic plans.

In 2017, all 10 REDCs competed for designation as a "Top Performer." The five Top Performers will receive up to \$20 million in additional Empire State Development grant funding to support priority projects, with the remaining five regions receiving up to \$10 million. Additionally, each region is eligible for up to an additional \$75 million in Excelsior Jobs Program tax credits to help attract and grow businesses in the region.

Mid-Hudson: Top Performer Awardee \$84.8 million supporting 113 projects

JM Development Group LLC, in partnership with Kingston-based Herzog Supply Co., has been awarded \$2 million from Empire State Development for the The Kingstonian Uptown Revitalization Project, a mixed-use development project in the up-and-coming urban center of Uptown Kingston. The approximately \$48 million mixed-use development project will serve as a cornerstone to the city's historic Stockade District, complementing other area businesses and providing valuable parking spaces desperately needed in this fast-growing section of the city.

USAI, which creates custom LED products balancing color and optics to maximize circadian rhythms for performance, health, and well-being, has been awarded \$1.02 million from Empire State Development to support a \$3.8 million project that will attract clients from around the world to train and develop products specific to their needs. Clients will also experience the benefits of working in a curated lighting environment through the creation of a working laboratory, new engineering lab and expanding office space.

The Walkway Over the Hudson's East Entrance Visitor Center Project, which will be called the Dutchess Welcome Center, has been awarded \$405,000 from the Office of Parks and Historic Preservation to build a much-needed, \$3.1 million multi-purpose facility at the busy entryway to this world-renowned New York State park. Located in the City of Poughkeepsie, the Welcome Center will feature permanent rest rooms with running water and sewage connections, a covered gathering area able to accommodate up to 40 visitors, water fountains, vendor pads with electric access, benches, lighting, landscaping and other amenities suitable to accommodate the over 500,000 visitors Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park hosts annually.

About the Regional Economic Development Councils

The Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) initiative is a key component of Governor Cuomo's approach to State investment and economic development. In 2011, Governor Cuomo established 10 Regional Councils to develop long-term strategic plans for economic growth for their regions. The Councils are public-private partnerships made up of local experts and stakeholders from business, academia, local government, and non-governmental organizations. The Regional Councils have redefined the way New York invests in jobs and economic growth by putting in place a community-based, bottom up approach and establishing a competitive process for State resources.

After seven rounds of the REDC process, more than \$5.4 billion has been awarded to more than 6,300 job creation and community development projects consistent with each region's strategic plans, projecting to create and retain more than 220,000 jobs. For more information on the Regional Councils, visit www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov.

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the Senior Associate Executive Director for Chapter Relations in The Arc New York's (formally NYSARC) state office, which supports 46 chapters serving over 60,000 individuals with disabilities in New York State. He was responsible for helping Chapters in The Arc New York network develop best practices to strengthen operations and improve on mission delivery.

Bhakar's career in developmental disabilities services, healthcare and social services, which spans more than 20 years, began in The Arc New York system, where he rose to Chief Operating Officer at the Arc of Ulster-Greene. Prior to the Arc of Ulster-Greene, he held a series of increasingly senior roles at organizations that serve those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including Venderheyden Hall, AIM Services, and Mountain Lake Services.

Bhakar earned an MBA in healthcare management from the University of Phoenix and a Medical Degree from the University of Rajasthan in India.

New Hope Community Wins Two Website Design Awards

Loch Sheldrake, NY - New Hope Community, whose mission is to enhance the lives of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is excited to announce, in conjunction with their website agency, Volum8 located in Montgomery, NY was recently honored as recipients of two website design awards from the 13th Annual Davey Awards.

The award-winning leaders have received

- Gold award for all non-profit websites

- Silver award for best visual appeal and utility

Judged by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts (AIVA), The Davey Awards is an international creative award focused exclusively on honoring outstanding creative work from the best small agencies worldwide. The 13th Annual Davey Awards received nearly 4,000 entries from ad agencies, interactive agencies, production firms, in-house creative professionals, graphic designers, design firms and public relations firms. Entrants are judged on creative distinction. In determining Gold and Silver winners, entries are judged on their merits based on a standard of excellence as determined by the AIVA.

"We are honored in this outstanding recognition," said Donna Fischer, New Hope Community Marketing & Communications Manager. "Working with the talents of Volum8 was a great partnership and their creativity helped guide us to the overall success of our new website launch."

The website was redesigned to provide a better user experience with improved navigation, functionality and mobile usability, and reflects the true passion and spirit that is New Hope Community. Committed to providing access to the website for individuals with disabilities, the new website was designed in compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards for Accessible Design.

About New Hope Community

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization providing support for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Established in 1975 to serve as a nurturing and caring alternative to large institutions which were found to have violated the most basic human rights and conditions, New Hope Community has become recognized as a leading provider in the human services field. Services include clinical and nursing care, day programming, education and recreation, leisure activities, a robust supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and more. The agency has always maintained a person-centered approach aimed at enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, and actively advocates for individual choice in a person's efforts to live, work, and participate fully in his or her community. New Hope Community presently supports and serves over 300 individuals and is a leading employer in Sullivan County, with more than 650 staff. Learn more at www.newhopecommunity.org

New Hope Community Announces Appointment of Vice President, Strategic Transformation and Programs

Loch Sheldrake, NY - New Hope Community, whose mission is to enhance the lives of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is pleased to announce the appointment of Bhakar Singh to the position of Vice President, Strategic Transformation and Programs.

