



# *Town of Hurley*

## *Newsletter*

Gary Bellows, Supervisor

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### Recreation Department

*Shirley Paley, Recreation Secretary*

All trips will originate from Kingston Plaza. Please be sure to park in the designated area.

\*\*\*\*\*Trip Policy: Call (331-7474 ext 313) and leave a message with your name, address, phone number, # of seats you would like. I will contact you and when you send payment I will mail out our confirmation. There are no refunds unless I can fill your spot.\*\*\*\*\*

### Hurley Happenings 2017

Garden State Plaza Shopping Trip

Cancelled

Radio City Christmas Show (\$80 resident, \$90 non-resident)  
Leave Kingston 8:00 am Return from Bryant Park 6:00 pm

Saturday Nov. 18, 2017

NYC Do Your Own Thing (\$25)

Saturday December 2, 2017

To sign up for any trip or information please email or call 845-331-7474 ext 313.

PLEASE JOIN OUR COMMITTEE AND HELP US PLAN EVEN MORE FUN!!!!

Check us out on our Facebook page: Town of Hurley Recreation



## Do Your Part Get SepticSmart

**Think at the Sink**

**Don't Strain Your Drains**

**Test Your Well**

**Don't Overload the Commode**

**Shield Your Field**

Septic Tank

Groundwater Recharge

Well

Aquifer

**Protect It and Inspect It**—Have your system inspected every three years and have your tank pumped every three to five years.

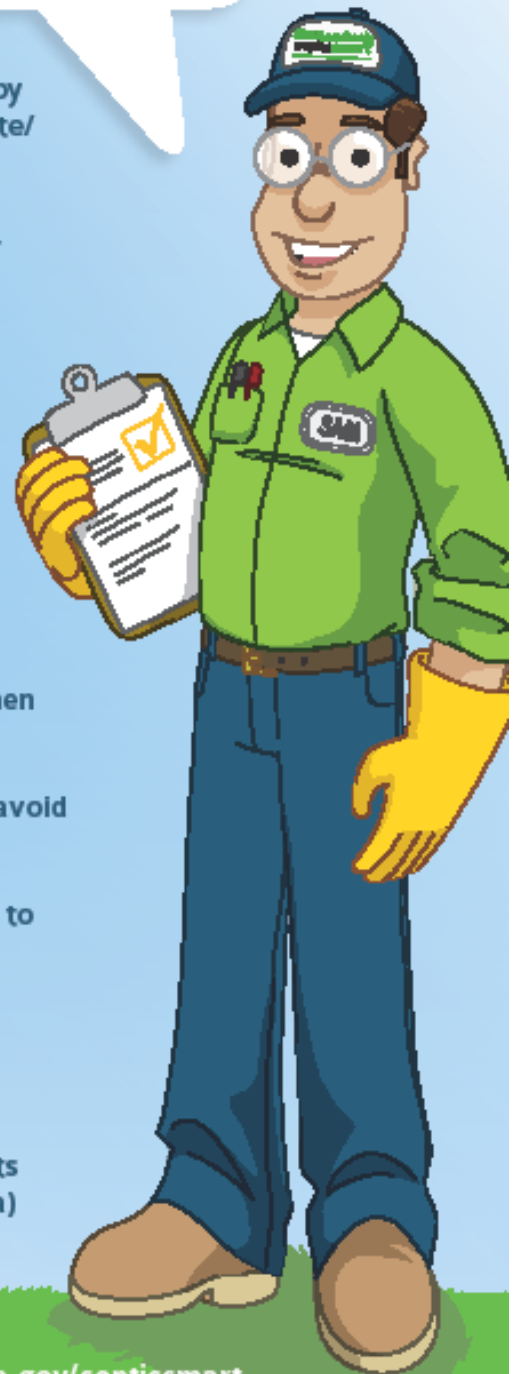
- **Think at the Sink:** Avoid pouring fats, grease and solids down the drain.
- **Don't Overload the Commode:** Only put things in the drain or toilet that belong there.
- **Don't Strain Your Drain:** Be water efficient and spread out water use.
- **Shield Your Field:** Remind guests not to park or drive on a system's drainfield, where the weight could cause damage.
- **Test Your Well:** If you're on a well, test the water annually.

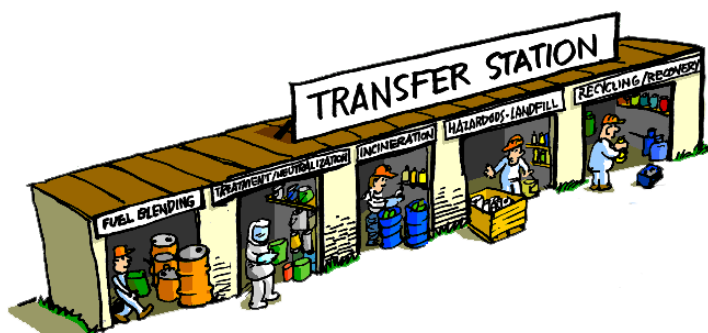
We welcome our new *Town Historian*, James Decker. The historian will be in the office on Friday mornings or by appointment. He can be reached at the Town Hall at 845-331-7474 ext. 312, cell phone number 845-527-1710, or email at [historian@townofhurley.org](mailto:historian@townofhurley.org).



