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WE'RE NOW UP TO the sixth issue of the "Happening in Hurley" newsletter, and it can't seem to stop growing. This edition is packed with 12 pages of town news and information about upcoming events.

The last month was marked by large turnouts for both the town's Memorial Day Parade and a presentation about the first draft of Hurley's "2023 Comprehensive Plan Update." It also was a period marked by loss – the death of longtime Town Clerk Judy Mayhon. We remember Judy for her dedication and service to the town, and offer our deepest condolences to her family.

The next issue of "Happening in Hurley" will come out Thursday, July 20. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, July 5; they should be emailed to informationofficer@townofhurley.org.

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UPCOMING TOWN GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 20: Town Board, 7 p.m. Town Hall

Thursday, June 22: Planning Board, 6 p.m., Town Hall (note new start time)

Wednesday, July 5: Town Board (workshop), 7 p.m. Town Hall

Thursday, July 13: Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, July 18: Town Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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



Packed house hears presentation about Comp Plan draft

A standing-room-only crowd (pictured above) filled the Town Hall the evening of Tuesday, June 6, 2023, to hear a presentation – and offer comments – about the draft version of the town’s “2023 Comprehensive Plan Update,” a proposed vision for Hurley for the next 10 to 20 years.

More than 100 people listened to the presentation by Town Planner Bonnie Franson (pictured at right), of the firm Nelson Pope Voorhis. Afterward, about 25 members of the audience weighed in on the draft, made suggestions and asked questions.

Franson’s PowerPoint presentation can be viewed at tinyurl.com/y3c4xubz. The Comprehensive Plan draft, a 63-page document, can be viewed at tinyurl.com/ycjkphrw.

The town also continues to seek input about the draft from Hurley residents and property owners by way of an online survey, which can be accessed and filled out at tinyurl.com/2hxn3wa.

The June 6 presentation and the online survey are steps in a continuing process toward adopting a new Comprehensive Plan for Hurley. Future steps will include discussions by focus groups, interviews with stakeholders, revising the draft based on input, a review by the Ulster County and Hurley Planning Boards, and public hearings.

A Comprehensive Plan FAQ appears on the next page. A complete video of the June 6 meeting, divided into four parts, can be viewed at youtube.com/@hurleycitizens7148.



Questions, answers about town's Comprehensive Plan draft

There have been many questions and concerns, and some misconceptions, about the current draft of the town of Hurley's "2023 Comprehensive Plan Update." What follows aims to answer frequently asked questions, or FAQs, and clear up possible confusion about the draft.

Q. Does adoption of a Comprehensive Plan mean its contents automatically become policy?

A. No. A Comprehensive Plan is a vision statement, not a policy paper. Any recommended changes to town policies in the plan, including zoning regulations, still must go through a separate review and approval process.

Q. Is approval of the plan, as currently written, a done deal?

A. Not by a longshot. The current document is merely the first draft released to the public and Town Board by the town's planning consultant and is based on the input to date. It is subject to revisions, additions and deletions based on input from the public and members of the Town Board.

Q. It seems there was only limited public input before the draft was written. Why?

A. There were several steps of public input in the process, dating back to a committee's initial work in 2019. The process went into hiatus when COVID shut everything down, but two public meetings were held in the fall of 2022, and a survey was posted online. Participation was limited, but it was fair to assume the people who weighed in were the residents who were most passionate about the process, so their opinions were given appropriate consideration. But there will be additional opportunities for the public to make recommendations before the draft is revised and ultimately approved.

Q. Does the Comprehensive Plan, as currently drafted, seek to block development?

A. It does not. The town has no desire to prevent either residential or non-residential development; it simply wants to ensure such development is properly located and in the best interests of the community, its residents and the environment.

Q. Does the draft call for limiting major subdivisions townwide?

A. No, but there are recommendations regarding these subdivisions, such as clarifying cluster regulations, ensuring good design standards, allowing private roads, and complying with New York State's Town Law.

Q. Isn't the town putting the cart before the horse by working toward adoption of a Comprehensive Plan before making any changes to local zoning laws?