In this newly created position, Bhakar and his team will not only continue to ensure delivery of the highest quality of services for which New Hope Community is known, but also to partner with New Hope's CEO, strategic planning teams and all departments to deliver on New Hope's strategic plan.

"We are pleased that Bhakar has accepted this crucial leadership role", said James Forbes, President and Chief Executive Officer of New Hope Community. "Bhakar brings a great deal of skills and deep knowledge of the intellectual and developmental disabilities and human services sector. People served by New Hope Community and staff will benefit greatly from his insights and past experiences. I look forward to working with Bhakar on many initiatives and building forward."

Prior to joining New Hope Community, Bhakar was



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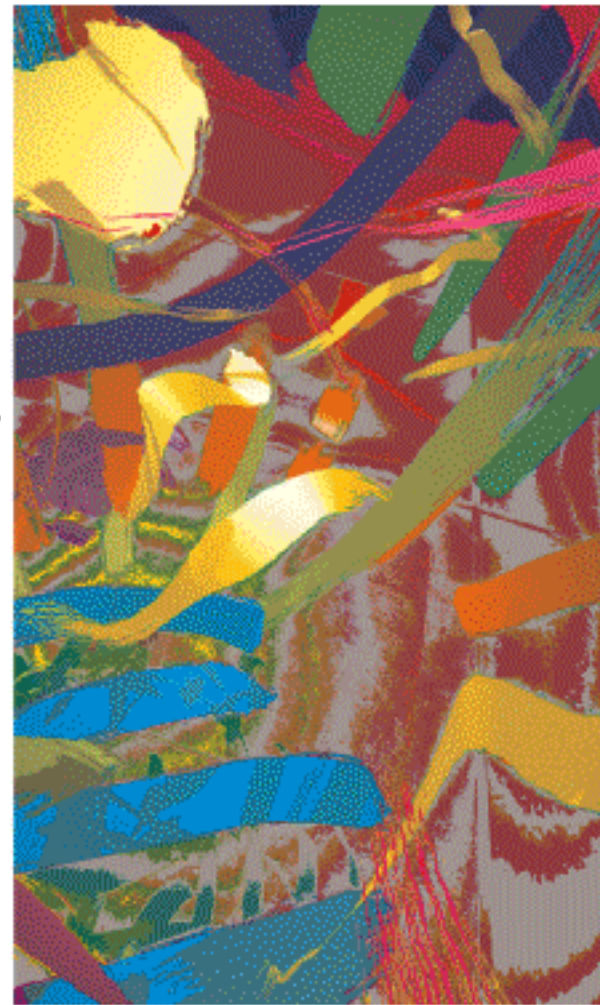
Real + Art Chelsea Presented by Dennis Galante

Real + Art Chelsea will be presented by Dennis Galante at 64 West 21st Street New York City held an opening reception on Wednesday, November 15, 6-8 PM. The exhibit will be on display from November 15th - December 5th, 2017 and will feature the artist Darcy Gerbarg.

Gerbarg's Syracuse Pictures, are digital from start to finish, imagined, created and informed by her sensibilities and gestures. They begin as colored light in a 3D virtual world: colorful, expressive paint strokes that Gerbarg develops into human scale artworks in a variety of traditional art media.

The viewer feels the movement and depth of space in the Syracuse Pictures because the images are created as life size, vibrant colored light sculptures in a three-dimensional virtual environment.

Gerbarg is a third-generation abstract expressionist painter. She began using comput-



ers in her art making process, early in her career, as a visiting artist, in the first computer graphics and 3D animation companies and academic research labs. Gerbarg continues to use the latest generation of digital tools and traditional art making techniques. She is 'painting' the Syracuse pictures at the Future Reality Lab, NYU, Courant.

To purchase or see more of Gerbarg's work contact the artist: 212-243-3346, schedule a Studio visit darcy@gerbarg.com or go to www.darcygerbarg.com

Real + Art Chelsea = A community based fine art series supporting creativity, education and commerce.

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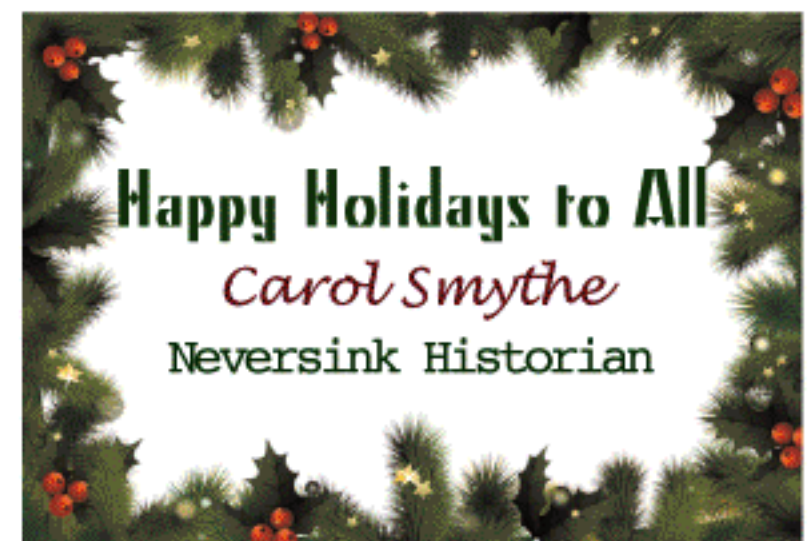
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Neversink Chamber of Commerce Helps Make Christmas a Little Brighter (From Pg. 1)

The Neversink Chamber of Commerce was among the community groups who helped The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association to assist needy families during this holiday season. Members of the Chamber of Commerce donated gifts that they then wrapped at the Neversink General Store. Over 75 gifts were wrapped and ready for delivery on December 4th. Their efforts continued. On Monday, December 18th members of the Neversink Chamber of Commerce delivered 75 toys; 125 sweatshirts; 24 fleece blankets; 15 boxes of hot cocoa and candy canes to TVCS that will be distributed by the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association.

