



HAPPENING IN HURLEY

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ASIDE FROM keeping you informed about what's going on in Hurley, this edition of the town newsletter could be called a "How and Who" issue.

On page 5, we introduce a new monthly feature called "How We Serve You," which aims to familiarize Hurley residents with the functions of the town's various departments and offices, and provide examples of when their services would be required. This month, we focus on the Town Assessor's Office.

"Who We Are," on page 4, is a complete list of town departments (and many of their employees) and how to reach them. And "How to Find Us Online," on page 8, points Hurley residents to the best places on the internet to find official information about the town.

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UPCOMING TOWN GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Thursday, July 27: Planning Board, 6 p.m., Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place

Tuesday, Aug. 1: Town Board (workshop), 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Aug. 15: Town Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall

NOTE: The town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will not meet in August.

For a complete schedule of town meetings, go to townofhurley.org/calendar.

Credit, debit cards now welcome at Transfer Station



Credit and debit cards are now being accepted for payments at the town Transfer Station, 1043 Dug Hill Road, West Hurley.

The Transfer Station accepted cash until the end of 2022, when the state barred the practice. The site then switched to accepting payments only by check, money order or pre-purchased coupon card as it waited for the installation of infrastructure needed to accept credit and debit cards. That's now in place.

All major credit cards, including American Express and Discover, are accepted at the Transfer Station, as are debit cards. **Also, there is no added fee for customers who use credit or debit cards.**

(NOTE: Existing coupon cards still can be used at the Transfer Station, and they remain available for purchase at the Transfer Station and Town Hall for people who prefer that method of payment.)

The Transfer Station operates from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, though it's closed on Tuesdays during weeks with a Monday holiday.

The Transfer Station section of the town website can be found at tinyurl.com/mr7dkk73. **The Transfer Station's current fee schedule appears below** and is posted at tinyurl.com/2yzup2ds.



Transfer Station Fee Schedule

Item Description	Fee
Appliance, w/coolant	\$20
Appliance, w/o coolant sm	\$6
Appliance, w/o coolant lg	\$12
Brush, per cu. yd	\$10
Electronic waste	NC
TV/Monitor (CRT)	\$0.80/lb
Lamps, fluorescent 8ft	\$4
Lamps, fluorescent 2-4 ft	\$2
Lamps, CFL	\$1.20
Logs, over 4" dia./cu yd	\$30
Mowers/Snow blower	\$4
Scrap metal	NC
Tank, hot water pressure	\$10
Tank, propane 20 lb	\$10
Tank, propane over 20 lb	\$20
Tire, up to 16"	\$8
Tires, over 20"	\$20
Tire, Farm & off road	\$50
Tire, Medium truck & bus	\$20
Yard waste, leaves, grass clippings	
Locals	\$0
Commercial/Non-Resident	\$6 ton
Mattress, Twin/single +weight	\$6
Mattress, Double +weight	\$8
Mattress, Queen/King + weight	\$10
Chair, upholstered + weight	\$6
Sofa, loveseat +weight	\$10
Sofa, three seat + weight	\$12
Insulation/Styrofoam Packaging	
Must be Bagged	
15 gal bag	\$2
30 gal bag	\$4
60 gal bag	\$6

Municipal Solid waste is weighed and charged at \$0.20 cents per pound, all to the nearest lb. Fees may be subject to change.

Please be respectful to our employees.

The Town may rescind the permit of anyone who is disrespectful to our employees.

We do not currently accept:

Paint, aerosols, chemicals, oil tanks, trees/tree trunks/stumps, construction & demolition debris, rubble, pharmaceuticals, medical sharps, poisons

Did you know?

Approximately 60% of the weight of the garbage you pay to dispose of is food waste.

Visit ucra.org for ways to reduce the food waste from your household.

To see the most current information, visit: townofhurley.org

Yearly Fees

Resident	\$20.00
Second Car/Truck	\$10/\$20*
Non-Resident	\$60.00
Second Car/Truck	\$20/\$60*
One Day	\$10.00
Punch Cards	\$20/\$100

* Must be registered at the same address as the first vehicle.

All payments made at the Transfer Station must be made by check, credit card, debit card, or money order.

NO CASH is accepted.

Our Products and Services

Ground woodchips, mulch, leaves, grass, compost are available for sale \$10 per cubic yard for residents, \$20 per cubic yard for non-residents.

