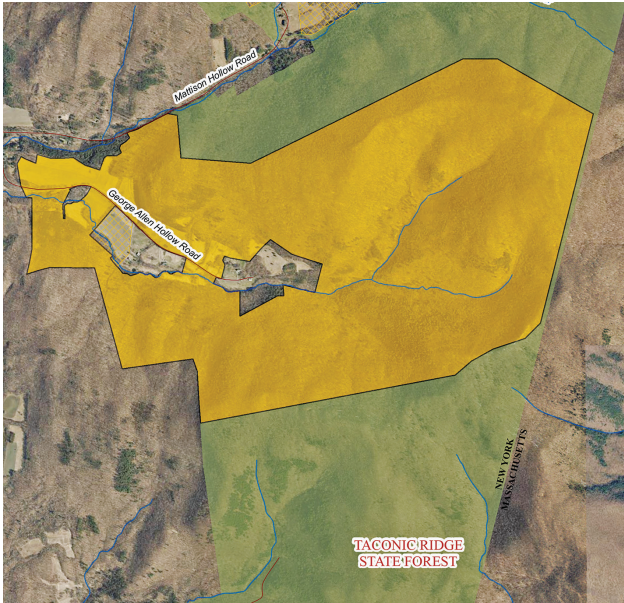


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This map shows the area in the Taconic Mountains that was recently acquired by the DEC. Photo courtesy of the NYSDEC.

DEC Acquires 1,300 Acres in Taconic Mountains Area Will Link Taconic Ridge and Berlin State Forests

Submitted by the NYSDEC

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has announced the protection of 1,300 acres of forest and grasslands in the Taconic Mountains in the Town of Berlin. The acquisition will be added to the Taconic Ridge State Forest and provides a critical connection between the Taconic Ridge and Berlin state forests, linking together more than 12,000 acres. New York State purchased the parcel for \$890,000 through the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). The purchase protects forested steep slopes leading to the top of the Taconic Ridge. It includes a tributary of the Little Hoosic River, one of New York State's wild trout streams, and 80 acres of critical grassland habitat. As part of DEC's state forests, this parcel will be managed for multiple uses, including sustainable timber production, watershed

protection, wildlife habitat, and recreation.

Located in Rensselaer County along the New York and Massachusetts border, the Taconic Ridge and Berlin state forests are primary gateways in the Taconic Mountains that conserve important natural resources and provide diverse outdoor recreational opportunities.

A map of the acquisition and drone footage of the parcel can be viewed on the DEC website, www.dec.ny.gov/press/press.html.

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This week's Eastwick Press is a double edition, covering publication for December 23 and 30. Our offices will be closed for the holidays 12/23/2022 – 1/1/2023. Have a wonderful holiday season!

BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ambassadors Make Special Delivery

Submitted by BCS Communications

The Berlin Elementary School (BES) Ambassadors headed to the Berlin Food Closet Thursday, December 15, to deliver the 753 items donated during the recent food drive, including the 188 items collected by Mr. Turetsky's class, who will receive a classroom party hosted by the ambassadors for collecting the most items.

During their visit students helped food pantry director Diane Mosher and the Berlin Food Closet volunteers sort and date all the donated items. The Mountaineers learned about how essential the support of the food closets and all community pantries are to the Berlin Central School District community. Ms. Mosher explained that the Berlin Food Closet is open to families without questions on the first and third Saturday of the month.

The ambassadors also helped pack holiday meal boxes along with the volunteers and took a break for an ice cream circle as a thank you

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Photo courtesy of BCS Communications.

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BERLIN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Concerts and Caroling

Submitted by BCS Communications



The BMHS musicians performing winter concerts on December 13 and 15.



BMHS musicians caroling on the evening of December 9.

Berlin Middle/High School (BMHS) musicians had a busy couple of weeks. First, on the evening of Friday, December 9, they caroled throughout Berlin, Cherry Plain, and Stephentown, bringing holiday cheer to the community. BMHS musicians included Juliann Amuso, Addison Dezess, Nate Goodermote, Ray-

mond Ericson, Sophia Hart, Cole Jones, Mackenzie Lowell, Hannah Mace, Jacob Maxon, Julia Neet, Carley Ploof, Markell Popov, Valentina Popov, Ellen Sanders, Ash Smerdon, Norah Smerdon, Riley Smith, Vivian Whelan, Dan Williams, and Charlie Young.

They then held winter concerts on Tuesday, December 13, and Thursdays December 15. There were many highlights, but above all, their hard work, preparation, and musicality made for fantastic evenings of music.

PETERSBURGH

Town Board Highlights

By Denise Wright

The December 19 meeting of the Petersburg Town Board began with the information about the upcoming Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) update presentation, which will be on Wednesday, January 18, at 6:30 pm. According to officials, a Department of Health (DOH) representative and a full panel will provide residents with water and air quality updates. The Town Supervisor mentioned that no minutes would be taken at this meeting, but they will ensure the cameras are set up for a Livestream.

The Water District Rates for 2023 will have no increase, but according to a local law, there will be a

10% penalty rate for individuals who do not pay their bills. Board members stressed that this only affects you if you don't pay your bill.

Animals were another important topic of conversation at this meeting. The Town, at this point, does not have a Dog Control Officer. There has been one applicant for the position, and this will be followed up on in early 2023. Residents were encouraged to contact the Supervisor if

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PETERSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Happy Holidays

The Library will be closed on Saturday, December 24 and Monday, December 26 for the Christmas Holiday. We wish you all a safe, healthy, and warm holiday time. We hope to see you on Tuesday, December 27, for Storytime at 10:30 am, and for regular operating hours 2 to 6 pm. Knitters and stitchers meet here on Wednesday afternoons, starting at 2 pm.

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STEPHENTOWN

Town Board Highlights

By Denise Wright

After a public hearing, the Stephentown Board, on December 19, got right to work organizing for 2023.

The public hearing involved making the Town lead agency on a land use rezoning issue from a Local Law from 2014. The 17.77 acre property on West Road has to be changed from an EF Extraction and Fill Zone to an RU Rural Use district. While the closure of the mine on this parcel happened many years ago, no rezoning occurred. Now that there is some interest in the property, the Board needed to formally rezone the property so planning and zoning processes could be more efficient.

The transfer station will be available on Saturday,

December 31. The new calendars are being printed, and it was reported that the transfer station will be closed in 2023 on July 5 and November 11. The Town believes they have found a solution for a lockable storage area for paint, but are working on how to implement it. While they are not accepting paint right now, officials asked that residents stay tuned because they hope to be able to again.

Three bids for road materials in 2023 were opened and reviewed. The Board approved that purchasing materials are up to the discretion of the Highway Superintendent. One proposal was approved for cleaning the Town Hall in *Continued on Page 9*

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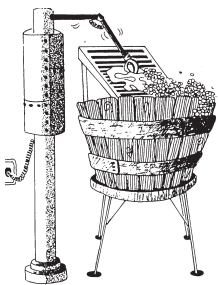
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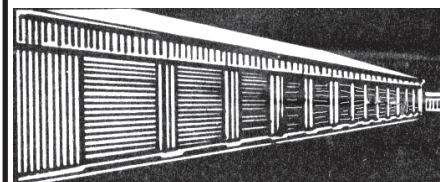
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BRUNSWICK

New Medical Building Gains Planners' Approval

By Doug La Rocque

Following a sidewalk to nowhere issue and delays over sewer design and easements, Paulsen Development's application to construct a two-story medical building at 112 McChesney Avenue gained conditional approval from the Brunswick Planning Board at their Thursday, December 15 meeting. Those conditions were numerous, however.

Water and Sewer Department Superintendent Bill Bradley has given his approval to the preliminary sewer design, although he must still sign off on the final drawings before any construction can begin. Sewer line easements must also be obtained, however the neighboring property owners have sent the Town letters of consent. A \$3,000 escrow account to pay for inspection of the sewer work must be established.