Thank you to all those who helped to make this holiday season a bit brighter for those special families in the Tri-Valley School District.

And a really big thank you to our 'too' tall elves - Mark (and wife Christina) for letting us set up our mini Santa workshop where members were treated to some good Neversink General Store goodies while they wrapped and sorted gifts - and to Leo (and Sam), who went above and beyond to make sure there would be enough for everyone to have a very Happy Holiday!



Winter Break Day Camp for Children and Teens

With snow on the ground and the holidays just a few days away, Frost Valley YMCA's Winter Break Day Camp is just around the corner! From December 26-29, 2017 while students are on school break, Frost Valley will host this annual day camp filled with fun, daily activities that promote achievement, relationships, and belonging.



During this weeklong program, children and teens have the opportunity to enjoy their time off by making friends and memories in a fun, safe, and supportive environment. Campers enjoy daily activities such as indoor climbing, snow tubing, arts and crafts, sports, games, cross-country skiing, a day trip to an indoor pool and more. Outdoor activities and field trip are weather dependent.

Lunch is included and transportation is available to and from various communities in the surrounding area at no additional fee. Register your child today by visiting www.frostvalley.org or calling 845-985-2291 for more information.

For our community's local wilderness experts, Frost Valley YMCA's Wilderness First Responder program will be offered from December 27, 2017-January 2, 2018. This course provides the necessary wilderness survival and emergency medical training for those who work, teach, and volunteer in remote areas.

Outdoor educators, wilderness guides, members of the military, professional search and rescue teams, field researchers, and individuals involved in disaster relief will gain valuable skills from this comprehensive and practical curriculum. The training includes the essential principles and skills required to assess and manage medical problems in isolated and extreme environments for days and weeks if necessary.

The course takes place at Frost Valley's East Valley Ranch, just a few miles away from Main Camp. For more information or to register, contact Emily Gorman at egorman@frostvalley.org or 845-985-2291 ext. 240.

To All Veterans and Friends and the Community

'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney with presents to give,
and to see just who in this home did live.
I looked all about, a strange sight I did see, no tinsel,
no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,
and on the wall pictures of far distant lands.
With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,
a sobering thought came to my mind.
For this house was different, so dark and so dreary,
the home of a soldier, now I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,
curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.
The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,
not how I pictured a United States soldier.
Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night,
owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight,
Soon round the world, the children would play,
and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
because of the soldiers, like this one living here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
on a cold Christmas eve in a land far from home.
The very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
my life is my God, my country, my corps."
The soldier rolled over and soon drifted to sleep.
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still,
and we both shivered from the cold evening's chill

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night,
this guardian of honor so willing to fight.
Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,
whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas day, all is secure."
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right.
"Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night"

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Drop-in Ornament Making Workshop

Stop in anytime between 3:00 and 6:00 on Friday, December 22nd to make some last minute holiday decorations. Supplies will be set up in stations with projects of many different levels. Come for a few minutes and make one, or stay the whole time and make lots. This program will be fun for the whole family and a great way to celebrate the start of Winter Break! All are welcome to attend. Registration is not required.

For more information call 845-794-4660 ext. 5. To see a full list of library programs, visit ebcpl.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ebcplibrary. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. All library programs are free and open to the public.

Winter Break Week Activities at Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

Come have some fun with us at the library while school is out! Schools are out for the holidays, but that doesn't mean you have to sit home. Come join us for some fun & creative programs at the library. Every day December 26th thru 29th we will be showing a Mid-Day Movie at the library. The movies will be appropriate for all ages, so bring some friends and join the fun. Popcorn will be provided by the Friends of Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library.

We will also be hosting a daily program from 2-4pm each day throughout winter break. Space is limited and registration is required for these programs.

Tuesday, December 26th we will host a mystery room escape game for ages 7-12.

Wednesday, December 27th we are teaming up with Savory Sweet Confections to learn about spices and decorate gingerbread cookies.

Thursday, December 28th we will be creating our own movies using stop-motion animation. Bring your own device with the free app Stop Motion Studio downloaded. We will be using everyday items to create awesome movies!

Friday, December 29th we will be using a button maker to create pins to decorate our backpacks or give as gifts to friends.

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Weekly Story Times for Children at Monticello Library

Swing by the library at 479 Broadway in Monticello and enjoy a story time! The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library has weekly story times for toddlers and preschoolers. Story times in 2018 will start Friday, January 5th at 11am.

Story times are every Monday at 10am and Friday at 11am. This is an early literacy program for little ones and their caregivers. This program uses rhymes, movement, songs, books, crafts, and music to develop skills that will help children develop the early literacy skills they will need when they begin to read. Story times are appropriate for ages 2-5. We also offer Baby Brain Time for younger children. For more information on any of our children's programming visit our website at ebcpl.org.

