

Central County News

SCHODACK

Proposed Distribution Center Faces Scrutiny

by Denise Wright

Businesses were the highlight of the May 3 Schodack Planning Board meeting. During the public comment section of the forum a resident who lives near the Amazon complex on Route 9 voiced concerns about Scannell Properties' impending new sales distribution center near the Route 150 intersection. She cited the ongoing problems that residents have encountered with the Amazon property with noise and poor signage. With Scannell Properties now selling the property with many unresolved issues still there, she would like to see the Board try to get new contacts for resolutions for residents and compliance officers in place before this next project happens. The Board took her comments quite seriously. The project engineer assured the Board that the new sales distribution center "will not be visible" from the roads and that most trees will remain on the property as a sound buffer. The Board did ask for lighting reductions in height and intensity and improvements to the length and size of the sound buffer wall. The addition of east and west left-turn lanes and potential pavement widening on Route 150 in the area brought focus on pedestrian safety, with the Board requesting access signals and walkways. The chairwoman informed the presenter that he must disclose the client for this project at the next meeting. The Board will be holding a public hearing on this issue on May 17 at 7 pm.

A New CBD Store

A change in tenancy was granted for the old site of Justine's Hair Salon at 1607 Columbia Turnpike for a CBD Store. The new tenant has temporary approval from the state, but the Board approved the tenancy contingent upon receiving her permanent license and permission. Right next door at the old Stewart's shop, the Board approved a change of tenancy for 1603 Columbia Turnpike for a wholesale bakery and butcher shop.

They plan to have venison processing, custom smoked meats, fresh-cut steaks, freshly sliced deli meats, and sausage. Jason Grant, who also owns The Crisp Cannoli, hopes to smoke meat there and hold a farmers' market there 1-2 times a week. At this point, the owner has six local farmers interested in participating.

Solar Receives A Go Ahead

The Board approved the 129-acre Green Dale Community Solar Farm project and sent it on to the Town Board for deliberations. This project is located on County Route 32 between Schodack and Kinderhook. The Schodack Planning Board is the lead agency on this project's environmental review process and declared a negative declaration as to any environmental impact. This so called "neg dec" is a major hurdle for any developer to get over, before final approval can be given.

BRUNSWICK

Grange Yard Sale

Brunswick Grange will be holding a Yard Sale on May 28, 29 and 30 at the Grange Hall at the corner of NYS Routes 142 and 7 in Center Brunswick from 9 am to 4 pm. There will be assorted merchandise, antiques, plants, glassware, \$1 table, furniture and much more. Space is available. For information call 518-279-9113.

Food Giveaway

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Rensselaer County Government. Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office, Empire State College, United Food and Commercial Workers, Health Capital District and many local volunteers. *The Eastwick Press* is proud to be a co-sponsor of these events.

The next CC Moves food giveaway in Rensselaer County is scheduled for Friday, May 14 at the Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club, 501 4th Avenue in Troy, with a 9:30 am start time.

GRAFTON

New Library Books For Children

The Grafton Community Library would like to thank Stewart's for its generous grant. The Library was able to purchase first and second place Newbery Medal winning books from 2000-2021 for the library's Juvenile Book Collection. The Newbery Medal was named for eighteenth-century British bookseller John Newbery. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. Poster drawn by Samantha Moore.

The shelves at the Grafton Community Library that hold the collection of Newbery Award winning children's books. Photo provided.



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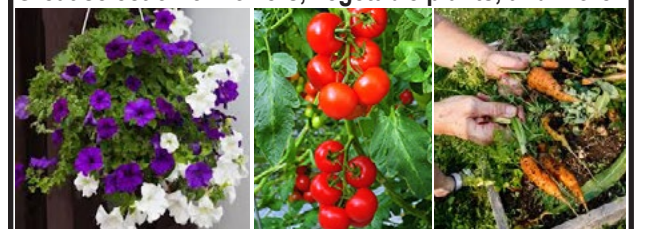
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