A. No. Under New York State law, in order to adopt land-use regulations, a Comprehensive Plan must be adopted first so that zoning is consistent with the plan.

Q. Will existing large retailers in the town, such as the Hannaford supermarket in West Hurley, be affected if the Comprehensive Plan's recommendations about large stores are enacted?

A. No. The plan's proposed restriction of large retailers is aimed at so-called "superstores" the size of Walmart, Lowe's or Home Depot. Further, no existing businesses in Hurley will have to make any changes based on the plan.

Q. How will Hurley's non-residential zones be affected by the Comprehensive Plan?

A. They won't be. No changes are proposed to the town's B-2 and I-1 zones, and the plan does not call for downsizing any non-residential zones. (It actually calls for additional non-residential zones to be created.)

Q. The draft refers to possibly installing new sidewalks along Main Street in Old Hurley and Route 375 in West Hurley. What is the likelihood of this happening?

A. Depends on where. Participants in the input process requested improved pedestrian access in various parts of the town, notably West Hurley. But there are limited opportunities to provide safe pedestrian access along portions of Route 375 in West Hurley, and installing sidewalks there would require approval from the state Department of Transportation, which maintains the road. New sidewalks in Old Hurley would require grant money.

Q. Is the Comprehensive Plan process almost over, and can I still provide input about the draft?

A. No, and yes. There will be discussions about the plan by focus groups, interviews with stakeholders, revisions to the draft based on public input, reviews by the Ulster County and Hurley Planning Boards, and public hearings. There also is an online survey about the draft posted at tinyurl.com/2hxnm3wa, and suggestions and comments may be emailed to supervisor@townofhurley.org.

In memoriam: Longtime Town Clerk Judy Mayhon



The Hurley community mourns the passing of longtime Town Clerk Judy Mayhon.

Judy died on Friday, June 2, 2023, at age 70 after an illness.

Judy (pictured at left) first was elected Town Clerk in November 2007 and was re-elected every two years after that through November 2021. She previously worked as a Deputy Town Clerk.

She also was active with Hurley Library and at one time ran a Senior Soup program at the Town Hall.

"I was so sorry to learn of Judy's passing," Hurley Supervisor Melinda McKnight said. "Throughout her years in public service, she served the Town and its residents with dedication. I, the Town Board and the staff send her family our deepest condolences."

Judy's husband of 50 years, Gary, died this past February. She is survived by one daughter, five siblings, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Another daughter died previously.

A memorial service for Judy was held on June 11.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Hurley Library, P.O. Box 660, Hurley, NY 12443.

Board appoints Deputy Clerk Annie Reed to succeed Judy Mayhon



The Hurley Town Board has appointed Deputy Town Clerk Annie Reed to serve as Town Clerk for the remainder of 2023.

The vote on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, to appoint Reed was 3-0, with two members absent.

Annie succeeds Judy Mayhon, who died on Friday, June 2, after an illness. Judy had been Town Clerk since January 2008.

Annie joined the Town Hall staff in January 2022 as executive assistant to Town Supervisor Melinda McKnight and became a Deputy Town Clerk later in the year.

She served in the Town Clerk's capacity during Judy's illness.

Annie was born in Macon, Ga., and grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area of California. She earned a bachelor's degree in speech communication, with a minor in scientific technical communication, from Portland State University in Oregon, and she worked in university administration positions at Texas A&M/Corpus Christi and the University of Texas at Austin until her retirement about 10 years ago.

Annie and her husband, Michael Goss, a Hudson Valley native, moved to West Hurley in 2014 – having left Texas "to escape the heat," she said. After moving here, Annie worked for Woodstock Yoga for several years.