All story times are free and open to the public. Walk-ins are always welcome and registration is not required. In case of inclement weather, story times will be cancelled if Monticello Central School District announces a closing or delayed opening, even if the library opens at our regular time.

For more information or to register for story times, call the library children's room at 845-794-4660 ext. 5, visit the library website: ebcpl.org, or follow the library on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram using the handle @ebcplibrary.

Baby Brain Time at Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

The Ethelbert B. Crawford library is offering a new story time for our youngest patrons beginning this month! Baby brains develop at an amazing rate; join us at the library to engage your little one in activities to help promote the ABCs of early literacy: Attention, Bonding, & Communication. Grown-ups and babies will explore different activities together as they develop these skills. This program is designed for ages birth through 18 months and for one child to take part with one adult. The program will be offered every Wednesday at 10am from January 3rd through March 7th.

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A Note from the Editor:

A Brighter Side of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"

You may be familiar with the Island of Misfit Toys, Yukon Cornelius and Hermey the Elf, who worked making toys for Santa Claus but longed to be a dentist.

But, you may not be familiar with the Ulster County man who wrote the story for "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," the classic animated holiday television program that featured these characters; themes of diversity, inclusion and acceptance; and so much more.

According to the Poughkeepsie Journal, "Romeo Muller Jr. wrote the stories for the timeless holiday television programs, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Frosty the Snowman" and "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town."

"In 1963, Romeo Earl Muller, Jr. met with producer/directors Arthur Rankin, Jr. and Jules Bass and began a relationship that would last for years. Rankin/Bass asked Romeo to write a screenplay for their first network television special entitled *Return To Oz*, which aired on NBC's *The General Electric Fantasy Hour*. The show was a success and set the stage for the most popular holiday television special of all-time, *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer*. A little known fact about Romeo's Rudolph script is that he embellished a very short story into an hour-long broadcast and added a variety of characters into the special that never existed before. He created Sam The Snowman, Yukon Cornelius, Hermey the Elf, Clarice (named after a mid-western friend of his that got married shortly before the special), the Abominable Snowmonster, the Island Of Misfit Toys and the list goes on. This was a blockbuster project for Romeo and it set the tone for future scripts. "One thing that Romeo always did," Says Donnelly, "He never killed off the villains. Villians never died... he would make them to look ridiculous or reform them in the end." Romeo would also

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incorporate personal experiences and friends into his screenplays." "Rudolph" was among the numerous holiday stories that the late Muller wrote for Arthur Rankin Jr. and Jules Bass. The pair of producers and directors used Muller's tales - written in his home, which straddled the boarder between High Falls and the Town of Rochester - to craft timeless, animated television programs.

And how much of an impact did the Hudson Valley leave on Muller? According to the original author of the story, Rick Goldschmidt, the mountains inhabited by the abominable snow monster in "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" were inspired by the Catskills!

Muller left a big impression on High Falls, in the Marletown hamlet nestled between Rosendale and Stone Ridge that served as his downtown. He was known for dressing up as Santa Claus, participating in the annual High Falls tree lighting ceremony and handing out toys to children in the community.

In this Christmas classic we're looking at the famous story of one youngster who learned that what made him different also made him special: Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer who became the hero that saved Christmas!

Like the glowing nose at the center of it all, the story is ultimately a beacon of hope. The "misfits" find comfort in one another and realize their self-worth isn't defined by the opinion of others. And the people (and elves) who made them feel like there was something wrong with them come to recognize the error of their ways and grow themselves. Rudolph has endured because although it starts dark like the storm that threatened Christmas, it finds its way through to arrive at a better, more understanding place.

Friendship, family, and understanding - the best part of the whole special is the friendship between the outcasts Hermey, Rudolph, and greatest human ever Yukon Cornelius. They find comfort and support in one another. And while Rudolph runs away from his terrible father, that leads Donner to go looking for his son after he realizes he has mistreated him by trying to hide his real identity and making him feel like he's a disappointment. The other once-intolerant characters follow suit, which is why we can probably also include "forgiveness" and "redemption" as a meaningful Christmas theme.

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The counties that are included in the Mid-Hudson Region are Orange, Sullivan, Dutchess, Ulster, Rockland, Westchester, and Putnam.

Governor Cuomo Signs "Buy American" Legislation for all Structural Iron and Steel on NY Roads and Bridges

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today signed legislation to implement the purchase of American-made steel and iron products by state entities. Under the "Buy American" legislation, the Department of Transportation, Thruway Authority, Bridge Authority, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Office of General Services, SUNY Construction Fund and Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, will be required to include a contract provision requiring the use American-made structural iron and structural steel for all surface road and bridge projects.

"Buy American will help us invest directly in our greatest asset, our workforce, to support economic development and job growth for generations to come," Governor Cuomo said. "I am proud to sign this legislation to support hardworking men and women, revitalize infrastructure across the state, bolster the strength of our manufacturing industries and cement our status as a global economic leader."

The legislation requires steel or iron be produced or made in whole or substantial part in the United States and that the entire manufacturing process of these items occur in the United States unless it can be demonstrated that the use of such steel or iron in a particular project should be subject to an exemption. The legislation will be implemented on April 1, 2018 and will pertain to contracts that are executed after that date. This will allow for consideration of any potential funding requirements or other considerations that may be needed to implement the provisions of the bill on future state projects.