## Top 10 Ways to Be a Good Septic Owner

- ✓ Have your system inspected every three years by a qualified professional or according to your state/ local health department's recommendations
- ✓ Have your septic tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years
- ✓ Avoid pouring harsh products (e.g., oils, grease, chemicals, paint, medications) down the drain
- ✓ Discard non-degradable products in the trash (e.g., floss, disposable wipes, cat litter) instead of flushing them
- ✓ Keep cars and heavy vehicles parked away from the drainfield and tank
- ✓ Follow the system manufacturer's directions when using septic tank cleaners and additives
- ✓ Repair leaks and use water efficient fixtures to avoid overloading the system
- ✓ Maintain plants and vegetation near the system to ensure roots do not block drains
- ✓ Use soaps and detergents that are low-suds, biodegradable, and low- or phosphate-free
- ✓ Prevent system freezing during cold weather by inspecting and insulating vulnerable system parts (e.g., the inspection pipe and soil treatment area)





### MSW and Recycling Fees

The drop-off fee for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) remains at 10 cents per pound. The annual permit fee remains at \$15.00. Our costs for MSW and recycling loads are over \$100 plus weight.

### CRT Recycling

Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT) found in older TVs and monitors have become expensive to recycle. Most vendors have passed that cost on to customers. The Transfer Station must also pass the cost on. Hurley is currently charging 30 cents per pound for CRT units.

### HHW & Pharmaceuticals

UCRRA offers 3 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events per year as a safe, convenient, and **FREE** way for Ulster County households to dispose of materials that require special handling. You **must** have an appointment to participate. Registration opens 1-2 months before each event. These events are open to Ulster County households **only**. The final date for 2017 is:

- October 21, 2017 @ UCRRA Office, 999 Flatbush Rd., Kingston

Visit [www.ucrra.org](http://www.ucrra.org) to register and to obtain a complete listing of acceptable items.

### Bug Alert

Our customers have alerted us to the presence of bed bugs in some of the bedding and stuffed furniture that has been brought to the Transfer Station for disposal. This is obviously a serious public health matter and we remind customers that these items are not candidates for reuse and should be packaged and handled carefully.

### Updated Prices

Brush	\$3.00 per cubic yard
Logs	\$8.00 per cubic yard
Tires	\$4.00 each
Tires, Large	\$15.00 each

Please note: we will not be able to accept Freon until further notice.

### Recycling No-No's

Common materials in this non-recyclable category include:

- Hazardous waste
- Oil based paint and stains
- Cooking oil
- Styrofoam
- Alkaline batteries
- Milk/juice containers and tetra paks
- Pizza boxes
- Tissue paper
- Soiled paper items

If you are unsure about a particular material please talk to an attendant.

### Seasonal Hours

Beginning November 7th, the Transfer Station will close at 3:00 pm on Tuesdays through the end of March.

### Transfer Station Schedule

Monday	9:00—3:00
Tuesday (November—March)	9:00—3:00
Tuesday (April—October)	9:00—6:00
Friday	9:00—3:00
Saturday	8:00—3:00

Closed

Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday

## Open Space Plan News

The Hurley CAC has completed a new draft of the Open Space Plan (OSP) and submitted it to the Town Board for comment. The purpose of the OSP is to protect our natural resources, identify recreational opportunities, and protect the scenic beauty of Hurley. Once input from the town board members has been addressed, the CAC is looking forward to sharing the Open Space Plan with you and getting your input during a series of public forums. The meetings will be announced using the town website and the Daily Freeman.



## A New Program to Help Fight Climate Change

The global problem of climate change and what to do about it can seem overwhelming to the individual citizen or small municipality. What can a town like Hurley do beyond installing solar panels to reduce its carbon footprint? The Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program is a new initiative spearheaded by the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA) to help local governments across the state reduce energy consumption and drive clean energy use in their communities. The CEC program provides a framework of "high impact actions" that municipalities can undertake to conserve energy, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and saving money on energy bills.

The Hurley CAC has identified 5 possible high impact actions that might be attainable for Hurley:

- LED Street Lights – Convert street lights to energy efficient LED technology
- Benchmarking – Adopt a policy to report the energy use of buildings
- Unified Solar Permit- Streamline the approvals process for solar
- Energy Code Enforcement Training – Train compliance officers in energy code best practices
- Clean Energy Upgrades – Achieve a 10% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from buildings



The CAC is currently concentrating on LED streetlight conversion. If you are interested in helping the town fight climate change, contact the CAC at [cac@townofhurley.org](mailto:cac@townofhurley.org).





Enhanced STaR and Low Income Senior STaR Exemption Renewal Applications will be mailed out by 10/31/2017. Please read the cover sheet carefully. If you have not received yours by that time please give the Assessor's Office a call.



**\*\* Will all owners be at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2018, *or* if the property is owned by a married couple or by siblings, will at least one of the spouses or siblings be at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2018? You will need to apply for the Enhanced or Low Income Star.**

**\*\* This applies if you have the Basic STaR exemption already:**

**Any questions: 331-7474\*5**