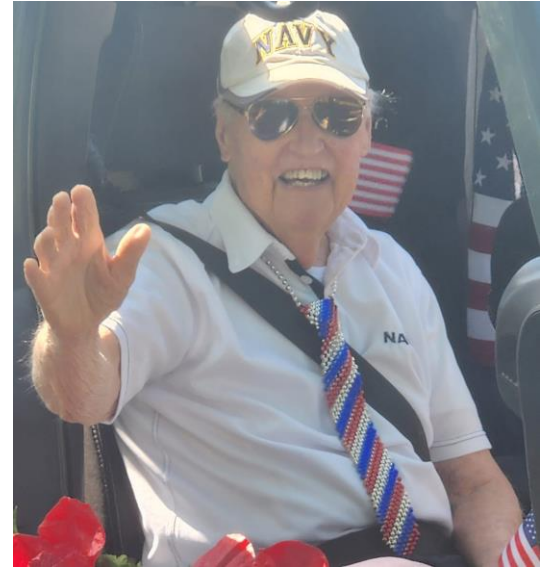
Annie said the Town of Hurley is her "favorite place" to live and that she'll "never leave."

She and her husband have two children, two grandchildren and a dog.

Annie said it was a "pleasure" working with Judy and that she's "deeply saddened" by the former clerk's passing.

Memorial Day 2023: Parade and ceremony photos

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Thanks to all who helped make Memorial Day events possible

The Hurley Memorial Day Parade and ceremony on Monday, May 29, were wonderful and well-attended events held under sunny skies, and the town thanks everyone who participated and turned out to watch.

Special thanks to:

- Samara Genee, executive assistant to the town supervisor, who was the lead organizer of the parade and the post-parade ceremony.
- Deputy Town Supervisor Peter Humphries, for helping secure donations that made the event both possible and affordable, and for setting up the post-parade ceremony area and planting the flowers where the ceremony was held.
- The Town Highway Department for, among other things, sweeping the Town Hall parking lot and parade route; placing “No Parking” signs along and near the route; and helping to set up the lineup area.
- Parade Grand Marshal Ron Gibbons Sr., a U.S. Navy veteran of the World War II era and a 62-year resident of Hurley, for both his service to our country and his participation in the parade.
- Town maintenance employee Matt Hesley, for picking up the various food items and supplies and delivering them to the Town Hall, and for helping set up and break down the ceremony site, along with Annie Reed and Donna Cudney from the Town Clerk’s Office.
- Erin Stewart, from the town Building Department, who worked the grill at the post-parade gathering, with help from Samara Genee, Annie Reed, Town Bookkeeper Leslie McKewan and town resident Doreen Meyers. Thanks, also, to Erin’s twin daughters and Samara’s daughter for helping out at the food table.
- Town Councilman Rev. Gregory Simpson, for delivering the invocation at the post-parade ceremony.
- Members of the Kingston High School Choir, who performed the National Anthem during the ceremony.
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5086, for its participation in the ceremony.
- Town Public Information Officer Jeremy Schiffres, for emceeding the ceremony.
- Local businesses that donated to the day’s events: Woodstock Landscaping, Home Depot, Lowe’s, Adams Fairacre Farms, Stewart’s Shops, and refrigerator truck owner Karl Brueckner.
- The New York State Police, for traffic and crowd control; and the THikit printing company, whose property on Zandhoek Road served as the parade lineup area.



Town Hall employees Annie Reed, left, Samara Genee, center, and Erin Stewart cook and serve hot dogs outside the Town Hall after the Hurley Memorial Day Parade on May 29. (Photo by Bill McKnight)

Renegades to recognize Mountain Valley Little League

The Mountain Valley Little League, whose players live in the Onteora Central School District, will be recognized at the Hudson Valley Renegades game on Friday, June 30, at Heritage Financial Park (formerly Dutchess Stadium) in Fishkill.

The \$25 admission price for Mountain Valley Little League Night includes reserved seating and a Renegades hat. Also available online at the time of purchase are \$10 meal vouchers and \$5 ice cream vouchers.

Part of the proceeds from every purchase will be donated to the Mountain Valley Little League, and MVLL players in attendance will get to warm up on the field before the game.

For complete details and to buy tickets, go to tinyurl.com/4wcbkzmd. Buyers will receive an email from the address noreply@fevogm.com with instructions to access the tickets. Hats and the meal and ice cream vouchers can be picked up at the stadium's Guest Services Booth the day of the game.