The measure also establishes a work group that, among its responsibilities, would be to consider the feasibility of expanding the provisions to other products manufactured in the United States such as concrete, cement and aluminum products, explore reciprocal trade access with a foreign state that may be impacted by this provision to the detriment of the state, consider fiscal impacts, and mitigate any issues with the implementation of the legislation. This work group will consist of 14 members, with the Governor appoint seven members as well as the chair. The Temporary President of the Senate and Speaker of the Assembly will each appoint two members and each minority leader will appoint one member. The workgroup will provide an interim report of their findings by January 1, 2019 and a final report on January 1, 2020.

More than \$300,000 in Historic Preservation Grants Available Applications Due by 3/26/18 for Preserve New York Grants

Applications are now available to eligible municipalities and not-for-profit organizations to compete for Preserve New York grants. Preserve New York is a signature grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and Preservation League of New York State with additional support from The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation.

Preserve New York and the TAG program have a total of \$306,678 available in 2018. This includes \$256,678 in funding from NYSCA for Preserve New York and Technical Assistance Grants (TAG), \$40,000 from The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation for Preserve New York projects in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, and \$10,000 for the TAG program from the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area/Hudson River Valley Greenway for projects in the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. This amount will be disbursed over two grant rounds, Preserve New York in the spring and TAG in the fall.

Not-for-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status and units of local government are eligible to apply. Arts and cultural organizations are particularly encouraged to apply for support applications. Applicants cannot apply to Preserve New York and the New York State Council on the Arts for the same project.

Launched in 1993, Preserve New York makes grants for historic structure reports, building condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and cultural resource surveys. Since 2017, The Robert David

Lion Gardiner Foundation has provided generous additional support for projects in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Through its grant programs, the League has strategically invested in the rehabilitation of historic places, leveraged significant additional cash and in-kind resources, and protected properties at the local, state and national level through landmark designations. These grants help the League's growing constituency conserve, protect and use their cultural resources, and are an important catalyst in realizing community preservation goals.

Guidelines and a list of frequently asked questions are available on the League's website at www.preservenys.org/preserve-new-york. Applications are not available online. Prospective applicants must discuss their proposed project with Frances Gubler, Manager of Technical & Grant Programs at the League by calling (518) 462-5658 x 10 or by email at fgubler@preservenys.org. The 2018 Preserve New York application deadline is March 26th.

The Preservation League invests in people and projects that champion the essential role of preservation in community revitalization, sustainable economic growth, and the protection of our historic buildings and landscapes. It leads advocacy, economic development and education programs across New York State.

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For more information Online go to: <http://readme.readmedia.com/More-than-300-000-in-Historic-Preservation-Grants-Available/15189137>

A.G. Schneiderman Will Lead Multistate Lawsuit AG's Investigation into 2 Million Comments that Stole Real Americans' Identities Also Continues

New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman released the following statement upon the Federal Communications Commission's vote, announcing that he will lead a multistate lawsuit to stop the rollback of net neutrality:

"The FCC's vote to rip apart net neutrality is a blow to New York consumers, and to everyone who cares about a free and open internet. The FCC just gave Big Telecom an early Christmas present, by giving internet service providers yet another way to put corporate profits over consumers. Today's rollback will give ISPs new ways to control what we see, what we do, and what we say online. That's a threat to the free exchange of ideas that's made the Internet a valuable asset in our democratic process.

Today's new rule would enable ISPs to charge consumers more to access sites like Facebook and Twitter and give them the leverage to degrade high quality of video streaming until and unless somebody pays them more money. Even worse, today's vote would enable ISPs to favor certain viewpoints over others. New Yorkers deserve the right to a free and open Internet. That's why we will sue to stop the FCC's illegal rollback of net neutrality.

Today's vote also follows a public comment process that was deeply corrupted, including two million comments that stole the identities of real people. This is a crime under New York law - and the FCC's decision to go ahead with the vote makes a mockery of government integrity and rewards the very perpetrators who scammed the system to advance their own agenda.

This is not just an attack on the future of our internet. It's an attack on all New Yorkers, and on the integrity of every American's voice in government - and we will fight back."

For seven months, Attorney General Schneiderman has been investigating the flood of fake comments submitted during the net neutrality comment process. The Attorney General's latest analysis shows that two million comments stole the identities of real Americans - including over 100,000 comments per state from New York, Florida, Texas, and California. Yet the FCC has repeatedly refused to cooperate with the Attorney General's investigation, despite widespread evidence that the public comment process was corrupted.

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Senator Bonacic Announces \$100,000 Grant for the Town of Thompson

(Middletown, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) announced today that the Town of Thompson has been awarded a \$100,000 grant to make improvements to its Dillon Farm Water District. The grant was secured through the State and Municipal Facilities Program, funding for which was appropriated in the 2017-2018 State Budget.

The Dillon Farm Water District is comprised of 16 homes on Dillon Rd. and Hanover Dr. in the Town of Thompson. The project will involve the installation of a corrosion control system and will entail a new well house, rehabilitation of the well head and installation of a storage tank.

"I'm pleased to have been able to secure grant funding for this important water infrastructure project in the Town of Thompson," said Senator Bonacic. "Not only will it ensure safe and reliable drinking water for residents on Dillon Rd and Hanover Dr., it will save the taxpayers in the Town of Thompson money."

Town of Thompson Supervisor William Rieber added, "The Dillon Farm Water District is a very small district with about 16 users. Without the SAM grant provided through Sen. Bonacic's office, these much need repairs and upgrades to the system would have been prohibitively expensive and a tremendous burden to the 16 district users. The Town of Thompson is very appreciative of the funding and thanks Sen. Bonacic for his assistance."