Work permits from Rensselaer County and the New York State Department of Transportation are another requirement.

The larger expense for Paulsen Development involved that sidewalk to nowhere. The Board required a \$10,000 non-refundable deposit be in place to construct the sidewalk along McChesney Avenue on their property, should a sidewalk be built from the Walmart entrance to Hoosick Road. The developer previously obtained a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals for the height of the building.

Paulsen Development plans to construct the building in conjunction with New York Ortho that will house offices on one floor and a same-day surgery center on the other.

VALLEY FALLS

VFW Post 1938 Breakfast

The monthly breakfast at VFW Post 1938, Poplar Avenue, will be held on **Sunday, January 8, from 8 to 11 am**. The date change is due to the first Sunday of the month falling on New Year's Day. The menu includes eggs cooked to order, French toast, pancakes, sausage, bacon, potatoes, biscuits with sausage gravy, fruit, juice, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. The cost is \$12 for ages 13 and over, \$6 for kids 5 through 12, and free for kids under 5.

TROY

Ready, Set, Glow

Troy Glow, a temporary public art light festival in downtown Troy, will run **nightly through January 9**.

Troy Glow features six beautiful outdoor installations of light-based art created by regional artists. In addition, eight partner organizations created their own unique light displays, for a total of 14 Troy Glow sites in a walkable route through historic downtown Troy.

Troy Glow was created to give downtown Troy a glow up during the holiday season, which is also the time of year when there is the least amount of daylight. Visitors, shoppers, and diners can enjoy all the city has to offer, and experience a unique contemporary art light festival.

TROY

Reading Mentors Needed

Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County (LVORC) needs volunteer reading mentors for the Everybody WINS! Power Lunch program at School 14 in Troy. A free training will be held on **Wednesday, January 4, from 1 to 2:30 pm**, at Hart Hall, 71 First Street, Troy.

Power Lunch increases children's chances for success in school and in life through positive reading experiences with caring adults. Elementary school children are paired one-to-one with volunteer mentors from local businesses, colleges, and the community. For more information about this and other LVORC's programs and services, visit www.lvorc.org or call 518-244-4650.

GRAFTON

Christmas Pajama Party

The Grafton Youth Program will have a Christmas Pajama Party on **Friday, December 23, from 6 to 8 pm**, at the Grafton VFW/Fire Hall. Enjoy pizza, drinks, and gingerbread house making. To sign up, you must call or text Noelle Goyer at 518-269-8988.

BRUNSWICK

Keyes Scholarship

Submitted by Sheryl Burke

The Finance Committee of the Center Brunswick United Methodist Church will award \$500 to a student from the Tamarac High School Class of 2023. The money may be used for any type of expenses related to further education. Students do not have to belong to this Church or any other church or religion to be eligible for the award. Interested students must apply no later than March 1, 2023. Application forms can be obtained from the school's guidance department, directly from the Church, or downloaded from our website, www.CenterBrunswickUMC.com. For more information, please contact the Reverend Joel Holcomb at 518-274-0123.

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Kiwanis Club Pasta Dinner

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LANSINGBURGH

First Annual Parade and Tree Lighting

Story by Amy Modesti

Saturday, December 10, residents and visitors lined up along Corliss Park, Northern Avenue, and Fifth Avenue to enjoy a wonderful afternoon. Holiday candy was tossed out to parade goers as a who's who of participants ranging from area fire departments to the Lansingburgh HS football team, City of Troy departments, police officials, area businesses and residents in decked out vehicles made an appearance. The parade ended at Powers Park.

The Powers Park grounds included caroling by the Lansingburgh HS choir, two children's bike raffles, a meet and greet with Santa Claus and Miss Uncle Sam, the hanging of the memorial ornaments on the memorial tree, and the official lighting of the park tree. Free donuts, candy canes, and hot cocoa from Big Bellies, chili to-go from the Lansingburgh HS football booster club, and pizza from the Lansingburgh Veterans Club was served to attendees.



Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with members of the Pleasantdale Fire Company. Photo by Amy Modesti.



The first ever Powers Park Memorial tree. Residents and visitors hung a Christmas memorial ornament in honor of their family member or friend who passed away. Photo by Amy Modesti.

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Holiday Bingo and Trivia

Wednesday, December 28, at 3 pm

New Year's Noise Maker

Friday, December 30, at 11 am

New Year Lego Challenge

Friday, December 30, at 3 to 6 pm

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HOOSICK FALLS

Parking and Speed Problems Before Trustees

By Doug La Rocque

By Hoosick Falls Village Board standards, the Tuesday, December 13 meeting was not that long, but many issues were discussed. Two of the more important topics involved parking problems and traffic moving a little too fast along Village streets.

Earlier this year the Trustees discussed engaging an outside consultant to perform a parking study. Trustee Kevin O'Malley came up with two quotes he said were in the \$25,000 range. The issue, however, faded from the front burner, primarily because there were concerns about where the money to pay for the study would come from. It was revisited at this meeting, with Deputy Mayor Bob Ryan asking Mr. O'Malley if he still had those quotes. The Trustee responded he believed they had expired but would reach out to the firms involved and be back to the Board next month.

Trustee Deb Alter again broached the subject of reducing the speed limit in the Village from 30 to 25 mph. It was noted by Village Attorney Andy Gilchrist that Governor Hochul recently signed legislation giving cities and villages the power to do so, but

only on streets they own, not state or county owned roads. In Hoosick Falls, that would impact NYS Route 22's path through the Village. It was also mentioned that some streets may not require the reduction, Main Street being one of them. If changes were made, it appears all signage would have to be modified because it says Village Speed Limit 30 mph. It is a matter that bears more discussion.

Outside Dining

A Local Law that would allow for temporary outside dining and sidewalk sales was reintroduced. It was scheduled to be voted on at the November meeting but was pulled back after a conversation about refuse disposal. The additional language has been added to the law, with a public hearing and possible vote scheduled for the January gathering of the Board.

1 Center Street

The large and former manufacturing building is run down and has been in a state of disrepair for many years. Unihog owner Jason VonGuinness is attempt-

ing to purchase the building and is seeking a Restore NY grant to refurbish it. That must go through the Village and to that end, a required public hearing will be held in January.

News and Notes

The Village Police Department is looking to add two more full-time officers and have installed a drug drop off box in the lobby of the Municipal Building. Please contact the department if you wish to make a drop off. The Village Board also asked the department to increase speed patrols along lower Classic, Ball, and Cummings Streets. The Trustees are looking into hiring a courier to take water and sewer samples to an Albany lab for testing versus using Village personnel and vehicles. The DPW is being asked to see if there was ever a stop sign at Railroad and Elm Streets. If not, a local law may have to be drawn up to install one. Trustees are looking into some help for Codes Enforcement Officer Mark Surdam who they indicated will be out of service for a while.

NORTH HOOSICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kids Dances

Upcoming North Hoosick Fire Department Kids dances are **January 6 and 20**. Dances cost \$3, take place from 7 to 9 pm, and are open to students ages 9 to 14 who attend Berlin, Cambridge, MAUHS, or Hoosick Falls School districts. A parent or guardian must sign students out after the dance.



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—Bruce Patire

BENNINGTON

SVMC Staff Shares Holiday Spirit

Submitted by SVMC

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center staff, from departments organization wide, gathered nine boxes packed with hams, turkeys, stuffing mix, canned vegetables, breakfast items, pie-making ingredients, cookie mixes, and much more. The boxes will be delivered to nine families through the Department of Children and Families.

From left to right, Hemodialysis Techs Crystal Hover, LNA, CCHT, Alanza Quinones, Emma Wrubleski, and Whitney Bull, all of Renal Services; Renal Services Director Ruth Rudnick, resources coordinator with the Department for Children and Families Wendy Nolan, and SVHC's Vice President for Human Resources Kevin Dailey. Photo courtesy of SVMC.