Town secures \$80,000 grant for improvements at park

The town has been awarded an \$80,000 Ulster County Parks and Recreation Grant that will be used to make improvements at the town park on Dug Hill Road in West Hurley.

The town was notified July 6 that its grant application was approved.

The money being provided to Hurley is from American Rescue Plan Act funding that Ulster County received from the federal government.



Planned improvements at the park include creating an accessible walking trail, renovating the kitchen in the building attached to the pavilion (pictured), and adding grass to the property, among other things. A timetable for the work has not yet been established.

NY State's new 'Hunting & Trapping' guide available



The 2023-2024 "New York Hunting & Trapping" guide, issued by the State Department of Environmental Conservation, is now available to the public.

The guide, about 80 pages long, provides information about licensing, hunting areas, hunting for big and small game, turkey and migratory game bird hunting, and furbearer hunting and trapping. It also includes maps, safety tips regarding tree stands, information about using hunting dogs, and sunrise and sunset times, among other things.

The guide can be accessed online at tinyurl.com/25fj9nfv.

Hard copies of the guide (pictured), which is the size of a magazine, are available for free in the Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place, and can be picked up during weekday business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

American Red Cross offers useful apps for smartphones



**American
Red Cross**

The American Red Cross offers several smartphone apps, including ones to help people prepare for emergencies and deal with them after the fact.

There's a general "Emergency" app, as well as apps called "Tornado," "Flood," "Wildfire" and "Hurricane."

Any or all of the Red Cross' apps can be downloaded at the website redcross.org/apps or by going to the App Store on an iPhone or Google Play on an Android phone.

WHO WE ARE, how to get in touch with us

All phone extensions can be reached by calling the Town Hall's main number: (845) 331-7474.

SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE (phone option 5)

Melinda McKnight, Town Supervisor: Ext. 300, supervisor@townofhurley.org

Samara Genee, Executive Assistant to the Supervisor: Ext. 301,
supervisorsec@townofhurley.org.

Leslie McKewan, Bookkeeper: Ext. 340, bookkeeper@townofhurley.org

Jeremy Schiffres, Public Information Officer: Ext. 316,
informationofficer@townofhurley.org

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE (phone option 2)

Annie Reed, Town Clerk: Ext. 303, clerk@townofhurley.org

Donna Cudney, Deputy Clerk: Ext. 304, deputyclerk@townofhurley.org

PLANNING AND ZONING (phone option 6)

Maggie Colan, Clerk: Ext. 335, planning@townofhurley.org

or planning@townofhurley.org

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE (phone option 4)

Brittany Santarelli: Ext. 302, assessor@townofhurley.org

Patty Smith, Assessor Clerk: Ext. 305, assessorclerk@townofhurley.org

BUILDING DEPARTMENT (phone option 3)

Tom Tryon, Zoning Enforcement Officer: Ext. 317, ttryon@townofhurley.org

Eric Kitchen, Municipal Code Officer: Ext. 315, ekitchen@townofhurley.org

Erin Stewart, Building Clerk: Ext. 310, building@townofhurley.org

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Mike Shultis, Superintendent: mshultis@townofhurley.org

John Waicek, Deputy Superintendent: highway@townofhurley.org

Michele Bergenn, Secretary: Ext. 402, highway@townofhurley.org



TRANSFER STATION

hurleytransfer@townofhurley.org

COURT (phone option 1)

Roy Hochberg, Town Justice

John Parker, Town Justice

Erma Moore, Clerk: Ext. 306,

emoore@nycourts.gov

TOWN BOARD

Peter Humphries,

Deputy Supervisor:

pumphries@townofhurley.org

Michael Boms:

mboms@townofhurley.org

Jana Martin:

jmartin@townofhurley.org

Gregory Simpson:

gsimpson@townofhurley.org

Looking for something on the town website? This should help



- **Homepage:** townofhurley.org
- **News and announcements:** townofhurley.org/node/1/news
- **Calendar:** townofhurley.org/calendar
- **Town budgets:** townofhurley.org/about/pages/budget
- **Town Board meeting minutes (from 2007 to 2023):** townofhurley.org/node/1291/minutes

- **Senior news and events:** townofhurley.org/hurley-seniors
- **Highway Department:** townofhurley.org/highway-department
- **Transfer Station:** townofhurley.org/transfer-station-recycling-center
- **Job and board/committee openings:** townofhurley.org/job-and-board-openings

HOW WE SERVE YOU: Town of Hurley Assessor's Office

"How We Serve You" is a new, regular feature of the town newsletter that aims to familiarize Hurley residents with the functions of the town's various departments and offices, and provide examples of when their services would be required. This month, we focus on the Town Assessor's Office.