Monti Elks Send Food to 30 Local Veterans



Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 has donated 30 boxes of food to the Sullivan County Veterans Coalition for local veterans in time for the holidays. The project was funded by a special \$1500 Elks National Foundation

Pictured from left: Past Exalted Ruler Frank Muller, Veterans Committee Member Christine Loucks, Sullivan County Veterans Coalition Chairman Howie Goldsmith, Veterans Committee Co-Chair Brian Johnson and New York State Elks Association President Phil Conaty of Monticello Lodge

Anniversary grant, which celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Elks. The Lodge Veterans Committee packed the empty boxes, which were donated by The Home Depot. They include a canned ham, vegetables, potatoes, rolls, holiday condiments and dessert. The volunteers are: Committee Co-Chairs Brian and Kathie Johnson, Elks National Foundation Committee Chair and Past District Deputy Jim Sheerer, Past State Vice President Jim Gerrard, Past Exalted Ruler Frank Muller, Exalted Ruler Lisa Muller and Committee Members Christine Loucks and David Welsch.

Grahamsville and Sundown United Methodist Churches

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Fourth Sunday of Advent - Dec. 24
8:30 a.m. Sundown UMC
10:30 a.m. Grahamsville UMC

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services - Dec. 24
5 p.m. Sundown UMC
7 p.m. Grahamsville UMC
11 p.m. Grahamsville UMC
(Holy Communion at 11 p.m.)

Epiphany Sunday - January 7
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8:30 a.m. Sundown UMC
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Masses
4th Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 23rd 4:30 pm
Sunday, December 24th 10:00 am

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Sunday, December 24th
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845-434-8263

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Sundown United Methodist Church
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Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff
845-985-2283
e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Rte. 55, Grahamsville
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.
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For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283
e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer) - 8:50 am

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Jan. 6, 2018
5:30 pm
Covered Dish Supper
Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Wishing you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

St. Augustine's Chapel

Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY
Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

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Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

The Town of Denning will hold its Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 scheduled to begin at 6 pm.

By the Order of the Denning Town Board
Joy Monforte, RMC
Town Clerk

November 21st, 2017 12/21

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

There will be a RECESSED MEETING of the Town of Neversink Town Board to be held at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY at 5:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 28, 2017.

The purpose of the meeting is to approve year end vouchers as well as any other business that may legally come before the board.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Dated: December 14, 2017 12/21

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
FOR THE YEAR 2018**

Please be advised that the Annual Organizational meeting of the Town of Neversink Town Board for the year 2018 will be held on January 3, 2018 at the Town of Neversink Town Hall at 7:30 PM.

The purpose of the meeting is to make appointments, set salaries and compensations, establish policies and procedures as well as to handle any other matter that may legally come before the Board. 12/21

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED
LOCAL LAW**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink in the County of Sullivan and State of New York, Introductory Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2017, entitled "A Local Law to Amend Local Law No. 2 of 2008, Cold War Veterans' Real Property Tax Exemption", which local law is amended to delete the ten year limitation for Cold War Veterans.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to §20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a public hearing will be held on the aforesaid local law before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time, on January 10, 2018, at which time all interested persons will be heard. A copy of the said Introductory Local Law is on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Neversink, New York, where the same may be examined.

Dated: December 14, 2017
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk 12/21

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking to retain an engineering firm to provide professional services to assist with design, permit applications and approvals, preparation of construction bid documents and construction inspection for the Mt. Pleasant Bridge (BIN 3347070) Removal, a bridge owned by Ulster County in the Town of Shandaken. Responses must be received at CWC by 4:00 PM, December 28, 2017. For bid documents please contact John Mathiesen or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE 12/17; 12/14; 12/21-24/72

TAX COLLECTOR LEGAL NOTICE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I, Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector for the Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan and the State of New York, will collect 2018 taxes according to the following schedule:

MONDAY thru FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (excluding holidays) at the: TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE LOCATED IN THE NEVERSINK TOWN HALL, 273 MAIN ST. (RT. 55), GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740, PHONE: (845) 985-2262 x307

SATURDAY: Neversink Town Hall on the following date: January 27, 2018 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Taxes collected until the 31st day of January, 2018 without interest. All taxes postmarked after January 31, 2018 will be subject to late penalties as listed below. **Late payment penalties are strictly enforced.**

SCHEDULE OF FEES:
Jan. 1 - Jan. 31 No Penalty
Feb. 1 - Feb. 28 1% of Tax Amount
Mar. 1 - Mar. 31 2% of Tax Amount, plus \$2.00 unpaid notice fee; sent 3/5/18

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector

TO PAY BY MAIL IN FULL: Send **ENTIRE TAX BILL** with payment to: Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

Upon receipt of payment the top portion of your tax bill will be marked paid and returned to you for your records. It is for this reason that it is **important to return the entire bill.**

- **In the event the collector needs to reach you, please include your phone number on your check.**

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN:

Please Note: You must make the January Payment in order to participate in the installment plan.

- January - 50% due by 1/31/2018 at 0% interest. Send "Payment #1" stub with your check.
- February - 25% due by 2/28/2018 at 1% interest. Send "Payment #2" stub with your check.
- March - 25% due by 3/31/2018 at 2% interest plus \$2.00 unpaid notice fee. Send entire bill.
- Receipt will be mailed to you after the final payment.