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SVHC Putnam Award Winners

Submitted by SVHC

Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC) leaders and staff gathered last month to honor employees for their service to the organization's mission.

One award every year is presented for each of the organization's five core values: quality, empathy, safety, teamwork, and stewardship. The employees who received the awards are noted standard bearers and role models within the organization.

The 2022 Putnam Award Honorees are:

Quality: Rebecca Hewson-Steller, RN, CN-BN, nurse navigator, Cancer Center

Empathy: Misty Arnold, RN, nurse, Med/Surg

Stewardship: Dennis Vosburgh, engineering technician

Teamwork: Gabrielle Loomis, MSOT, OTR/L, occupational therapist

Safety: Donna Barron, BA, RN, CIC, infection preventionist



2022 Putnam Award honorees from left to right: Donna Barron, BA, RN, CIC, infection preventionist; Gabrielle Loomis, MSOT, OTR/L, occupational therapist; Misty Arnold, RN, nurse, Med/Surg; Rebecca Hewson-Steller, RN, CN-BN, nurse navigator, Cancer Center; and Dennis Vosburgh, engineering technician. Photo courtesy of SVHC.

BENNINGTON

SVMC Recognized for Patient-Centered Care

Submitted by SVMC

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) and Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC) are proud to announce that each of their five primary care practices in Vermont have achieved recognition for providing personalized, effective, and efficient primary care. The medical practices have been re-designated as Patient Centered Medical Homes by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

To receive recognition, a practice must demonstrate its ability to meet six key standards of the Patient Centered Medical Home model, which was developed by

the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Osteopathic Association. The areas include access to care, using tools to identify patients and their information; planning and managing patient care; providing self-care tools; tracking and coordinating care; and a system for measuring and improving performance. Each standard has several subsections. Practices must resubmit for consideration every year.

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HOOSICK FALLS

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SCHUYLERVILLE

Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club

The Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club, 123 SR 32, Schuylerville, will host its monthly breakfast on **Sunday, January 8, from 8 to 11 am**. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The menu will include pancakes, French toast, eggs to order, home fries, and more. Come welcome the new year with us.

Our Friday night fish fry will be back starting **January 13, from 4 to 7 pm**. The events will run through April. Available menu items include fried fish, chicken nuggets with French fries, coleslaw, and chowder.

HOOSICK FALLS CSD

Learn About the PTA

Courtesy of HFCSD

Hoosick Falls PTA is off to a fresh start this school year, with all new officers and chair members. It is important to us that our families and community understand what the PTA is and what it does. For more information, please visit nyspta.org.

Memorial

Merry Christmas to My Dad in Heaven



My dad, Vern Weeden, passed away 6 years ago on December 20. Life will never be the same without you pops. It's just a different normal. Thanks for being so unselfish. I love you and miss our laughs together. Grandma and Grandpa Weeden with their 5 grandchildren.

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New Lebanon & Surrounding Areas

EAST NASSAU

Board of Trustees Highlights

By Denise Wright

After approval of a lot line adjustment, the December 14 East Nassau Board of Trustees meeting conducted their regular business from highway department business to passing a local law.

The approximately \$18,000 salt and sand bill from the Cedar Creek Tree Service and the \$4,000 speed humps and signage for Hays Road were approved. The Treasurer reviewed the bills with the Board. There was a discussion on the reallocation of funds and how they are incorporated into the following year's budget.

New York State made various amendments to the Uniform Code, which municipalities must implement through code administration and enforcement. After the public hearing for Local Law 1 of 2022, the Board approved the Type II action. This law updates the East Nassau Code Administration and Enforcement Law from 2006.

Historian and Board member Tom Kernan reported that the cookie contest in November was a wonderful introduction to the holidays. After a two-year hiatus and a variety of changes in local businesses, more bakers than ever were willing to display their baking skills. He noted over 60 businesses contributed to the event, thanked local businesses and officials for their assistance, and noted the goodwill and community service this fun event brings.

Highway superintendent Mike Dorr submitted a quote for double chip sealing for Gardner Hill Road and Town Garage Rd. The quote will involve utilizing the state Chips funding but also approximately 30K of the ARPA funds that the Village received. The speed humps for Hays Road were discussed. They are trying to figure out the safest way to get them installed and removed. Dorr informed the Board that he plans to retire as Superintendent effective March 31, 2023. Mayor Adam Acquario thanked Dorr for his service to his community.

Members did go into an executive session with the Village attorney about a property on Dunham Hollow Road. Still, Acquario noted that the Board had made no decision at this point. Acquario mentioned that the Village would mail out the newsletter to residents during December.

The new park was noted in the Climate Smart Committee report. The Committee worked on creating trenches and prepped the area for planting in the spring. The potential names for the park submitted are Old Tavern Park, Calico Park, Levinn's Landing, Tavern Green Park, and Tin Horns Park. The Board will review them, and should choose a name in 2023. The Board appreciated the residents' name ideas.

Committee chair and Board member Lydia Davis reported that they hope to have the flood preparedness guide finished by the end of December.

Finally, Mayor Acquario mentioned that the Bell Park Sign needs some paint and would also like to get some quotes on possibly installing electricity there. He also noted that they would like to get the DEC to do a walk-through near the coal shed on Brainard Station Road because of concerns in that area. Stop signs on Tayer Road have been placed on hold until the Village hears back from the County.

*New Lebanon Library
on next page*

NEW LEBANON

2023 Recycling Stickers On Sale

The New Lebanon Town Clerk's Office now has 2023 recycling permits for sale. The fee will remain the same as 2022: \$100 for non-residents, \$50 for Columbia County residents, and \$35 for residents over the age of 65. You will receive two stickers to utilize on two different vehicles.

You must have a recycling sticker to drop recyclables at any Columbia County Solid Waste Department Stations, including the one in New Lebanon. You can drop recyclables at any of the stations in Columbia County with these stickers.

Helping to Heat Homes

The Town of New Lebanon is collaborating with Charlie's Pantry, Unity Lodge No. 9, The American Legion, Larabee Fuel, and HL Fuel to help residents heat their homes this winter.

There are three easy ways to donate:

- Venmo: <https://account.venmo.com/u/ICCH Heating>
- Paypal: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/charliespantryheat>
- Mail a check to: Charlie's Pantry Heating Fund, PO Box 448, New Lebanon, NY 12125

If you or someone you know needs help heating their home this winter, please reach out to Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling at 518-794-8889 or supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com.

NEW LEBANON

Open Swim Update

Due to a number of reasons, beginning in January open swim will be on Tuesday evenings only, from 6:45 to 8:15 pm. Make sure to check <https://sites.google.com/newlebanoncsd.org/nlcommunityeducation/home> for updates.

Water Aerobics

A water aerobics class will be held *Mondays from 6:15 to 7:15 pm* at Shatford Pool, at the New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors. The instructor is Joe Ogilvie. The class is sponsored by NL Community Education.

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Rensselaer County News



From all of us at *The Eastwick Press*, we want to thank our readers, advertisers, and local communities for your support throughout the year, and would like to wish you all a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season.

Online Learning and Socialization for Older New Yorkers

Submitted by the NYS Office for the Aging

The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) and the Association on Aging in New York (AgingNY) have partnered with GetSetUp to offer interactive online programming for older New Yorkers specifically designed to increase activity and wellness, help individuals effectively use digital technology, and find other learning opportunities. To take a class, visit the New York partnership page at <https://www.getsetup.io/partner/nystate>.

According to one analysis, up to 43 percent of people 60 and older reported feeling lonely. This sense of isolation often gets worse during the winter when weather conditions make it harder for people to interact in person. Through GetSetUp, New Yorkers can access thousands of engaging classes taught by older adults to their peers. Classes are available at the

click of a button around the clock.

