



Town of Hurley

Newsletter

Spring 2018

News from the desk of the Town Supervisor:

Route 209 Bridge Closure

The Route 209 bridge that goes over the Esopus Creek between the Town of Hurley and the Town of Ulster, will be closed beginning June 29, 2018 until August 31, 2018 for structural repairs. (Please see the Town of Hurley website, www.townofhurley.org, for detour information.)

The NYS Department of Transportation will be on the agenda for the May 29th Town Board meeting for Q&A. If you would like to be part of our out-reach emails for future updates on the closure, please call the Supervisor's office at (845) 331-7474, ext. 6, or email jhoban@townofhurley.org to add your email address.



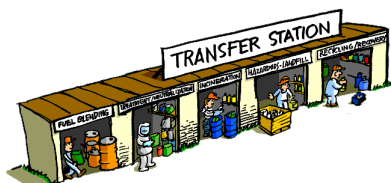
Summer Camp Program gets a big boost!

The Town of Ulster is working with the Town of Hurley to offer a great deal for a full day, all summer program. More information is included in this newsletter or go to the Town of Ulster website at www.townofulster.org—click Departments, click Recreation, then click Summer Camp for information and forms.

Next Town Hall Meeting at West Hurley Fire House

Our last Town Hall meeting in March was very successful. Thank you to all who attended. This meeting is an opportunity for all Town of Hurley residents to give their input on the upcoming fall and winter months in order to better serve the Town. September date to be announced.

Transfer Station Open Thursdays!



Beginning April 2nd, the Transfer Station will be open on Thursdays, 9:00—6:00 pm. This is in addition to the existing schedule. Spring hours are: Monday, 9-3; Tuesday, 9-6; Closed Wednesday; Thursday, 9-6, Friday, 9-3 and Saturday 8-3.

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Town Supervisor
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Available by appointment most afternoons

Hurley Happenings—Recreation Trips

Dirty Dancing @ Proctors Theater \$80

Memorial Day Parade

Town Yard Sale

Sat. April 14, 2018 lv. 10:30am

Monday May 28, 2018 10am

Saturday June 2, 2018

Call to reserve space at Town Hall. For a marker on the map mail \$5 to Town of Hurley along with your name and address

On Your Feet @ Proctors Theater \$80

Sunday June 3, 2018 lv. 10:30 am

US Open Tennis, \$85 Res. \$90 Non Res.

Tuesday August 28, 2018, 8 am

Do Your Own Thing NYC, \$25 8am drop off at Bryant Park

Saturday Dec. 1, 2018

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.*

Welcome Spring from the Recreation Committee!

We have very exciting news about our upcoming summer program. During the course of the winter we were hard at work to revamp the program so more youth can participate. Our new Supervisor, John Perry, has met with Jeff Hayner from the Town of Ulster and they have agreed to open the Town of Ulster Summer Camp program to Hurley residents at the Town of Ulster rate of \$275 per child and \$75 for each additional child. The program runs from June 25 to August 17, 9:am-3pm. The information for registering is included in this newsletter.

For those of you that do not wish to commit to that length of time we will be offering a version of our previous program. We will have sports day at the town park for those who wish to come and learn to play tennis, or play soccer, baseball, etc., whatever the children want, or all of it. (July 10, 17, 24 & 31). Arts & crafts will be on Thursdays at the Hurley and West Hurley Libraries from 10-12 pm (July 12, 19, 26 & 8/2).

Summer Program Trips (Field Trips will be offered at a cost of \$5 per child.)

Ulster County Pool, July 11, 2018

Trevor Zoo in Millbrook, July 18, 2018 8:30 am

Hurds Family Farm, July 25, 2018 8:30 am

Ulster County Pool, August 1, 2018

Cooperstown NY, Thursday August 8, 2018 \$TBD*

(This trip can be on your own or I will get tickets to the Baseball Hall of Fame or the Fenimore Museum)

Activities (Registration is required for these events to make sure we have enough supplies.)