****RECEIPTS FOR JAN/FEB INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS WILL ONLY BE SENT UPON REQUEST.****

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED - 3% CONVENIENCE FEE WILL BE ADDED. Please go to www.taxlookup.net to make payment. Find your parcel, link at bottom of that page. Payments accepted to 03/28/2018.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING DISPOSAL FEE: The County has imposed an annual fee to pay for solid waste/recycling disposal. This fee appears as a separate line item on your tax bill and is payable along with the tax. Please direct all questions to the County Treasurer's office at (845) 807-0200.

AFTER MARCH 31st: TAXES ARE PAYABLE TO COUNTY TREASURER; CALL (845) 807-0200 FOR AMOUNT DUE OR CONTACT THEM AT: Sullivan County Treasurer's Office, 100 North St., PO Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701.

- **If you no longer own this property, please return bill to collector with the new owner's name and address; or forward the bill to the rightful owner.**
- **If your address has changed, please note your correct mailing address, along with your SBL# and return it with your tax bill or contacts the Assessor's office at the number below.**
- **You may obtain a duplicate tax bill/receipt or check the status of your payment via the Internet at www.taxlookup.net/neversink.**

For information regarding Veteran's, Senior Citizen's, Firemen's or Star Exemptions please contact the Town of Neversink Assessor's Office: Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor (845) 985-2262 x 323

Geri Gorton, Clerk (845) 985-2262 x 319

Hours are Mon. to Fri. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Evening hours are available, please call for an appointment. Or by Mail at: PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740.



**The Tri-Valley School District
is searching for a new
Superintendent of Schools**

Community Focus Group Session

**Come and give your input regarding the needs
of the district and the responsibilities
of the new Superintendent.**

To register and for more
information call

(845) 295-4016

Thursday, January 4, 2018
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Tri-Valley Central School
in the High School Upper Library

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Friends,

Despite widespread public opposition, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) just sided with huge telecommunications companies and voted to repeal net neutrality.

What does this mean for you? It means that the FCC is giving telecom giants another excuse to put profits over consumers, opening the floodgates for internet service providers to control what we see and do on the internet, charge us more money to access platforms like Facebook, and decrease video streaming quality unless someone writes them a fatter check. It's wrong, and I'm fighting back.

In light of yesterday's vote, I'm suing the FCC for illegally repealing net neutrality rules that protect consumers from these harmful impacts.

While I focus on fighting for a free and open internet for New Yorkers and all Americans in the courtroom, we need to put pressure on Washington to fix this now: will you add your name and urge Congress to save net neutrality today?

Thanks for standing with me,

Eric Schneiderman
NYS Attorney General
120 Broadway
New York, NY 10271-0332



Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation
 Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312
www.townofneversink.org

2018 Upcoming Events

- Jan 7 - Mar 4 **Sundays** Discounted Passes Skiing & Snowboarding at Holiday Mt.
- 1/19 Free Snow tubing Trip to Holiday Mt.
- 2/9 Free Roller Skating Trip to Skaters World
- 2/10 Great American Outdoor Show
- 4/13 Free Animal Embassy Presentation
- 4/30 May 4 Screen Free Week
- 5/15 Tour of Bethel Woods Museum & Lunch
- 6/1 *Sister Act* Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre
- 6/10 Wine, Food, Music Bounty of the Hudson
- 7/4 Decorated Bicycle Parade & Albi Concert
- 7/13 Free Water Fun @Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- 8/4 NY Renaissance Fair
- 9/15 Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair
- 9/29 Garlic Festival
- 10/13 Jack O Lantern Blaze
- 10/27 Look for our Trunk at the PTO Trunk or Treat
- 11/3-11/4 Indoor Water Park Sleepover
- 12/1 Transportation to NYC
- 12/2 Elf Workshop & Tree Lighting
- 12/15 Disney on Ice

- 12/21/17 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting 7 pm - Public Meeting at 7:30 pm
- 12/22/17 Town of Neversink Holiday - 1/2 Day Christmas
- 12/25/17 Town of Neversink Holiday - CHRISTMAS DAY
- 12/29/17 Town of Neversink Holiday - 1/2 Day New Years
- 1/1/18 Town of Neversink Holiday - NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 1/6/18 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

REMINDER: To all municipalities and local organizations please send us a copy of your 2018 Calendar of Events to: The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 - so that we can continue to post your meetings and events on our calendar each week in the coming year. **THANK YOU and have a very**

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Please note that the agenda for the upcoming Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Meetings can be viewed at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ny/trivc/Board.nsf/Public>

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm**. Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday**. **Town of Olive Planning Board** meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.



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hours of operation
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday and Monday: Closed
 If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.
 The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

2017 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle Schedule
 10 am - 2:30 pm
 Dec 14

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS-
<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
 Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

NOTICE CLARYVILLE VOL. FIRE DEPT. IS SPONSORING A DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS ON SATURDAY JANUARY 6TH 2018 10:00 AM SHARP

Cost is \$40.00 per person. Checks to be made out to the Claryville Fire Department upon entrance to the class. Please try to sign up prior to the date by contacting Chief Glenn Vandenberg at 845-985-2943 or e-mail at bungst01@gmail.com so we may get a head count for the class.

