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From Town Supervisor Melinda McKnight

Hurley: A Beautiful Community

It's no secret that our town has much to offer and is incredibly beautiful. From our Historic Main Street and the farmland cultivated for centuries, to the Ashokan Reservoir and Catskill Mountains, beauty surrounds us, and we are truly blessed to live in such a place.

When I thought more deeply about the qualities and characteristics that contribute to the beauty of a community, I remembered how some of my neighbors and I were brought together in the days following Hurricane Irene. We spent a few evenings sharing food together and began to build relationships. Those days were the true definition of a "beautiful community,"

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UPCOMING TOWN GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Tuesday, Sept. 5: Town Board (workshop), 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Sept. 14: Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m. Town Hall

Tuesday, Sept. 19: Town Board, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Sept. 28: Planning Board, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 3: Town Board (workshop), 7 p.m., Town Hall

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

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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

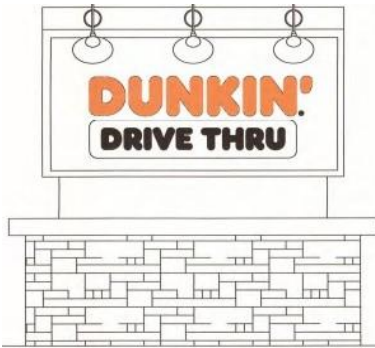
➤ **Senior news and events:** townofhurley.org/hurley-seniors

➤ **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

Planning Board gives conditional OK to Dunkin' proposal



The Town Planning Board voted on Wednesday, Aug. 30, to approve Southern Development and Realty LLC's site plan to construct a drive-thru Dunkin' shop at the corner of Routes 28 and 375 in West Hurley.

The resolution to grant the approval contains numerous conditions the developer must meet before a building permit will be issued.

Complete details – including the text of the resolution, a list of minor changes made to it, and a statement from the Planning Board – are posted on the town website at tinyurl.com/3uweekud.

The vote to approve the site plan was 5-0, with no abstentions and three members absent. Those not attending were Diana Cline, Debbie Kosar and Griff Liewa.

Central Hudson's proposed rate hikes face public hearings

The New York State Public Service Commission will hold four public hearings about Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.'s proposal to increase its delivery rates for electricity and natural gas by 16% and 19%, respectively.

The hearings, which will be held virtually and by phone, are scheduled for 1 and 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, and 1 and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Instructions for accessing the hearings are posted on the Town of Hurley website at tinyurl.com/39nyj4f4.

Central Hudson wants the higher delivery rates to take effect July 1, 2024.

Hurley: A Beautiful Community (continued)

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where each of us is allowed to be who we are while also considering the health and well-being of one another and the place where we live.

It means being mindful of the impact each of us has on one another and treating others as we would want to be treated. In a "beautiful community," we respect our differences and understand that differences can make us stronger rather than tear us apart.

Part of being a "beautiful community" is to ensure the financial resources of Hurley serve the community and its residents. As a taxpayer and as the town's Fiscal Officer, I view the responsible use of taxes as: 1) ensuring town employees have what they need to serve you; 2) taking care of town buildings and facilities that are owned by the taxpayers; 3) contributing positively to the quality of life in Hurley;

and 4) ensuring the town can meet its needs moving forward by planning and saving for the future.

Every day, I call upon my 30 years of experience in managing large budgets and knowledge of organizational management to use a "systems approach" to managing town finances. That means budget decisions are made based on how efficiently each aspect of the town is functioning. To those unfamiliar with this approach, it can be unsettling, as it represents a shift away from how things as have been done in the past. As both Supervisor and a resident, I have Hurley's best interests at heart. I assure you I am doing what is necessary to ensure our town functions efficiently and cost-effectively.

In my time serving as Supervisor, I have appreciated meeting many residents. And to those I have not met, please know that my door is always open.

HOW WE SERVE YOU: Town Building Department

“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 Building Department.

The primary functions of the Hurley Building Department are issuing building permits; inspecting building construction projects to ensure compliance with town codes; conducting safety, fire and floodwater inspections; and issuing certificates of occupancy.

The Building Department also partners with the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to review site plans and applications for subdivisions and special-use permits.



Reasons to contact the Building Department

1. To obtain a building permit. This permit is needed for all code-regulated work, including – but not limited to – home construction, generator installations, electrical panel upgrades, putting in a swimming pool, and adding an accessory structure to your property (e.g. garage or carport), or creating a solar energy array.
2. If you are doing work or have completed work under an existed permit and need a required inspection.
3. If you have any questions regarding New York State Building Codes for any current or future project.
4. If you are interested in using your property as a short-term rental (e.g. Airbnb). *NOTE: All short-term rentals in Hurley require an operating permit to be issued by the Building Department.*

Answers to FAQs

1. Do I need permission or a building permit to put a fence? No. Fences up to 6 feet in height are allowed.
2. What about driveway cuts? These require approval by the Hurley Highway Department: (845) 331-7474, ext. 402.
3. Who do I contact before installing a new septic system? These require prior approval from the Ulster County Department of Health: (845) 340-3150.

How to reach us

The Building Department office is in the Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place (on your left, just inside the main entrance).

Phone: (845) 331-7474, option 3. Email: building@townofhurley.org.

AROUND THE TOWN HALL: Info from our departments

Assessor's Office

School tax bills will be mailed to Hurley residents in September by the Kingston and Onteora districts.

These bills are sent directly from the districts' offices, and copies can be obtained only from them.

Additionally, residents who do not receive the STAR deduction on their school tax bills but instead are registered with the state for the STAR Credit should get their checks in September.