The game, between the Renegades and the Wilmington Blue Rocks, starts at 7:05 p.m. Online purchases must be made by 5:05 p.m. that day.

Fireworks are planned for after the game.



State seeks public input about internet access

New York State is asking its residents to complete an online survey about their internet access.

The New York Internet Access Survey will aid in the effort to obtain public funding to expand high-speed internet service, according to the Ulster County Comptroller's Office.

The survey is posted at tinyurl.com/2yrr2vky. Filling it out should take no more than 15 minutes.

The survey will close on June 30.

Your town newsletter

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PAGE 1 PHOTO: Vehicles make their way along Main Street in Hurley during the town's annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2023. See more photos on pages 5, 6 and 7.

Primary Day is June 27; early voting runs through June 25

Primary Day is **TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023**. Only people registered in a political party can vote in that party's primary.

Early voting for the primaries began on Saturday, June 17, and **ends on SUNDAY, JUNE 25**.

Complete information about early voting, including locations, can be found online at elections.ulstercountyny.gov/early-voting. To determine the location of your Primary Day polling place, go to the website vic.ntsdata.com/home/ulster and enter your residential address.

For additional information, call the Ulster County Board of Elections at (845) 334-5470.

Dispose of household hazardous waste at June 25 event



UCRRA
ULSTER COUNTY
RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) EVENT

FREE | EASY | SAFE

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
8AM - 12PM

SUN. JUNE 25, 2023
999 FLATBUSH RD.
KINGSTON, NY 12401



ULSTER COUNTY RESIDENTS &
RESIDENTIAL WASTE ONLY.
OUT OF COUNTY WASTE OR
COMMERCIAL WASTE IS
PROHIBITED.

IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM THAT IS NOT LISTED HERE, PLEASE
CONTACT UCRRA AT 845-336-3336 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

ACCEPTED & UNAUTHORIZED WASTE

ACCEPTED ITEMS

ADHESIVES & GLUES
AEROSOL SPRAYS
PROPANE TANKS (ALL TYPES)
MERCURY DEVICES
AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS (NO MOTOR OIL)
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
POOL CHEMICALS
OIL, LATEX, & LEAD-BASED PAINTS*
STAINS & VARNISH
WASTE FUEL (ALL TYPES)
FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS
CLEANING CHEMICALS (ALL PURPOSE, AMMONIA, BLEACH)
PESTICIDES & INSECTICIDES

*For more paint
recycling options,
contact Herzogs,
Habitat for Humanity,
Sherwin Williams
Stores, or Saugerties
Lumber. Restrictions
Apply.

UNAUTHORIZED WASTE

NO MOTOR OIL
NO ASBESTOS
NO FIREWORKS & FLARES
NO AMMUNITION/GUN POWDER
NO RODENT SMOKE BOMBS
NO BATTERIES OR ELECTRONICS
NO FREON APPLIANCES
NO SMOKE DETECTORS
NO MEDICAL WASTE
NO MEDICATIONS & SHARPS
NO EMPTY CONTAINERS
NO CONTAINERS > 5GAL
NO NON-HAZARDOUS TRASH
NO COMMERCIAL WASTE

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency will accept household hazardous waste from county residents, at no cost, on Sunday, June 25, 2023.

The event will run from 8 a.m. to noon at the RRA site, 999 Flatbush Road (Route 32) in the Town of Ulster.

The event is for Ulster County residents only, and no commercial waste will be accepted. Appointments for drop-off must be made in advance at tinyurl.com/3p9u6zvb.

The image posted at left lists waste items that will and won't be accepted at the event.

For more information, go to ucrra.org/waste-recycling/hazardous/hhw-events or call (845) 336-3336.

Earlier start time for town Planning Board meetings

Beginning June 22, Hurley Planning Board meetings, which are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, will start at 6 p.m., an hour earlier than previously. The board's meetings are in the Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place, and are open to the public.