The main function of the Town Assessor's Office is to estimate the value of real property within the town. The assessor is obligated by New York State to maintain assessments at a uniform percentage and keep track of all inventory on a property.

The assessor also keeps track of and reviews every sale of a property in the town, approves and keeps records of property tax exemptions, and conducts inspections of such things as new construction and improvements/additions.

Examples of why a Hurley resident would need to contact the Town Assessor's Office include inquiring about property tax exemptions, disputing the assessed value of a property, inquiring about a parcel's acreage, updating a mailing address for tax bills, and notifying the town about a name change.

New owners of properties should be aware they no longer can register with the Town Assessor's Office for New York State's Basic STAR credit and must register directly with the State Office of Taxation. If you own your home, it's your primary residence, and your yearly income is \$500,000 or less, you are eligible for the Basic STAR credit. You can register for it at tax.ny.gov/star or (518) 457-2036.

Annual renewal applications for the low-income senior tax exemption will be mailed this coming fall and must be returned by March 1, 2024.

The current Town of Hurley Assessor is Brittany Santarelli. Her office is in the Town Hall at 10 Wamsley Place. She can be reached by phone at (845) 331-7474, option 4; or by email at assessor@townofhurley.org.

Please note: The Hurley Assessor's Office does not maintain tax bills. Hurley property owners looking to obtain a copy of their town property tax bill should contact the Town Clerk's Office, and those looking for their school tax bill should contact their school district's tax office.

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PAGE 1 PHOTO: A section of the Ashokan Reservoir in West Hurley - *By Anthony Nichols*

PAGE 4 PHOTO: The Town Hall, Post Office, Stewart's and Hurley Reformed Church - *By Vinnie Morano*

NEW PUBLICATION DATE: Since its inception at the beginning of 2023, the "Happening in Hurley" newsletter has been published on the 20th of each month. We're changing that to the 1st of the month, so the next issue will come out Sept. 1. As a result, the deadline for submissions will change from the 5th of each month to the 15th.

Town government report: Board approves 9 resolutions

The Town Board approved nine resolutions when it met on Tuesday, July 18, in the Town Hall.

In attendance at the meeting were Town Supervisor Melinda McKnight, Deputy Supervisor Pete Humphries, and Councilmembers Michael Boms and Gregory Simpson. Councilwoman Jana Martin was excused.

All the resolutions, which are listed below, were approved by unanimous 4-0 votes. The full text of each resolution can be viewed online at tinyurl.com/mv5jetav.

1. Appointed Greg Terault to the Conservation Advisory Committee.
2. Ratified a Memorandum of Agreement for the Collective Bargaining Agreement with unionized employees of the Town of Hurley Highway Department.
3. Hired Erin Stewart as Building Department Clerk.
4. Accepted the Town Court's quarterly audit.
5. Authorized Town Court Clerk to attend the annual conference, in September, of the NY State Association of Magistrates Court Clerks.
6. Authorized Town Justice John E. Parker to attend the New York State Magistrates Conference in October.
7. Authorized the Town Supervisor to sign easements related to drainage improvement projects in the vicinities of Kemble Terrace and Wildwood Drive.
8. Hired three summer interns.
9. Authorized a title search for the Old Hurley Burial Ground.

Town election report: Incumbents win primaries

The final results of the Hurley Democratic primaries held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, appear below.

Hurley Republicans have scheduled a caucus for Wednesday, July 26, to endorse candidates for the November election. The results of that caucus will be posted on the town website and Facebook page, and will be included the next issue of this newsletter.

Town Supervisor

*Melinda McKnight (incumbent): 363
Michael Boms: 237

Town Clerk

*Annie Reed (incumbent): 308
Tracy Kellogg: 292



The meeting room/courtroom in the Hurley Town Hall was converted into a polling place for the June 27 primaries.

Town Board *Top two will be on Nov. 7 ballot*

*Gregory Simpson (incumbent): 369
*Peter Humphries (incumbent): 332
Diana Cline: 325

GET TOWN NEWS IN YOUR EMAIL:

Sign up for email alerts from the town by going to our website, townofhurley.org, clicking on the button shown at right (located at the bottom of the home page), and selecting the types of alerts you'd like to receive.

