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Your voice matters: Fill out Comp Plan survey

The town is seeking input from Hurley residents and property owners, as well as people who work in the community, about the recently released draft of the town's "2023 Comprehensive Plan Update."

The draft can be viewed online at tinyurl.com/ycjkphrw. **The survey can be filled out at tinyurl.com/2hxn3wa.**

A presentation about the Comprehensive Plan draft will be made by Town Planner Bonnie Franson during the meeting of the Hurley Town Board scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, in the Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place. (Note: The meeting starts an hour earlier than usual.) Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment about the draft during that meeting.

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UPCOMING TOWN GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Thursday, May 25: Planning Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, June 6: Town Board, 6 p.m., Town Hall (moved from WH firehouse)

Thursday, June 8: Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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

Thursday, June 22: Planning Board, 6 p.m., Town Hall

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

Property assessment challenges will be heard May 23



Appointments required for Grievance Day; complaint form must be filled out in advance

The Hurley Board of Assessment Review will hear property assessment challenges starting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2023 (Grievance Day), in the Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place.

Property owners wishing to challenge their assessments that day must make an appointment in advance by calling the Town Assessor's Office at (845) 331-7474, ext. 4, or emailing assessor@townofhurley.org.

Property owners who wish to grieve their 2023 assessments will need to submit a Grievance Application (Form RP-524) to the Town Assessor's Office by May 22. The application can be found online at tinyurl.com/39edz84d. (Instructions for filling out the form are at tinyurl.com/3e66hd58.)

Completed applications should be emailed to assessor@townofhurley.org or mailed to Town Assessor's Office, P.O. Box 569, Hurley, NY 12443.

West Hurley Fire Department hosts 'Touch-a-Truck' event June 4



The West Hurley Fire Department will host its annual Touch-a-Truck event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at the firehouse, 24 Wall St.

The event, open to the public and free to attend, will allow children of all ages to climb into and explore the department's many types of emergency response vehicles.

There also will be a bounce house, face painting, a food concession stand and other vendors.

Your town newsletter

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PAGE 1 PHOTO: Statue of Liberty-themed art created by students at E.C. Myer Elementary School in Hurley is displayed inside the Hurley Town Hall on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. (See article on page 8.)

Town earns Bronze status from NY Climate Smart program



Taking Local Action to Combat Climate Change

THE TOWN OF

Hurley

IS A

Bronze Certified

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY

2023



The Town of Hurley and its Climate Smart Task Force would like to thank and congratulate everyone involved in securing Bronze certification for the town from New York State's Climate Smart Communities Program:

- Climate Smart Task Force members Kristen Schara, Lynne Bailey, Erin Nylen and Peter McKnight
- Town Supervisor Melinda McKnight and the Town Board
- The Town Conservation Advisory Council, Highway Department and Clerk's Office
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County
- Ulster County Climate Smart Committee
- Partners for Climate Action – Hudson Valley

Hurley is one of 19 localities in the state to earn Climate Smart Communities certification this year. The honorees were announced on April 21.

To achieve Climate Smart certification, local governments accumulate points for planning and implementing actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve community resilience to the impacts of climate change. The certification report for Hurley, which lists actions the town took to be certified a Climate Smart Community, can be viewed online at tinyurl.com/2p9a54hn.

Established in 2009, the Climate Smart Communities program provides guidance and technical support to local governments to take locally driven climate action. The first step to becoming a Climate Smart Community is pledging to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change. To date, 377 local governments representing more than 9.4 million New Yorkers have adopted the Climate Smart Communities pledge.

Earth Day cleanup crew targets town Transfer Station area



The area around the town Transfer Station on Dug Hill Road in West Hurley is a bit tidier thanks to an Earth Day cleanup held Saturday, April 22.

The event was organized by Peter Humphries, the town's Deputy Supervisor, and among the cleanup crew were Supervisor Melinda McKnight, Deputy Clerk Annie Reed and Hurley residents Tobe and Meg Carey.

The photo here, taken by Tobe Carey, shows Reed, left, and Meg Carey with bags full of trash they picked up during the event.

Tobe Carey also shot a video that features both the West Hurley cleanup and a cleanup on Old Route 28 in Glenford. It can be viewed online at youtu.be/pqd8SSnx2Rg.

Ron Gibbons Sr. is Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshal



The Grand Marshal of this year's Hurley Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, will be Ron Gibbons Sr., who served in the U.S. Navy near the end of and after World War II and has lived in Hurley for 62 years.

Gibbons, 95, was drafted in June 1945 and was assigned to the San Francisco-based USS Hornet CV-12 aircraft carrier with the rank of Fireman First Class (F1C).