Tuesday July 10, 17, 24 & 31 Sports Day at the West Hurley Park, 9—12

Thursday July 12, 19, 26 & 8/2 Arts & Crafts at the Hurley and West Hurley Libraries, 10-12

Museum of Natural History

The Town of Hurley in conjunction with the Library's Summer Reading Program "Libraries Rock" is offering a trip to the Museum of Natural History on Saturday, July 21, 2018 8 am. The cost is \$10 per person with a cap of \$25 per family. Reserve at 845-331-7474, ext 313.

Sports Cone Passes will be available for \$5.00. Contact Shirley at 331-7474, ext 313 for more information.

We hope you will find our new program fun for all. We are looking to hire counselors for the summer, please call 845-331-7474, ext. 313. Finally, we are in need of committee members for the Recreation Committee. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm at the Town Hall. Please give your time to help bring more fun to Hurley and join our committee.

To keep abreast of current events of the Town of Hurley Recreation Department sign up to receive notification as soon as trips and events are posted: <http://tinyurl.com/lo4uyuh>. A link for Hurley Happenings notifications can also be found on our website: townofhurley.org.

2018 Summer Camp Information

Sign Up will be at the Town of Ulster Town Clerk's Office:

Monday-Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm

CPR, First Aid and AED Trained Staff on Site for your Children's Safety!!

Children Ages 5-13 years of age

June 25 - August 17, 2018 (8 weeks)

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

2018 CAMP FEES

	One Child	Each additional Camper
Resident	\$275.00	\$75.00
Non-Resident	\$275.00	\$75.00

DUE AT SIGN UP, NO REFUNDS

CHECKS, CASH, MONEY ORDERS OR CREDIT CARD(3% service fee applies)

- Parents are responsible for providing lunch and drinks (NO SODA, NO GLASS containers!). Note: Drinks cannot be refrigerated. Please send enough for the day, a 1/2 gallon thermos is best
- Clothing should be appropriate for camp activities and weather. No clothing with offensive wording.
- Campers must wear sneakers(NO SANDALS)
- Label all of your child's belongings
- **All medication** must be properly labeled and given directly to the Camp Director
- Rain days **may** cause camp to be cancelled. Check online at <http://townofulster.org> OR listen to either WGHQ or WKNY or on FACEBOOK at "Town of Ulster Recreation Department"
- Profanity, name calling, fighting or any other improper conduct by a camper will not be tolerated. A camper displaying inappropriate behavior **will be** expelled from the program.
- **PLEASE be prompt** in picking up your camper(s)!! Camp ends at 3:00pm.
- Only designated persons may pick up camper from camp (see permission slip)
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for signing in late arrivals & signing out early dismissals. Please send note with camper(s) if planning an early departure.

Required Forms and Paperwork for Sign Up -- ALL FORMS ARE DUE UPON REGISTRATION:

1. Town of Ulster Summer Camp Permission Slip
2. Town of Ulster Recreation Medical Form
3. Camper's Current Immunization Record
4. Copy of Drivers License AND Any additional ID's needed for camper pickup

For More Information Contact:

Jeff Hayner, Recreation Director, at (845) 706-4440 or email jeffhayner@ymail.com

Healthy Lawn Healthy Environment: Caring for Your Lawn in an Environmentally Friendly Way

Picture a healthy green lawn: perfect for lounging, great for ball games and cookouts, a real asset to your home. But did you know that your lawn—and how you take care of it—can also help the environment? Healthy grass provides feeding ground for birds, who find it a rich source of insects, worms, and other food. Thick grass prevents soil erosion, filters contaminants from rainwater, and absorbs many types of airborne pollutants, like dust and soot. Grass is also highly efficient at converting carbon dioxide to oxygen, a process that helps clean the air. Caring for your lawn properly can both enhance its appearance and contribute to its environmental benefits. You don't have to be an expert to grow a healthy lawn. Just keep in mind that the secret is to work with nature. This means creating conditions for grass to thrive and resist damage from weeds, disease, and insect pests. It means setting realistic goals for your lawn, whether you or a professional lawn care service will be doing the work. And if you choose to use pesticides, it means using them with care so as to get the most benefit and reduce any risks. Caring for your lawn in an environmentally sensible way can have a bigger impact than you might think. Your lawn is only a small piece of land, but all the lawns across the country cover a lot of ground. That means you and your lawn care activities, along with everyone else's, can make a difference to the environment. And that's why taking care of the environment begins in our own backyards.