GetSetUp also helps active older adults become more fit, learn to manage their finances, develop new skills, and supplement their income. Classes are available in multiple languages including English, Mandarin, Hindi, and a growing number of weekly classes in Spanish.

GetSetUp's custom-built video learning interface has been tailored to older adults of all tech levels. The platform offers support via phone to assist learners with technology. It also includes a booking system complete with regular reminders and after-class notes. New York's older adults can easily connect with a safe community of over 4.6 million peers globally.

Learn more at www.getsetup.org.

New County Offices Officially Open

Courtesy of Rensselaer County

The new home for a number of Rensselaer County offices opened officially to the public on Monday, December 19, at 2 pm. The new 99 Troy Road location in East Greenbush will allow the County to expand access and convenience while reducing reliance on expensive rented property.

NEW LEBANON LIBRARY

The Library will be open from 10 am to noon on Christmas Eve, and closed on Monday, December 26.

Tech Talks

Fridays by Appointment

Please call 518-794-8844 or email libraryassistant@newlebanonlibrary.org to schedule an appointment time.

Small Wonders Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

For toddlers up to 35 months.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 11 am

For 3 to 6

Linda Worster Online Concert

Friday, January 6, at 6:30 pm

Login details will be posted on the library website the afternoon of the concert.

For more information or to register for programs, please visit newlebanonlibrary.org, or call 518-794-8844.

Stephentown Town Board Highlights *Continued from page 3*

2023. An attorney was authorized for 2023 to cover dog control matters for the Town to support the Town attorney.

Supervisor Roder mentioned that some residents are concerned about Presbyterian Hill Road and West Road. He stressed residents to be careful on those roads until lines can be added in 2023. Paving the roads happened late in the year and the stripping company closed for the season before the roads could be completed.

The Board adopted the New York State (NYS) Code Enforcement and Administration Standards before the required December 31 NYS deadline. The Town received its mortgage tax for the second half of the year and the third quarter sales tax, which was well over the expected amount.

The Town Board will not be holding a reconciliation meeting at the end of December and will take care of business at the organizational meeting on Monday, January 2, at 7 pm.

BERLIN FREE TOWN LIBRARY

Story Time

Every Wednesday at noon

Build-a-Puppy

Tuesday, December 27, 1 pm

For more information please email Director@bftl.org, or visit our website, BFTL.org.

Berlin Elementary School Ambassadors Make Special Delivery *Continued from page 1*

from the pantry volunteers.

See a slideshow from the BES Ambassador here: <https://youtu.be/SP0V9sPMGKA>.

If you have students in Berlin Elementary, Middle, or High School, and struggle to provide enough food, contact Helping Hands. Families with elementary students, contact Deanna Baker at 518-658-1500 and press 3.

Families with middle and high school students, contact Melissa Putterman Hoffmann at 518-658-1500 x2116.

Below is a list of local pantries for those in need.

Berlin Food Closet:

United Methodist Church, 17 South Main St.
Open the first and third Saturday of the month
For more information, call 518-658-2942

Stephentown Food Pantry:

Stephentown Federated Church, 1513 Garfield Rd.
Open every Saturday from 9 to 11 am
For more information, call 518-487-8606

Grafton Food Pantry:

Our Lady of the Snow, 31 Owens Rd.
Open every Saturday, from 10 am to 2 pm

Petersburgh Town Board Highlights *Continued from page 2*

they do have a dog control issue at this time. Dog licenses were another issue because several individuals still needed to renew or communicate with the Town Clerk about the animal's status. The Clerk has been discussing this issue with other towns and found that towns have developed local laws about this infraction. The Town has a local ordinance that the Board will review, and the Clerk will follow that law concerning any issues.

The Board decided on January 2, at 7 pm, as their organizational meeting and scheduled a public hearing on January 16, at 6:30 pm, for the local laws to create tax exemptions for senior citizens and citizens with disabilities. The hope is to move forward with this at the next meeting, allowing officials approximately five weeks to complete any necessary paperwork.

Finally, the Highway Department was complimented for their excellent care in clearing the roads during the recent storms. The Town Board discussed the County Road Service agreement, and the Supervisor reported that it still needs revising. The County is offering approximately \$4,000, while the year before, the amount was \$5,000 higher. The Supervisor stressed that the County would need to take care of its roads if it can't properly subsidize the Town.

STEPHENTOWN Historical Society

The Stephenstown Historical Society's new "Only Stephenstown on Earth" t-shirts make the perfect gift, not only for locals, but for friends and relatives as well. You can pick them up at the Heritage Center, 4 Staples Rd, or online at www.stephentown-historical.org. In addition to t-shirts you'll find historical albums and other items for gift-giving.

The building is handicapped accessible. For information, please call 518-733-0010.

Eastwick Sports & Outdoor Activities

BERLIN CSD

New Athletic Director and Adaptive P.E. Teacher

Submitted by BCS Communications

The Berlin Central School District (BCSD) is pleased to welcome Mr. Jason McFall (Coach McFall). Coach McFall has been in the education field as a coach and/or administrator for 25 years. He will be joining the Berlin administrative team as the District's Athletic Director for the BNL Athletics program. He will also be part of the district's teaching staff, coaching/teaching strength and conditioning to high school Mountaineers, teaching an adaptive physical education class at the elementary level, and working to develop an extracurricular pass/fail intramural program for sixth grade Mountaineers.

On Thursday, December 15, Coach McFall received a warm and enthusiastic welcome from the Mountaineers. He visited classrooms and was part of the BMHS assembly. During his visits McFall emphasizes that hard work, effort, and positivity will be the key to the Mountaineers' success.



Barbecue Recreation League Bowling

Team Standings

Mag-Way	20 - 5
Lebowski Rug Co.	19 - 6
Gallup Inn	16 - 9
Bistro 42	15.5 - 9.5
Wack'em & Stack'em	13 - 12
Boner's	10.5 - 14.5
Lou's Plumbing	10 - 15
Chico's Bail Bonds	8 - 17
The Jabronis	7 - 18
Farmers Tires	6 - 19

High Scores

Mitch Andrew	300	248 793
Matt Longtin	277	239 716
Matt Brownell	266	224 700
Colin Cipperly	280	229 699
Mike Weeden	236	226 675
Ryan Shumway	230	227 673
Justin Wilson	234	225 672
Lou Schmigel	236	227 668
Tyler Colvin	243	236 662
Chris Pelletier	236	226 256

Team Standings

Dave Clark Excavating	90 - 30
Walloomsac Metal Rec	73 - 47
Modern Game Pro Shop	70 - 50
Hunting' Time	68 - 52
Stevens and Sons Tents	60.5 - 59.5
Lo-Ridge Farm	58 - 62
Piece on Earth	57 - 63
Wack 'em & Stack 'em	43.5 - 76.5
Team Taconic	42 - 78
RGI Insurance	38 - 82

High Game

286	Stanley Pettibone II
278	Wayne Gundrum Jr.
268	Meghan Backus
268	Preston Oakes
268	Joshua Sweet
264	Thomas Mongeon
264	Owynn Arnold
255	Tyler Clark
251	Scott Reinhart
247	Kevin Weir

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

First Day Hike

Sunday, January 1, from 1 to 3 pm

Hike is moderate, roughly two miles, and open to any age group. No strollers. Free.

Ice Fishing Contest

Saturday, January 14, from 5:30 am to 2 pm

Register from 5:30 to 11:00 am, or 12:30pm for youth, on January 14 in the park's maintenance building, accessible via the Main Entrance. There is a \$10 registration fee for participants ages 16 or older, with no fee for children under 16. All participants 16 and older must have a valid New York State fishing license to fish in the park at any time, including during the contest. Big cash prizes are awarded for adults with 1st place fish and the longest length catch in all three categories. The awards ceremony will take place at 2:20 pm. In the case of soft ice, the Ice Fishing tournament will be postponed until Saturday, February 4. Please call the park for more information. There is no entrance fee for this event.