Water rate increase smaller than company requested



The New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) has authorized Hudson Valley Water Co. to raise its usage rates by about 3%, sharply less than the company's requested hike of more than 20%.

The increase took effect June 1.

Hudson Valley Water Co. serves roughly 435 customers in Ulster County, including about 65 in West Hurley. It also has customers in the towns of Rosendale, Marletown, Olive and Saugerties.

The West Hurley system uses three wells, a corrosion-control treatment system, two below-ground finished water storage tanks, two booster pumps, and a hydropneumatic tank inside the pump house, according to the PSC.

Hudson Valley Water Co.'s last rate increase, of about 11.5%, took effect on Jan. 1, 2019.

The PSC's new decision, issued May 19, 2023, can be viewed online at tinyurl.com/v3j79p8s.

'GOING GREEN AT HOME': Climate Smart Hurley has posted an article written for Scenic Hudson by Erin Wysocki-Nylen called "#ClimateControl: Going Green at Home by 2030," and encourages town residents to read it. The article can be accessed on the Climate Smart website at tinyurl.com/4p3jndtw.

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 (current and previous):** townofhurley.org/about/pages/budget
- **Town Board meeting minutes (all from 2007 to 2023 are now posted):** townofhurley.org/node/1291/minutes
- **Senior news and events:** townofhurley.org/hurley-seniors
- **Transfer Station information:** townofhurley.org/transfer-station-recycling-center
- **Highway Department information:** townofhurley.org/highway-department
- **Job and board/committee openings:** townofhurley.org/job-and-board-openings
- **Newsletter (current and back issues):** townofhurley.org/home/pages/happening-hurley-newsletter

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Things to do at the Hurley and West Hurley libraries

HURLEY LIBRARY 48 Main St.

(845) 338-2092, hurleylibrary.org

NOTE: Both libraries will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

SUNDAY, July 2

Summer Reading Session kickoff – 1:30 p.m.

MONDAYS

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

Drop-In Tech Help – 3 to 5 p.m.

TUESDAYS

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 6

Crafting With Malina – 4 to 6 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Dungeons & Dragons – 4 to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, July 15

Outdoor Story Time: History of the Post Office – 1 p.m.



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.

WEDNESDAY, June 21

Board meeting – 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS, June 21, June 28, July 5

Knit, Etc. – 6 to 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, July 10

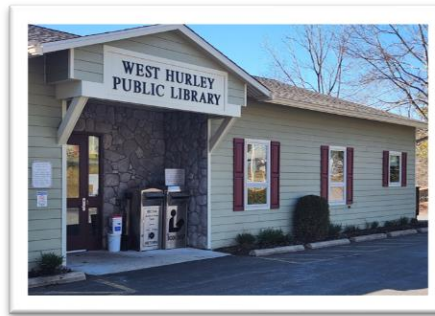
Book Discussion Group (“The Maid” A Novel,” by Nita Prose – 6 to 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, July 19

Board meeting – 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, July 8

Bus trip to the Bronx Zoo, sponsored by both libraries and the town. Details online at tinyurl.com/27f9832j.



Free outdoor movie at West Hurley firehouse

The West Hurley Fire Department and West Hurley Library are hosting a free Outdoor Movie Night on Thursday, June 29, starting at 8 p.m. at the firehouse, 24 Wall St.

The movie will be “Top Gun Maverick” (2022, rated PG-13), starring Tom Cruise.

Popcorn, other snacks and beverages will be available.

People planning to attend should bring lawn chairs and/or blankets.

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 are posted on the town's website and Facebook page as they occur.)

Primary Day: Tuesday, June 27

Independence Day: Tuesday, July 4

Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 4

Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day: Monday, Oct. 9

Christmas: Monday, Dec. 25

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

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



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Town Hall: (845) 331-7474, then press:

1 for the Town Court

2 for the Town Clerk's Office

3 for the Building Department (or ext. 315 for Code Enforcement)

4 for the Assessor's Office

5 for the Supervisor's Office

Transfer Station: (845) 338-5412

Highway Department: (845) 338-4067

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