Working with Nature: A Preventive Health Care Program for Your Lawn

To start, think about lawn care as a preventive health care program, like one you would use to keep up your own health. The idea is to prevent problems from occurring so you don't have to treat them. As they say, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. A healthy lawn can out-compete most weeds, survive most insect attacks, and fend off most diseases—before these problems ever get the upper hand.

Your lawn care program should be tailored to local conditions—the amount of rainfall you get, for example, and the type of soil you have. A preventive health care program for your lawn should include these steps:

1. Develop Healthy Soil: Good soil is the foundation of a healthy lawn. To grow well, your lawn needs soil with good texture, some key nutrients, and the right pH, or acidity/alkalinity balance.
2. Choose a Grass Type that Thrives in Your Climate: The right type of grass—one that suits our needs and like the local weather—will always give better results.
3. Mow High, Often and With Sharp Blades: Mowing high—that is, keeping your lawn a bit long—will produce stronger, healthier grass with fewer pest problems. A lawn's ideal length will vary with the type of grass, but many turf grass species are healthiest when kept between 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 inches.,
4. Water Deeply But Not Too Often: It's best to water only when the lawn really needs it, and then to water slowly and deeply. The best rule is to water only when the lawn begins to wilt from dryness – when the color dulls and footprints stay compressed for more than a few seconds.
5. Correct Thatch Build-Up: All grass forms a layer of dead plant material, known as thatch, between the grass blades and the soil. When thatch gets too thick—deeper than one-half inch—it prevents water and nutrients from penetrating to the soil and grass roots. Some grasses tend to form a thick layer of thatch. Overuse of fertilizer can also create a heavy layer of thatch.
6. Set Realistic Goals: Even a healthy lawn is likely to have some weeds or insect pests. But it will also have beneficial insects and other organisms that help keep pests under control.

Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (H7506C), September 2004. www.EPA.gov...healthy-lawn-healthy-environment.

The Hurley Rail Trail Committee

Spring is finally here and if you are anxious to get out and enjoy the warmer weather, then the perfect place to do so is on the O&W Hurley Rail Trail. You can either enjoy the 2.2 mile paved section along State Route 209 or the cinder section that begins in the woods one mile south of Russell Road.

We owe a special thanks to the Town of Hurley Highway Department for keeping the paved section clear of snow over the winter and the grass mowed during the spring and summer. We are fortunate to have this wonderful asset in our community and hope you enjoy using the trail.

Please remember to always use trail etiquette and pass on the left as well as call out that you are passing, carry out any trash, and pick up pet waste if you bring your dog out on your adventure. We have four DogiPot receptacles along the trail for your convenience. A special thanks to Bill Van Allen who regularly maintains the DogiPot receptacles and is a daily presence on the trail.

We're always in need of more volunteers, so if you are interested please contact hurelyrail-trail@hvc.rr.com to find out more about volunteering or joining our meetings. The remainder of our meetings for the year will be April 5, June 7, Aug 2, Oct 4, & Dec 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Thank you to all the berm adopters for their hard work!

Communication Workers of America Local 1120
Cook Family
Fats in the Cats Bicycle Club
Hurley Mountain Inn
In Honor Of All Law Enforcement Officers Past, Present, and Fallen
Judge Parker, Family and Friends
Kelly Family

L.T. Begnal Motor Company, Family and Friends
Matthew M Jankowski Attorney at Law & Colonial Roofing
Mid-Hudson Misfits Roller Derby
Mid Hudson Valley FCU
Quimby Family
Ulster County Probation Officers Association

"Like" Hurley Rail Trail on Facebook



The arrival of springtime in Hurley means more than just tulips along the walks and robins in the yard! Spring marks the beginning of the 2018 season at the **Hurley Heritage Society** museum and gift shop located at 52 Main Street. Opening day at the museum will be on Sunday, May 6, from 1PM-4PM. The 2018 continuing exhibit is *The O&W Railway in Ulster County: Stations Along the Way*. If you love trains and missed this exhibit last year, please plan to visit on opening day. Museum curators will be on hand to answer your questions, and refreshments will be served. Admission to the exhibit is free.