Winterfest

Saturday, January 21, from 11:30 am to 3 pm

The event will feature outdoor events along with indoor exhibits, food vendors, and family-friendly recreational activities. The event is free of charge.

The Polar Plunge, benefitting Our Lady of the Snow Parish's food pantry, kicks off the main events at 11:30 am. For more information, or to pre-register for the Plunge, please call Ray Dozois at 518-663-5648, or call the park. There is no entrance fee for this event.

Snowshoe Hike

Friday, January 27, at 4:30 pm

Beginners' snowshoe hike, perfect for elementary schoolers. Roughly a half mile hike. We will go over how to take snowshoes off and put them on. \$3. Snowshoe rental is included in the price.

For more information, or to register for events, please call the park at 518-279-1155.



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Eastwick Sports & Outdoor Activities

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Submitted by James Lynch

On Tuesday, December 13, the Hoosick Falls bowling continued their season with a 5-0 win over Waterford-Halfmoon. The Panthers finished with a total of 3368 pins to Waterford-Halfmoon's 1883.

[Hoosick Falls High Scores](#)

Payton Merrills 226-642

Memphis Hathaway 210-580

Bradley Senecal 199-569

On Wednesday, December 14, Hoosick Falls bowling continued their season with a 3-2 win over Stillwater. The Panthers finished with a total of 3463 pins to Stillwater's 3371.

[Hoosick Falls High Scores](#)

Payton Merrills 246-658

Bradley Senecal 225-616

Memphis Hathaway 221-589

RENSSELAER PLATEAU ALLIANCE

Nature Book Club: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* by James Herriot

Tuesday, January 3, at 7 pm, via Zoom

Herriot's deep compassion, humor, and love of life shine as we laugh, cry, and delight in the portraits of his many varied animal patients and their equally varied owners. This book is available through the Upper Hudson Library System in physical format, on Hoopla via the library as an ebook and audiobook, at Market Block Books, and through other book sellers. Learn more and register at www.rensselaerplateau.org.

Culverts and Aquatic Organism Passage on the Plateau

Thursday, January 19, at 7 pm, via Zoom

With Andy Dangler and Melissa Toni. Part of the RPA Speaker Series. This discussion covers the Federal level of involvement in culvert replacement and the incorporation of aquatic organism passage through the culverts. The discussion will include several local examples, including the July 2021 flooding events.

Pre-registration is required. The suggested voluntary donation is \$5, though any amount is welcome. Learn more or register at www.rensselaerplateau.org.

Winter Cut Flower Series

Submitted by Cornell Cooperative Extension

Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Regional Capital Area Agriculture and Horticulture Program (CAAHP) are pleased to present the 2023 Winter Cut Flower Webinar Series, online via Zoom on Tuesdays from January 10 to February 14. For residents of the of the CAAHP area: Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Washington Counties, the cost is \$15 per session or \$75 for all sessions. For residents of all other areas, \$20 per session and \$100 for all sessions. Pesticide application credits are available.

Session 1 - Tuesday, January 10

1 pm - Cutting Out Cut Flower Diseases

2 pm - Stump the Professor

Session 2 - Tuesday, January 17

1 pm - Promoting Biological Control in Cut Flower Production

2 pm - What Are Biopesticides? Should I Be Using Them on My Cut Flowers?

Session 3 - Tuesday, January 24

2 pm - USDA-NRCS High Tunnel Initiative

2:45 pm - Choosing the Right Cut Flowers for Your Farm

For more information, or to register, visit <https://caahp.cceext.net/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=166>, call 518-765-3518, or email cce-caahp@cornell.edu.

Holiday Lights Recycling Program

The City of Troy is partnering with Girl Scout Troops 1165, 1303, and 1435 for the third annual citywide recycling program for broken or non-working holiday and string lights. Multiple drop-off locations are available throughout the City for residents to dispose of defective string lights as they decorate for the holiday season.

Old, non-working, or unusable holiday and string lights can be dropped off at the locations listed below in festive containers through January 15. Collected lights will be recycled by a local company Ben Weitsman Recycling, with profits benefitting a local food pantry.

For more information on the holiday lights recycling program, including drop off locations, please contact the City Recycling Coordinator at renee.panetta@troyny.gov or call 518-279-7171.

Staying Cautious Around Cold Water

Submitted by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

This fall saw its share of unseasonably warm and sunny days, but the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation reminds those who are boating, paddling, or hunting from a boat that as the air has cooled, so have the State's waters.

Boaters, paddlers, hunters, and anglers should take the following precautions when heading out on the water during the fall and winter months:

- **Always wear your life jacket** - In fact, wearing a life jacket is legally required for all people on board a recreational boat that is less than 21 feet in length between November 1 and May 1.
- **Dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature** - Choose clothing made from fabrics like wool that hold in body heat when wet. Avoid cotton. Dress in layers and consider investing in a dry suit, wetsuit, or float coat to keep you warm.
- **Use the buddy system and let someone know your plans** - Whenever possible, avoid going out alone. Let someone you trust know your trip plans, including who is going on the trip, where you are going, when you plan to leave and return, and a description of your vessel(s).
- **Know the conditions before you head out** - In addition to the weather conditions, do your research on water conditions. Check for ice starting to form and be aware that water can freeze if temperatures drop throughout the day.

For more information, please visit <https://parks.ny.gov/boating/>, email the Marine Services Bureau at boating@parks.ny.gov, or call 518-474-0445.

DYKEN POND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Tuesday Treks

Every Tuesday, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm

A moderately paced 3 mile hike. Hikes will be canceled in bad weather. This program is free for adults and older teens.

Snowshoe Rentals

Rentals are available when there is at least 6 inches of snow on the ground. Adults are \$5 for a half day, and youth are free with accompanying adult.

First Day Hike

Sunday, January 1, from 1 to 2:30 pm

For all ages who can walk 2 miles.

Campfire Series: Wetland Walk

Saturday, January 7, from 1 to 3 pm

All ages that can hike 1.5 miles are welcome. Donations welcome to help cover our expenses.

A Day of Animal Tracks

Saturday, January 14, from 9 am to noon, and 12:30 to 3:30 pm

Come for one session or both. The cost is \$25 per session, \$22 for members. Pre-registration is required; please contact the center.

Tracking is a slow and studious pursuit and generally loses the interest of young children pretty quickly. Children 10 and up with a passion for learning and some patience are welcome. While tracking, we often spend long periods of time stationary in discussion of the sign, so dress for a full day in the woods and then add 2 layers.

Mindful Nature Walk

Saturday, January 21, from 1 to 3 pm

This type of mindful walk has been shown to reduce stress, boost positive moods, and strengthen immune the system. Donations accepted.

Snowshoe Hike

Saturday, January 28, from 1 to 2:30 pm

For all ages and skill levels.

Preregistration is required for all programs by calling 518-658-2055 or emailing dykenpond@gmail.com 24 hours in advance. Please visit www.dykenpond.org for a complete schedule of our events and information. Programs are free unless otherwise stated.

Live Stream Information • *Submitted by BCS Communications*

Berlin/New Lebanon will be live streaming home games this season. Below is a list of links where games can be found:

Berlin Middle/High Gym

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD4gev3MT4d2AfRiaqm84Fw>

New Lebanon Jr/Sr Gym

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfR6liAdQLmMVzu4TffHJUw>

Home Swim Meet Stream

<https://www.facebook.com/NewLebanonCentralSchoolDistrict>

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 6 of 2022 TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon on January 10th, 2023 at 5:55 p.m. at 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 regarding the adoption of Introductory Local Law No. 6 of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2022. Introductory Local Law No. 6 of the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2022 is to establish a 12-month moratorium on demolition of structures on properties potentially having historic significance in the Town of New Lebanon.

Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of New Lebanon, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, 12125 and the proposed local law can be viewed on the town website at www.townofnewlebanon.com.