Welfare Fraud Task Force Announces More Arrests

Liberty, NY - Continuing its multi-agency efforts to root out waste, fraud and abuse of local social services, the Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force announces the following arrests:

- o As previously reported, Scott E. Burger, 37, of Eldred was arrested November 6 and charged with the Class A Misdemeanor of Non Support of a Child. He allegedly owed \$39,616 in back child support. Burger was arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court and committed to the Sullivan County Jail in lieu of \$250 bail. Upon being booked into the jail, it was discovered that Burger was a Fugitive from Justice in the State of Tennessee. The defendant failed to appear in April for sentencing in Rutherford County Court on a charge of Aggravated Felony Assault. On November 8, Burger was rearrested and extradited to Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

- o Christina Frankenberg, 41, of Roscoe was arrested on November 21 and charged with the Class D Felony of Welfare Fraud 3rd, Class E Felony of Welfare Fraud 4th, and Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing 1st Degree. It is alleged that Frankenberg collected \$5,478.50 in Public Assistance Benefits while she was employed at a local restaurant. Frankenberg was arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court and was released pending a future court date.

- o Shannon Baker, 24, of the Bronx was arrested on November 28 and charged with the Class E Felony of Welfare Fraud 4th and Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing 1st Degree. It is alleged that Baker collected \$1,947 in Public Assistance Benefits while she was employed in the State of Connecticut. The investigation also revealed that she was collecting public assistance benefits in Connecticut as well. Baker was picked up by NYC Sheriffs in the Bronx and turned over to the Task Force. The defendant was arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court and remanded to the Sullivan County Jail on \$5,000 bail.

- o Juanita Coleman, 54, of Liberty was arrested on December 8 and charged with two counts of Misuse of

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Grahamsville Reformed Church Dinners for 2018

April 14, 2018 **Roast Pork**, stuffing, mashed potatoes, carrots, homemade applesauce, salad, bread, and assorted desserts from the congregation

May 19, 2018 **Roast Turkey**, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, salad, bread, Ice Cream Sundae

June 16, 2018 **Roast Beef**, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad, bread, Peach Short Cake

September 15, 2018 **Roast Beef**, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, salad, bread, and assorted desserts from the congregation

October 13, 2018 **Roast Turkey**, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, salad, bread, Brownie Sundae

November 17, 2018 **Roast Pork**, stuffing, mashed potatoes, carrots, sauerkraut, homemade applesauce, salad, bread, Cake

Food Stamps, a Class A Misdemeanor. It is alleged that Coleman used the Electronic Benefits Card of a relative who is in state prison. Coleman was not entitled to use the card. Coleman was released on an appearance ticket pending her appearance in Town of Liberty Court.

- o Irina Prokopenko, 43, of Woodridge was arrested on December 8 and charged with the following felonies: five counts of Possession of a Forged Instrument 1st Degree, six counts of Filing a False Instrument 1st Degree, and one count of Welfare Fraud 3rd Degree. It is alleged that Prokopenko stole \$10,002.86 in Public Welfare Benefits by failing to report income that she was receiving from her children's father. Prokopenko was arraigned in County Court and remanded to the Sullivan County Jail on \$10,000 bail. During the course of this investigation, it was discovered that Prokopenko was in the U.S. illegally, and an additional detainer has been lodged at the jail by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

- o Autumn Brown, 21, of Monticello was arrested on December 11 and charged with the Class E Felonies of Welfare Fraud 4th and two counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing 1st Degree. It is alleged that Brown failed to report income that she was receiving from her child's father. Brown was released on an appearance ticket pending her appearance in Town of Liberty Court. This arrest was the result of a joint investigation between the Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force and the New York State Office of Medicaid Inspector General.

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Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia CHRISTMAS EVE

Knarf's pics for December 24th, on TCM, at 2:15 PM *Holiday Affair* (romance 1949); at 4:00 PM *Christmas in Connecticut* (comedy 1945); at 6:00 PM *Meet Me in St. Louis* (musical 1944); 8:00 PM, *The Bishop's Wife*, (comedy, 1947); 10:00 PM *The Bells of St. Mary's*, **CHRISTMAS DAY**

December 25th, on TCM, 6:00 AM, (short 1945) *STAR IN THE NIGHT*; at 6:45 AM *MEET JOHN DOE* (drama 1941) *Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck*; 9:00 AM *BABES IN TOYLAND* (comedy 1934) *Stan Laurel, Oliver Hardy*; at 12:00 noon, *LOVE FINDS ANDY HARDY* (comedy, 1938); 10:00 PM *NORTH BY NORTHWEST* (suspense, 1959), *Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint, James Mason, Leo G. Carroll, Martin Landau*; 12:30 AM *Dial M for Murder* (suspense, 1954) *Ray Milland, Grace Kelly, Robert Cummings*; at 4:45 AM, one of Hitchcock's most discussed films, *VERTIGO* (suspense 1958), *James Stewart, Kim Novak, Barbara Bel Geddes*; 11:00 AM *THE TROUBLE WITH HARRY*, (comedy, 1955) at 3:15 PM *MARNIE* (suspense, 1964) 5:45 PM *THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH*, (suspense, 1956), **STARTING** at 2:15 pm *Christmas Eve*, December 24, 2017 - CC, Rated G, BW/Color.

Quiz:
 1. In "Meet John Doe," who played Mayor Lovett?
 2. Who played Mrs. Mitchell?

Merry Christmas, to you and yours, this holy, holiday season, attend your places of worship. *May you be blessed with Health, Happiness and Peace this Christmas.*
 Frank Comando

What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

SUNDOWN
 Jan 6 -Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

GRAHAMSVILLE
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CLARYVILLE
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