Our first free lecture of the season will be on April 26 at the Hurley Reformed Church, Schadewald Hall, 11 Main St., Hurley at 7PM. In keeping with the railroad theme of the exhibit, the topic will be: "The Stations of the O&W and Other Railroads in Ulster County" by William Rhoads, PhD. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 845-331-4852.

For a complete listing of all Hurley Heritage Society events during 2018, please visit our website at hurleyheritagesociety.org/events. We would love to have you as a member or as a volunteer or both! Check the website for details on how to join us in our mission to preserve our Hurley heritage while having activities which promote the friendly Hurley spirit in our community! The museum is open every Saturday and Sunday, May 6 through October 28 from 1PM-4PM.

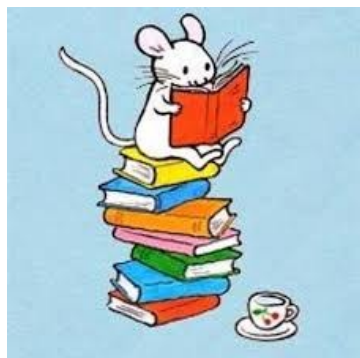
Happenings at the Hurley Library

The Hurley Library welcomes Janet Dymond as its new director. Come and meet Janet on Saturday, April 14 from 12-2pm and enjoy the Friends of the Library's used book sale.

We have a book discussion, gardening program and poetry program planned for April. You can find children's programs every week and knitting & crochet, mahjongg, and canasta groups meeting weekly too. Have an idea for a program? Share it with us.

Mark Your Calendar!

- Get your steps in and represent the library. March with us in the Memorial Day Parade on May 28th
- **The Antiques Appraisal Show is returning to the library on June 9th from 10am to 4pm. The price is \$5 per item, 5 to 10 items for \$25, and after 10 items each one is \$5 an item. No appointments, first-come first-served.**
- As always, the library will be offering a Summer Reading Program starting in July to keep the children reading, learning and having fun all summer long! Programs will be announced in June.



For current and future programs, please visit the Hurley Library website at hurleylelibrary.org or follow us on Facebook.

West Hurley Public Library
(845) 679-6405 or <http://westhurleylelibrary.org>

We are excited to announce that Consumer Reports is now available for our patrons to use with an Internet connection 24/7. In addition, those of you with smart phones and tablets can use our ebooks and eAudios. Magazine lovers aren't left out because we have an app for you as well. Coming this spring, we will offer free library cards online for those of you who want only to access these resources.

Are you looking to learn a new skill or meet new people?

- Susan Saxman, a local psychic, will speak about her book on April 14th.
- Practice gentle yoga on Wednesday mornings in May/June
- Learn how smoothies can improve your health on May 8th
- Improve your driving skills and save on insurance with AARP Defensive Driving on May 12th
- Support the library and purchase used books/plants at our Plant Sale on May 12th
- Learn to hike with Will Soter on a Ferncliff walk on June 24th

Families can join us on a Family Fun Day on May 5th. Activities will include gem learning activities and a dig. Children are also encouraged to read during our Summer Reading Program which includes pebble art, reptiles, and a Sandairium.

We will once again offer museum passes for families. Starting in May, these will include Mohonk Preserve Hiking, Empire Pass for state parks, FASNY, Storm King Sculpture Park, and the American Museum of Natural History.

Conservation Advisory Council

Joan Paccione

Open Space Plan Update

On March 1st, The CAC invited citizens of the town to an informational meeting regarding the proposed Open Space Plan. The Open Space Plan provides a detailed assessment of the town's natural resources and ways to encourage their preservation. The purpose of the meeting was to review the details of the plan and to solicit input from town residents. CAC members are working to address the comments they have received and are planning to submit an updated version for adoption by the Town Board. A draft version of the plan is available to view or download at the town website (<http://townofhurley.org/content/News/View/344>).