A native of Gloversville, NY, Gibbons said 14 people in the one-block area where he grew up served in the U.S. military during World War II.

After serving in the Navy, Gibbons (shown in the photo at left in the Town Hall on Monday, May 11, 2023) attended Rider College in New Jersey and then Champlain College in Plattsburgh, NY, where

he played center on the varsity football team. After college, he worked for General Electric in Schenectady – where he discovered he and a colleague had served simultaneously on the USS Hornet – and then for IBM in the town of Ulster, from which he retired in 1990.

But Gibbons isn't fully retired. You can find him at Lowe's in the town of Ulster, where he's been employed for 15 years and currently works in the Garden Department from 6 a.m. to noon every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

"If you sit, you're going to vegetate," he said of why he still holds down a job. "You have to keep moving."

Gibbons also worked as a crew member on the Hudson River tour boat Rip Van Winkle for four years.

Gibbons lives on Hilltop Drive in Hurley with his wife of 65 years, Mary. He has four children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is a member of the American Legion.

Look for him in the Grand Marshal vehicle during the Hurley Memorial Day Parade, which starts at 10 a.m. May 29 at the THikit print shop, 185 Zandhoek Road. The parade will proceed northwest on Zandhoek Road, turn right at the end of the Hurley Cemetery property, cross Hurley Avenue, travel the length of Main Street, cross Wynkoop Road, turn left on Wamsley Place and end in front of the Town Hall, where there will be a ceremony, hot dogs and beverages.

The parade route is about 1.5 miles. The route map can be found online at tinyurl.com/5n6n8ud2.

The Hurley Heritage Society Museum, which is along the parade route at 52 Main St., will have a bake sale on its front lawn during the parade, with fresh-brewed coffee and bottled water available.

A list of parade participants appears on the next page.

Hurley Memorial Day Parade participants, in lineup order



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Veterans of Foreign Wars 2. Boy Scouts 3. Elected officials 4. Grand Marshal Ron Gibbons Sr. 5. West Hurley Fire Department 6. Hurley Fire Department 7. Spring Lake Fire Department 8. Hurley Senior Citizens 9. EmAySea Advertising 10. Kingston High School Drum Line, Color Guard 11. Hurley Heritage Society | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Climate Smart Hurley 13. Hurley Library 14. Hurley Lions Club 15. E.C. Myer Elementary School 16. Cub Scouts 17. Girl Scouts 18. Mountain Valley Little League 19. Hurley Nursery School 20. Hurley Recreation Association 21. First Capital Corvettes 22. Hurley Highway Department |
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Check out these upcoming events at the Hurley Reformed Church, 11 Main St.

Hurley Reformed Church, Main St., Hurley, NY

YARD SALE

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

6/3/23 8AM-3PM

SPOTS FOR RENT
\$25. DAY

Call Kelly **845-532-2995**
TO RESERVE A SPOT

All proceeds benefit the Hurley Reformed Church, Main St., Hurley NY

Drive-Up Take-Out **Brook's** Chicken BBQ from Ontario, NY Drive-Up Take-Out

June 13, 2023

4:00pm - 6:00pm

1/2 chicken, coleslaw, baked potato, dinner roll & dessert **\$15.00**

To Pre-Order Call: **845-331-4121**

Primary Day is June 27; important deadlines approaching

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

Important dates:

- The last day to apply for an absentee ballot for the primaries is **MONDAY, JUNE 12**.
- The voter registration deadline for those who want to vote in the primaries is **SATURDAY, JUNE 17**.
- Early voting for the primaries begins 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 or visit the Board's office at 79 Hurley Ave. in Kingston (the former Daily Freeman building), Suite 112.

Dispose of household hazardous waste at June 25 event

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

UCRRA
ULSTER COUNTY
RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) EVENT

FREE | EASY | SAFE

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
8 AM - 12 PM

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.

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 here 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.

Power outage tried to kill time, but we beat the clock!



Back from its near-death experience, the clock above the main entrance at the Hurley Town Hall on Wamsley Place is showing the correct time after more than three months of suffering from idle hands.

The clock stopped during a power outage on Feb. 2, 2023, and failed to restart when the power was restored a few hours later. Our best guess is a surge occurred when the electricity came back on and fried the clock's motor, causing time to stand still – at least metaphorically.

We then had to endure a long delay waiting for a new motor from an out-of-state vendor, but it finally arrived in late April and was installed by our building maintenance staff on Monday, May 1.

So once again, time is on our side. Or front.

(Photo: The newly repaired clock is shown on Monday, May 1, 2023.)