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Things to do at the Hurley and West Hurley libraries

HURLEY LIBRARY 48 Main St.
(845) 338-2092, hurleylibrary.org

MONDAYS

Mile Walking Club – Meet at the library at 1 p.m.

Drop-In Tech Help – 3 to 5 p.m.

TUESDAYS (except Aug. 8)

Signing Friends ALS Playgroup – 9:30 to 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Chair Yoga – 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Baby and Toddler Story Time – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time – 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Drop-in Tech Help – 3 to 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, July 27

“What’s Out There? A Planetarium Experience”

11 a.m., Hurley Reformed Church, 11 Main St.

THURSDAY, Aug. 3

Crafting With Malina – 4 to 6 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Dungeons & Dragons – 4 to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, July 22

Walk Through the Butterfly Tunnel – 10 a.m.

Town Park, Dug Hill Road, West Hurley

WEST HURLEY LIBRARY 42 Clover St.
(845) 679-6405, westhurleylibrary.org

MONDAYS

Preschool Story Hour – 10 to 11 a.m.

TUESDAYS

Mixed-Level Yoga Class – 1:15 to 2:15 p.m., West Hurley firehouse, 24 Wall St. Cost: \$6 per class
Register at (845) 679-6405

TUESDAY, July 25

*StarLab Planetarium – 3 p.m., West Hurley Firehouse
Register at tinyurl.com/5n7nv9n3

WEDNESDAY, July 26

*Orion telescope Introduction – 6 p.m.
Register at tinyurl.com/2rtrr85x

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 2

*USS Slater tour – 10 to 11 a.m., Port of Albany
No cost if preregistered at tinyurl.com/bd55dw8c

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 2

Lisa Mullenneaux Friends Poetry – 3 to 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 16

Board meeting – 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, July 20

Make a Terrarium – 6 p.m.

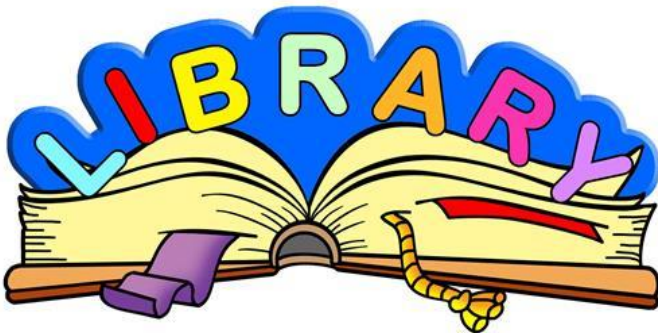
SATURDAY, July 22

*Walk Through the Butterfly Tunnel – 10 a.m.
at Town Park, Dug Hill Road, West Hurley

SATURDAY, Aug. 12

*Sloop Clearwater’s Hudson River Extravaganza
1 p.m., library meeting room
Register at tinyurl.com/mvbddape

* denotes events that are part of the Summer Reading Program (complete details at tinyurl.com/2p8v4fnj)



Town Hall schedule for remainder of 2023

The Hurley Town Hall, at 10 Wamsley Place, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, except for the remaining 2023 dates listed below, when the building will be closed. (Weather-related closings will be posted on the town Website and Facebook page as they occur.)

Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 4

Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day: Monday, Oct. 9

Election Day: Tuesday, Nov. 7

Veterans Day: Friday, Nov. 10 (because holiday is Saturday)

Thanksgiving: Thursday, Nov. 23

Native American Heritage Day: Friday, Nov. 24

Christmas: Monday, Dec. 25

Note: During weeks with a Monday holiday, the town Transfer Station is closed on Tuesday.

HOW TO FIND US ONLINE: Web, Facebook, Instagram



Aside from this newsletter, the easiest way to keep up with what's going on in Hurley is to go to the town website, **townofhurley.org**, and/or its official Facebook page, **Town of Hurley, NY**.

The Facebook page is the primary social media source for Hurley news; information about town events, meetings and closings/cancellations; town job postings; emergency advisories, and so on.

The Facebook page also is used to share posts from other Facebook pages and news media websites that the town thinks might be of interest to its residents.

We also have an Instagram page, [instagram.com/town_of_hurley](https://www.instagram.com/town_of_hurley), which is used primarily for posting photos, but we have opted not be on Twitter or Threads.



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