Combating Climate Change Through LED Street-light Conversion

The CAC continues to explore ways to reduce the green-house gas (GHG) emissions, which are the primary cause of climate change. Many local governments and citizens are accomplishing significant reductions of GHG's through gains in energy efficiency. By replacing conventional street lights with energy efficient LED technology, communities can reduce street light energy use by as much as 65 percent, generating cost savings and emission reductions. Currently, Hurley rents its streetlights from Central Hudson. There are 2 options available to the town for LED conversion: 1) Contract with Central Hudson to install LED light fixtures and continue to pay Central Hudson for their maintenance 2) Purchase the town's streetlights and join with other municipalities in the Mid-Hudson Streetlight Consortium to convert them to LED fixtures and contract with a third party to maintain them. Both proposals are currently under review

and a recommendation will be made based on the best interests of Hurley residents.

"GreenScaping" Your Lawn

Our yards are our outdoor homes: fun, beautiful, great spaces for relaxing. By taking care of our lawns and gardens properly, we can save money, time, and help the environment. GreenScaping encompasses a set of landscaping practices that can improve the health and appearance of your lawn and garden while protecting and preserving natural resources. How? Here are some tips:

Watering

- 1" per week by rain or sprinkler (use a tuna can to measure when you run your sprinkler to time it)
- Water in the morning
- Let your lawn go dormant in July and August

Weeds and Pests

- Correctly identify problems and try non-chemical control methods first
- If using chemicals, spot treat only affected areas
- Read all labels and instructions before using any chemicals – more is not better

Fertilizers

- Some fertilizers can harm the environment (e.g. runoff into surface water). Fertilize after a rain-fall, not before.
- Use non-water soluble, slow-release or natural organic fertilizers
- The best time to fertilize is in the fall

For more tips visit <https://www.epa.gov/environmental-topics/greener-living>

News from the Hurley Lions:

We will be donating two \$500.00 scholarships this year to students residing in Hurley, graduating from UCCC. We are already planning our annual Golf Tournament, to be held in the fall at Wiltwyck. We are going to be placing larger eye-glass collection boxes around town. We will also be collecting used cell phones and possibly hearing aids. The cell phone project is called Cell Phones for Soldiers. Locations of boxes will be announced later. We are also planning to present a seminar on diabetes awareness. Time and date to be announced. In keeping with environmental conservations, we will be planting 2 trees this year in the town. For more information please go to our Facebook page.

Highway Department

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I want to congratulate Clyde Russell on his retirement as Hurley Highway Superintendent for 10 years. Thank you Clyde! I look forward to following in Clyde's footsteps and providing the taxpayers the high standard of service to which you have become accustomed.

This winter proved challenging for our Highway Team with storms coming at the end of shift on many days leading to long days. Add to this the ice and we see an abundance of road grit remaining to be swept clean. We have begun and will be in your neighborhood soon with hopes of completing mid-April. Please move your vehicle if parked on the street when we are sweeping so the Highway team can get the job done. **Please do not sweep the grit into piles on the roadway. The sweepers require multiple passes to clear.**

We will provide brush pick-up. This service is for Town of Hurley residents, not for commercial landscapers or lawn services. Brush and/or tree limbs

must be placed curbside. Please have the brush out by Monday morning at 6:30 am on the scheduled week of pick up. This is not an "on call" or a "return" service. Please adhere to the schedule: **West Hurley: Apr. 30—May 4; Old Hurley: May 7—May 11.** For safety reasons, no pick-ups will be made on State Route 28 or 375. Brush must be bundled, 3 to 6 feet long and weigh less than 40 pounds. Tree limbs must be no longer than 6 feet, up to 4 inches in diameter and weigh less than 40 pounds. Place tree limbs, butt end to the road. Please no large chunks of trees. This is a brush pick-up.

When you see our Highway Team out on the roads give 'em a wave and a thank you. They worked extremely hard this winter, some days going home after 8 pm to make sure you all got home safely and getting called back in at 4 am to make sure you could make it in to work the following day. They all know what they signed up for and do their work with pride!

Thank you, Mike

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