Participation by the public will be in person at the New Lebanon Town Hall. Those not attending in person who wish to comment on the proposed local law can email in advance of the meeting to supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com and all comments will be read at the public hearing and entered into the record.

Marcie Robertson
Town of New Lebanon Town Clerk
12/19/2022

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

The Town Board of the Town of Hoosick will hold their organizational meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:30pm located at 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, NY. The regular board meeting will follow. All those interested may attend.

Holli Cross
Hoosick Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Lebanon Town Board will hold their Annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 2nd, 2023 at 6:00PM. at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY, 12125.

Please note that people who do not wish to attend the organizational meeting at the new Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY in person may view the meeting at the following link: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny.

Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk
12/19/2022

PUBLIC NOTICES

PETERSBURGH FIRE DISTRICT ESTOPPEL NOTICE

The resolution summarized below was adopted by the Petersburg Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners on September 21, 2022 and approved by the electors of the Petersburg Fire District on December 13, 2022, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Petersburg Fire District is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law that should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit, or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the State Constitution.

A bond resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Petersburg Fire District, in the Town of Petersburg, County of Rensselaer, State of New York on September 21, 2022 authorizing the acquisition of a certain Custom Pumper Tanker including incidental equipment, expenses, and services in connection therewith at a maximum estimated cost of \$534,000.00; with a sum not to exceed \$200,000.00 to be expended from the Capital Reserve Fund to pay a portion of the costs thereof; authorizing the issuance of serial bonds of said Fire District in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 to pay a portion of the costs thereof; determining that the maximum maturity of serial bonds will be ten (10) years; delegating to the Fire District Treasurer the power to authorize and sell bond anticipation notes and to fix the details of and to sell serial bonds or statutory installment bonds at the prevailing rate of interest at the time of issuance; pledging the faith and credit of said Fire District for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds; and determining the probable usefulness thereof is twenty (20) years; such amount to be offset by any federal, state, county, and/or local funds received.

A copy of the entire resolution hereinbefore summarized is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Fire District Offices located at the 19213 NY Route 22, Petersburg, NY 12138.

Dated: December 14, 2022
Christina Lamphere, Secretary
Petersburgh Fire District

Legal Notice

MEETING NOTICE - CANCELLED

Town of Stephentown, Stephentown, NY, 12168. Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of Stephentown, Rensselaer County has CANCELLED the Reconciliation Meeting for the year of 2022 that was scheduled for Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 7:00PM located at the Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY.

By order of the Town Board
Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Petersburg has scheduled the Organizational Meeting for January 2 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

NOTICE

The Town of Hoosick Town Board would like to share information on heating assistance. If you are a senior and would like financial assistance with heating costs, please contact the Rensselaer County Department of Aging at **518-270-2730**. All others that need assistance with heating costs, please go to www.dps.ny.gov/winter or call **1-800-342-3377**. New York State takes into consideration all your monthly bills when qualifying for assistance, please don't assume you don't qualify.

Holli Cross
Hoosick Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Village of Hoosick Falls

Introductory Local Law No. 5 of 2022

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY PERMITS FOR OUTDOOR DINING AND FOR SIDEWALK SALES DISPLAYS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that there has been introduced before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls, New York, a proposed local law to authorize the issuance of temporary permits for outdoor dining and sidewalk sales displays. A complete copy of the proposed local law is available for inspection at the Village of Hoosick Falls Clerk's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls, New York, will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid introductory local law on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, to commence at 6:00 p.m., at the Village Highway Garage, 7 Waterworks Road, Hoosick Falls, New York, at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard.

Dated: December 14, 2022
Hoosick Falls, New York

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF HOOSICK FALLS
By: Robert Allen, Mayor

Town of New Lebanon Columbia County

Notice of Receipt of Tax Roll and Warrant

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Tamara Darcy, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of New Lebanon, County of Columbia, and State of New York, have duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of New Lebanon for the year 2023 and that I will attend at the Tax Collector's Office at the Town Hall at 14755 Route 22 North, in the said Town of New Lebanon on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4 - 6pm and Saturdays from 9am - 12pm, for the month of January 2023 for the purpose of receiving the taxes assessed upon such roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2023 without charge or interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest at a rate of one percent per month or portion thereof until such taxes are paid or until the return of the unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll of the Town of New Lebanon will be returned to the County Treasurer of the County of Columbia on the 1st day of June, 2023.

Dated December 29, 2022
Tamara M. Darcy
Tax Collector
Town of New Lebanon

Public Notice Town of Grafton

The Town of Grafton Highway Department is seeking to purchase a 79 - 84" Twin Drum Asphalt roller.

Specifications:
10 ton minimum
Less than 15 years old
All Safety features and water operational
Both drums vibrate

Please submit pricing to Town of Grafton Highway Department, PO Box G – Grafton NY 12082 – Attn: Jarod Bouchard or by email @graftonhighwaydept@albany.twcbc.com.

Victoria Burdick
Town Clerk

ANNUAL APPOINTMENT POSITIONS

The Town of Petersburg will be filling the annual appointment positions as well as the Committee positions. Letters of interest are due to the Town Clerk no later than December 28th, please check website for more information Petersburgh.org.

PUBLIC NOTICES

2023 PRICE INCREASES

Due to ever-increasing production and postage costs, we must in turn increase our pricing. Printing costs alone have risen over 55% in the last two months. Despite our best efforts, we simply cannot continue to absorb this. As of **January 1, 2023**, retail price will be \$1.50, yearly in-county print subscriptions \$50, out-of-county subscriptions \$60, and online-only subscriptions \$30. A Supporter will pay \$75 and a Patron \$100. We thank you for your understanding and support of Rensselaer County's community newspaper.

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Hush Fin Games LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/18/22. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 400 Mcchesney Ave Ext Apt 19-10 Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the Limited Liability Company that was formed is: **FOUR STATES ENTERPRISE LLC.** The Articles of Organization were filed with the Department of State of the State of New York on November 12, 2021. The office of said Limited Liability Company is located in Rensselaer County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against said Company may be served and the post office address within the state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is: **FOUR STATES ENTERPRISE LLC, 190 Spicer Road, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090.**

Workhorse Property Maintenance and Management, LLC. Articles of Organization filed 10/30/22. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1116 Blue Factory Hill Rd Cropseyville, NY 12052. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: 129 Lincoln Ave, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 11/10/2022. Official Location: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Burgos Realty Group, LLC, 11 Davis Place, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

RIDHI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/2022. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 16 WYATTS CIR, RENSSELAER, NY 12144. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of **Down and Dirty Property Care LLC.** Articles of Organization filed SSNY on 09/27/2022. The County in which the office of the LLC is located is Rensselaer. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is to the LLC at 28 Ruff Road, Petersburg, NY 12138. The company is organized for any lawful purpose.

STEPHEN FORREST GENERAL CONTRACTING, LLC. Filed 7/25/22. Office: RENSSELAER Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Stephen Forrest, 229 White Creek Rd, Eagle Bridge, NY 12057. Purpose: General.

Emergency Life Support Training LLC. Filed 6/15/22. Office: Rensselaer Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: Legalinc Corporate Services Inc., 1967 Wehrle Dr, Ste 1 #086, Buffalo, NY 14221. Purpose: General.

27 NORTH MAIN STREET, LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on October 18, 2022. Office location, Rensselaer County. Secretary of State of New York State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process to 27 NORTH MAIN STREET, LLC, 1722 Plank Road, Petersburg, NY 12138. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

BRICK HOUSE QUILT WORKS, LLC

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on October 18, 2022. Office location, Rensselaer County. Secretary of State of New York State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process to BRICK HOUSE QUILT WORKS, LLC, 1722 Plank Road, Petersburg, NY 12138. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of Brunswick at 7:00pm on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at the Brunswick Town Hall, 336 Town Office Road, Brunswick, New York 12180, to review a special use permit application submitted by Paul Brunina for an accessory apartment on property located at 125 Tamarac Road. Copies of the application and supporting documents are available at the Brunswick Town Hall, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. All interested persons will be heard at the public hearing.