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS REMINDER

The Town Hall will be closed **MONDAY, MAY 29, for Memorial Day**, and **MONDAY, JUNE 19, for Juneteenth**. Also, because the town Transfer Station is closed every Monday, it will not operate on the Tuesdays immediately following the two holidays.

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:** 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

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.



Elementary schoolers' artwork brightens up Town Hall



The entryway and main hallway at the Town Hall on Wamsley Place have been covered with Statue of Liberty artwork created by talented students at E.C. Myer Elementary School, just across U.S. Route 209 from the Town Hall.

The pieces, some of which are shown here (and in the photo on page 1), were hung by Myer PTA members on May 13, ahead of the students' May 20 trip to the statue. Art teacher Georgia Lentzos-Scott guided the students to create the pieces for the Myer Art Show and Silent Auction, a fundraiser for the trip.

The works will remain on display in the Town Hall through Memorial Day. Come have a look whenever the building is open, or after the town's Memorial Day Parade.

To see a video of the project posted by the Myer PTA, go to tinyurl.com/45ubcvf.



The minutes are adding up ... literally

When the town changed its website hosting company last spring, some items posted on the old site did not carry over to the new one. Notable among the lost postings were the minutes from about 15 years' worth of Town Board meetings.

We're working to rectify this.

Prior to the current effort, the only Town Board minutes on our current website were from 2020, 2022 and 2023. We now are posting the missing minutes in reverse chronological order until we get to January 2007, the earliest date for which we have digital documents available. We hope to complete the task by Memorial Day, but it could be a bit later.

The Town Board Meeting Minutes section of our website can be found at tinyurl.com/yem44hwt.



MEETING MINUTES

Things to do at Hurley and West Hurley libraries

HURLEY LIBRARY 48 Main St.

(845) 338-2092, hurleylibrary.org

WEST HURLEY LIBRARY 42 Clover St.

(845) 679-6405, westhurleylibrary.org

NOTE: Both libraries will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day

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, June 1

Library Board meeting – 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Dungeons & Dragons – 4 to 6 p.m.

TUESDAYS (May 30-June 27)

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.

THURSDAY, May 25

Old West Hurley Local History Presentation – 7 to 8 p.m., West Hurley Firehouse, 24 Wall St. Event is an introduction to the collections of Hobart and Allen Rowe, presented by Kara Lubister. Admission is free.

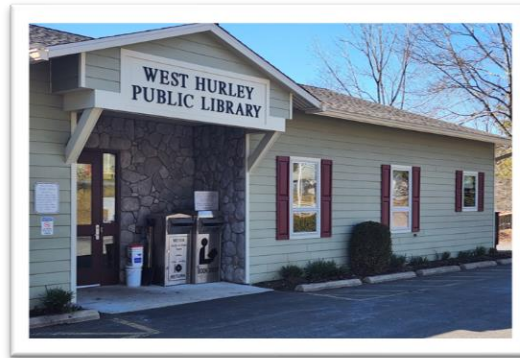
Register at (845) 679-6405 or tinyurl.com/y57y57dm.

MONDAY, June 12

Book Discussion Group (“Fifty Words for Rain,” by Asha Lemmie) – 6 to 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, June 21

Library Board meeting – 7 p.m.



Bronx Zoo bus trip planned for July 8

The Hurley and West Hurley libraries, along with the town, are sponsoring a bus trip to the Bronx Zoo on Saturday, July 8.

The bus will depart at 8 a.m. from Kingston Plaza – near the baseball field at the Hannaford end of the property. The bus will leave the zoo for the trip home at 4 p.m. and arrive back in Kingston about 6 p.m.

The cost of \$20 per person covers transportation and zoo admission, which includes access to the zoo’s Star Attractions: the Bug Carousel, Butterfly Garden, Children’s Zoo, Congo Gorilla Forest, JungleWorld, Nature Trek, Wild Asia Monorail and Zoo Shuttle.

Lunch can be brought from home (no glass bottles) or purchased at the zoo. Tips for the bus driver are optional.

Advance payment, by cash or check only, is required to secure a spot. Tickets can be purchased at the main desk of either library (Hurley at 48 Main St., West Hurley at 42 Clover St.). Town residents can buy tickets starting May 22; sales will be open to the general public starting June 19. All ticket sales are final. No refunds will be available for cancellations.

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.)

Memorial Day: Monday, May 29

Juneteenth: Monday, June 19

Primary Day: Tuesday, June 27

Independence Day: Tuesday, July 4

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.)



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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

1 for the Town Court

4 for the Assessor's Office

2 for the Town Clerk's Office

5 for the Supervisor's Office

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

Transfer Station: (845) 338-5412

Highway Department: (845) 338-4067

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