DATED: December 21, 2022
Brunswick, New York

THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
By: Russell Oster, Chairman

Quality Consulting Solutions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/22. Office: Rensselaer County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 Stacey Way, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Sand Lake Merchant LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/22/22. Off. loc: Rensselaer Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Meier Law Firm, PLLC, 10 Utica Ave., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: HOOSICK SELF STORAGE LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on November 28, 2022. Office location: RENSSELAER COUNTY. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 515 Highland Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FILING OF
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK
BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: **Moose on the Loose Food Truck LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on 12/7/22. Office location: Rensselaer County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 147 2nd Dyke Rd., Averill Park, NY 12018. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation domestic of **BIG LAND MANAGEMENT LLC.** Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on December 20, 2022 office location: Rensselaer County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her to Fabian M. Kendrick, 9 Green Avenue, Castleton NY 12033. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FILING OF
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK
BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: **385 BROADWAY HOSPITALITY, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on July 29, 2022. Office Location: Rensselaer County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 142 Grand Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FILING OF
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK
BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: **504 BROADWAY HOLDINGS, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on July 29, 2022. Office Location: Rensselaer County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 142 Grand Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Senior News

Community Calendar

Lebanon Valley Seniors

Meetings are at 1 pm on the first and third Fridays of the month at the LVPA firehouse. January and February we will only meet on the third Friday. If New Lebanon CSD cancels school, we cancel our meeting. New members are always welcomed.

We will be having a chili cook-off at our January meeting and February's meeting is soup and sandwiches. If you want to be in the cook-off please use the number or email below.

For more information, including information on membership and paying dues, call Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009 or email lebanonseniorecitizens@gmail.com.

Grafton Senior Center

The Everett Wagar Senior Center, 2 Roxborough Rd, Cropseyville, will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm. Mondays and Fridays the center will be open 9:30 to 11 am for our 10 am Chair Yoga class. On Tuesdays, there will be Senior Yoga Plus class at 10 am.

Congregate lunch is served Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon for a suggested donation of \$3. Grab-n-Go meals are also available Monday through Friday. Please call 518-279-3413 to be added to the events or lunch list.

Hoosick Falls Senior Center

The Hoosick Falls Senior Center, 69 Church Street, is open 9 am to 3 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and 9 am to 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with congregate lunch served at noon each day for a suggested donation of \$3. There will be limited van transportation to and from the center on Wednesdays and Fridays only. Monday card group meets from 10 am to noon, then open card playing following lunch. Most Wednesdays we have Senior Games at 12:30 pm and Senior Exercise group at 1:30 pm. Fridays there is bingo following lunch unless there is a special event, in which case bingo will be from 10 am to noon on Thursday. The gym and library are open daily.

December 23 will be the cookie exchange at 12:45 pm. The Center offers grab-n-go lunches Monday through Friday. Please call the center at 518-686-7561 to sign up for events and/or be placed on the meal or van transportation list.

December 23, Friday

Hoosick Grange Pie Sale, 9 am – noon, \$15–\$20 depending on type, pre-order required: 203-648-8750

Christmas Pajama Party, 6 – 8 pm, free, Grafton VFW/Fire Hall, sponsored by Grafton Youth Program, pizza, drinks, gingerbread house making, registration required: call/text Noelle Goyer at 518-269-8988

A Christmas Story movie screening, 7 pm, free, The Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave, Albany, info/tickets: palacealbany.org

December 28, Wednesday

The Princess and the Frog movie screening, 1 pm, free, The Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave, Albany, info/tickets: palacealbany.org

January 1, Sunday

First Day Hike, 1–2:30 pm, free, Dyken Pond, easy-paced 2 mile Family Fitness Foray with Josh Pulito, preregistration required: 518-658-2055 or dykenpond@gmail.com

January 6, Friday

Kids Dance, 7–9 pm, \$3, North Hoosick Fire Department, 22106 NY-22, Hoosick Falls, parents/guardians must sign kids out after dance

January 7, Saturday

Campfire Series: Wetland Walk, 1 – 3 pm, free (donations welcome), Dyken Pond, all ages that can hike 1.5 miles welcome, preregistration required: 518-658-2055 or dykenpond@gmail.com

January 8, Sunday

VFW Post 1938 Breakfast, 8 – 11 am, \$12 for 13+, \$6 5–12, under 5 free, Poplar Ave, Valley Falls

Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club Breakfast, 8 – 11 am, \$10 adults, \$5 kids, 123 NY-32, Schuylerville

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Last week's puzzle solutions

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Crossword Theme: Vacation Destinations

ACROSS

- Walt Whitman's dooryard plant
- Bag, ‡ Paris
- Sound of astonishment
- Smell of baking bread, e.g.
- Self-importance
- Ma Bell, e.g.
- List of Catholic saints
- Bobbsey twin
- Donor's bequest
- *Country to see Stonehenge
- *Country to see Neuschwanstein Castle
- Tokyo, in the olden days
- Way off freeway
- Gremlin or pixie
- Assistant
- Crunches alternative (2 words)
- Mountain lake
- Thailand, pre-1939
- Parlor piece

- *Maldives continent
- Plaudit and pomp
- Unadulterated
- Child-eating daemon, Greek mythology
- Red carpet purse
- Pelvic bones
- Gives way under force
- Like acne-prone skin
- Pose a question
- Letter opener
- Morse code dash
- *Grand Canyon state
- *Broadway state
- Loaded
- Marbled bread
- Bad car
- South Pacific sailboats
- "___ Milk?"
- Related on mother's side
- Unload on eBay
- Gilligan's home
- Tap, e.g.

DOWN

- Spike, as in punch
- Iraq's neighbor
- Like a maxi skirt
- Soap plant
- *One of two countries to see Niagara Falls
- Mail a package
- Agha, alt. sp.
- Gloria Estefan's hit
- Disease-causing organism
- One of algae
- Diagnostic test
- One-trick ungulate?
- Sluggish
- ___-canceling earbuds
- Ambulance squad, acr.
- RE/MAX agent, e.g.
- *Amalfi Coast country
- Kenyan tribesman
- Amazon "club"
- Vegas cube
- Cone-shaped quarters
- Throat dangler
- *Mona Lisa city
- Go stealthily
- Nervous biting victim
- *Haleakal, island
- Accent mark
- Software plug-ins
- Barack Obama, pre-pres.
- Wailed
- Frustration, in a comic book
- Laughing African predator
- *Swiss or Italian skiing destination
- Steak option
- "White Wedding" Billy
- Eagerness
- Post-deductions amount
- Yemen's neighbor
- College cadet program
- ACL location
- Uncle Sam wanted this

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Church Directory

ALL SAINTS CHURCH – 4957 NY-7, Hoosick, NY 12090. Weekly Eucharist on Sundays at 10 am (COVID-19 protocols observed). Weekly Morning Prayer on Sundays at 8 am via Zoom; see website for login information. All are Welcome! Fr. Gary Strubel, vicar. www.allsaintshoosick.org

CENTER BRUNSWICK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 990 Hoosick Road, Troy, NY invites you to join us for worship in the sanctuary on Sunday Mornings at 9 am. Join us virtually for worship on Youtube at Center Brunswick UMC. You may also join us virtually for worship and mid-week reflections by contacting barbara@carrelan.us to be added to the distribution list. Follow us at centerbrunswickumc.com. Pastor Joel Holcomb.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR – 14660 Rt 22, New Lebanon, NY 12125, 518-938-1193. We are an Episcopal Church celebrating service at 8:30 am. Celebrant Rev. Frank Lockwood. Service is also available on Facebook at Church of Our Saviour and Zoom 82194417424/414672.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BERLIN – 15 N. Main Street, Berlin, NY. Pastor RJ Snyder. Sunday Worship 9:30 am. Sunday Prayer 8:45 am. Both of these services are in person. Online services are available on Facebook, YouTube and the Church Website (Berlinfbcc.com).

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HOOSICK FALLS – 80 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Pastor David Hall, 518-380-3947, Sunday morning worship in person at 10 am. Audio of services available on our website firstbaptistchurchhhf.com. All are welcome.

GILEAD LUTHERAN CHURCH – Routes 7 and 278, Center Brunswick, NY 12180. Indoor services at 10:30 am. Also available on Facebook and YouTube. Masks are optional. gileadlutheran.org, 518-279-9270.

HOOSICK FALLS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE CHURCH – 484 Hill Road, Hoosick Falls, NY. Rev. Jonathan Youngmann. Contemporary Worship Service at 10:30 am each Sunday, both in person and livestream (YouTube, FB or on our website: HoosickFallsCAC.org). Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 am (Adult Sunday School via ZOOM available). Adult Prayer and Youth Group/Teen Prayer both on Tuesdays at 7 pm. For more info, call the church office at 518-686-3269.

HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 566 Brunswick Road, Troy, NY, 12180. In person service every Sunday at 10:30 am. The service is also on Facebook, search Hope United Methodist Church, Troy, NY. Every Sunday at 4 pm, at the church, there is a prayer gathering led by Pastor David Martin. For information call 518-279-1403 or email hopeumctroy@gmail.com.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH – 73 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Masses: Saturdays at 4 pm and Sundays at 10 am. Parochial Vicar Fr. Peter Tkocz. Masses are being held in the church hall. Please call 518-686-5064 between Wed-Fri to register for Mass.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH – 732 U.S. Route 20, New Lebanon, NY 12125. Now open for indoor masses Saturdays at 4 pm and Sundays at 8:30 am.

OUR LADY OF THE SNOW – 31 Owen Road, Grafton, NY 12082. A Mission Church of Our Lady of Victory. Mass is offered Sundays at 9:45 am. Food Pantry is open all year on Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm. Pastor as of July 1 is Fr. Tom Morette.

THE NORTH CHATHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 4274 Route 203, North Chatham, NY 12132. Worshiping in our sanctuary on the first and third Sundays of the month, with masks and social distancing required. Worshipers should enter through the back door of the church. On all other Sundays, worship is virtual. All worship services are at 11 am and all are available on Zoom. The Zoom login information is on our website (northchathammethodistchurch.org). For more information on North Chatham United Methodist Church, please call 518-766-3535 or visit our website. Thanks and we hope to see you soon, in person or on Zoom!

PETERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH – 19240 State Route 22, Petersburg, NY 12138. 518-658-3834. Sunday School 9:45 am, Church Service 11 am, Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH OF BERLIN – 41 North Main Street, Berlin, NY, 12022. Weekly worship on Saturdays at 10:30 am (either in person or live streamed at youtube.com/berlinseventhdaybaptistchurch). Pastor Matthew Olson.

STEPHENTOWN FEDERATED CHURCH – 1513 Garfield Road, Stephentown, NY 12168. 518-733-5813. Presbyterian/Methodist, Pastor Chris Garrison. Services Sundays 9:30 am. Masks recommended. Handicapped accessible.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT BERLIN – 17 South Main Street, Berlin, NY 12022. Welcomes all to their Sunday morning service at 11 am. The church is handicapped accessible and those choosing to view from home may tune to our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVcGw9XngFRFe7iMLm9Tk5A>, or search United Methodist Church at Berlin NY. Past services are also available for view.

WEST HOOSICK BAPTIST CHURCH – 1349 Buskirk W. Hoosick Rd., Buskirk, NY 12028, 518-686-7201. Pastor J. D. Milton. Sundays at 10:30 am (COVID-19 protocols observed) Streaming Sunday Messages. www.facebook.com/westhoosickbaptistchurch/

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – 741 Taborton Road, Sand Lake, NY 12153, 518-674-1039. Weekly Sunday services live at 10 am. Sunday school starts in the church 10 am the second and third Sundays of each month. Sunday Service speaker Val Gray.

Church News

Petersburgh Methodist Church

The Petersburgh Methodist Church is celebrating Christmas with a candlelight service on Saturday, December 24, at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate with us.

Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church

Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church (HFCAC), 484 Hill Road, will host its traditional Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24 at 7 pm. The Christmas story will be interwoven with traditional Christmas carols and special music.

There will also be a worship service on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, at 10:30 am.

For more information on these events, please call the church at 518-686-3269, visit hoosickfallscac.org, or visit our Facebook page.

North Chatham United Methodist Church

On Saturday, December 24, at 5 pm, The North Chatham United Methodist Church, 4274 Route 203, will hold its Christmas Eve candlelight service of lessons and carols, all are welcome. The service will also be available on Zoom, please see our website at northchathammethodistchurch.org for more details. For more information on North Chatham United Methodist Church, please call 518-766-3535 or visit our website.

Gilead Lutheran Church

We will again have our bonfire and carols in our parking lot at 5:30 pm. Our inside service begins at 7 pm. There will be no Christmas Day Service.

New Year's Day service of lessons and carols will be at our regular time.

We are located at the intersection of Routes 7 & 278 in Center Brunswick. Everyone is welcome.

Gilead's Body and Soul pantry hours are from 3 to 6 pm on the last Thursday of the month, in the Fellowship Hall of Gilead Lutheran Church. This month's dinner is a soup and sandwich night. The soups are Manhattan clam chowder and vegetable beef. Sandwiches are chicken salad and grilled cheese.

For weather related questions, please call either 518-279-3576 or 518-279-9270.

Grafton Baptist Church

We offer a free breakfast every Thursday from 9 to 11 am. All are welcome.

Center Brunswick UMC

Please join us at 990 Hoosick Road,

Troy to celebrate the Christmas Season. The Bell Choir will play December 24 at 8 pm. Christmas Eve service with choir and bells will be December 24 at 8 pm. There will be no church service on Christmas Day. Our mission projects for the season include 30 gifts for 2 families, and a Mitten Tree that will send mittens, hats, and scarves to Brittonkill Schools for those in need.

On Saturday, January 7, from 2 to 6 pm, the Sunday School of Center Brunswick UMC is having a pick-up only Brooks BBQ. The menu includes: chicken, baked potato, vegetable, rolls, drink, and dessert. Chicken dinner is \$15, or half a chicken for \$7. To reserve your meal, call Jill at 518-258-2164.

Hope United Methodist Church

Please join us at 566 Brunswick Road, Troy for our upcoming Christmas events: Kid's Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24 at 4 pm. Candlelight communion service on Saturday, December 24 at 11 pm. Lessons and carols on Sunday, December 25 at 10:30 am.

Stephentown Federated Church

Saturday, December 24, at 7:30 pm, we will have our Christmas Eve service. Visiting family and community members are welcome to come and share this yearly celebration.

We are having a Christmas Day service on Sunday, December 25, at 9:30 am, that we hope you will come and enjoy before the family celebrations. Better still, bring the family with you and start your celebration with us. We are planning lots of carol singing and perhaps a little history of a carol or two. Share your favorite Christmas cookies after at Coffee Hour.

The building is handicapped accessible. For more information, please visit our website stephentownfederatedchurch.org.

Johnsonville Thrift Shop

The Johnsonville Methodist Church Thrift Shop, 22 Bridge St., is open from **9 am to noon every Wednesday and the first Saturday of each month**, closed on major holidays.

Bread of Life Food Pantry

The Bread of Life Food Pantry, located in the Poestenkill Evangelical Lutheran Church, 772 Route 351 is open the **first and third Thursdays of every month, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm**. Please bring proof of residency. For more information, leave a message at 518-283-6045.



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