Taxpayers who have questions about the STAR program should call (518) 457-2036 between 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. weekdays or between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekends.

Planning/Zoning

The Hurley Planning Board consists of seven Hurley residents and up to two alternates, **all of whom are all volunteers**. They review applications for subdivisions, lot line adjustments, site plans, subdivisions, special use permits, certificates of appropriateness, and visual assessments.

Each member of the Planning Board serves a seven-year term. The Board meets on the fourth Thursday of each month, except August. The deadline to get an item on a meeting's agenda is three weeks prior (**no exceptions**).

The Town Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) consists of seven Hurley residents, **all of whom are volunteers**. They review appeals, as well as applications for area variances and use variances.

Each ZBA member serves a seven-year term. The Board meets on the second Thursday of each month. The deadline to get an item on a meeting's agenda is two weeks prior (**no exceptions**).

To submit an application to the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals, a request first must be

reviewed by Zoning Enforcement Officer Tom Tryon. He can be reached at (845) 331-7474, ext. 317, or ttryon@townofhurley.org.

Planning and zoning questions can be emailed to Planning and Zoning Clerk Maggie Colan at planning@townofhurley.org.

Public Information

The Town of Hurley website now has a "**Disaster Preparedness**" section. It can be found at tinyurl.com/2k5w6x3z or on the drop-down menu under the "Community" heading at townofhurley.org.

The section, with Hurley-specific content prepared by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, includes myriad resources and information to help residents prepare for and deal with disasters and other emergencies. It covers a wide range of topics, from developing a family emergency plan to the relationship between climate change and natural disasters.

The section includes, among other things, information about what to do before, during and after a disaster; how to access emergency services; and how to get electronic updates about emergencies. It also has tips for food and water safety, emergency shelter locations, guidance about dealing with power and/or gas outages, and suggestions for protecting pets and livestock.

The "Disaster Preparedness" section is the result of conversations between the town and Cornell Cooperative Extension that began early this year, and the tireless work by CCE to compile vital information in a way that's easily accessible and understandable.

The section was launched on Aug. 4 but remains a work in progress. Information will be added to it in the coming weeks and months.

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.



Project puts former Hurley Police Department in spotlight

Philip Sinagra Jr., a Hurley resident who has worked as a police officer for towns in Ulster and Orange counties, has created a replica of a Hurley police car (pictured) that he displays at car shows. He now is looking for photos of the former Hurley Police Department's cars and its officers, as well as department patches and other memorabilia, for use in a history album.



Anyone with items that could help Sinagra's effort is invited to call him at (845) 616-9974.

Flea Market Sept. 9

The West Hurley Fire Department will hold a Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the firehouse, 24 Wall St. Vendors and food trucks are welcome, as are

community members who would like to sell crafts and yard sale items. The cost is \$20 for a 10x10-foot space. Preregistration and payment are required by Sept. 5.

To reserve a spot, call (845) 416-1853 or send an email to whfd.deptsecretary@gmail.com.

Republicans pick candidates for town's November election

Town of Hurley Republicans have nominated the following candidates to run in the Nov. 7 election.

Town Supervisor: Michael Boms

Town Clerk: Tracy Kellogg

Town Highway Superintendent: Michael

Shultis (incumbent)

Town Board: Diana Cline and William Mayhon

Town Justice: John Parker (incumbent)

The Democratic nominees are incumbent Melinda McKnight for Supervisor, incumbent Annie Reed for Clerk, and incumbents Peter Humphries and Gregory Simpson for Town Board seats. In the board race, the top two vote-getters among the three candidates will be elected.

Shultis and Parker have no nominated opponents.

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PAGE 1 PHOTO: A scene along Hurley Avenue, just north of Main Street in Old Hurley.

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

Signing Friends ALS Playgroup WILL NOT BE HELD in September

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 (except on Sept. 28) – 3 to 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, Sept. 7

Board meeting – 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Dungeons & Dragons – 4 to 6 p.m.

** Starting Sept. 14, Toddler and Preschool Story Time at the Hurley Library will be held together at 10 a.m. on Thursdays.*

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

MONDAY, Sept. 11

Book Discussion Group – 6 p.m.

(Topic: “Surviving Savannah,” by Patti Callahan)

WEDNESDAYS

Knit, Etc. – 6 to 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 20

Board meeting – 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, Sept. 7

Budget vote and board election – 4 to 8 p.m.

(More info at westhurleylibrary.org. Budget PDF at tinyurl.com/yuadwt5c.)

SATURDAY, Sept. 9

“Rare Upcoming Sky Spectacles for Our Region,” with astronomer/author Bob Berman – 7 to 8 p.m. For more info and to register, go to tinyurl.com/3vybkpan.

NOTE: Both libraries will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day. The West Hurley Library also will be closed Saturday, Sept. 16.

All meetings of Town Board to be held in Town Hall

Effective immediately, all meetings of the Town Board (held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month) will be in the Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place.

It had been the current board’s practice to hold the first meeting of each month in the West Hurley Fire Department building. But that location lacks the



technology necessary to cast closed captions of a meeting’s discussions, to benefit the hearing-impaired, onto a large video screen. Such captioning is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Town Board meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

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

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

Heritage Society schedules several events for fall 2023

The Hurley Heritage Society will hold the following events in the fall of 2023. Details can be found online at hurleyheritagesociety.org.

- Hurley Walking Tours: Fourth Sunday of each month, though October, starting at 2 p.m.
- Sept. 23: Mum sale pick-up (orders must be placed one to weeks in advance)
- Oct. 9 to Nov. 3: Hurley Scarecrow Invasion
- Oct 18-29: Autumn Auction

- Nov. 25-26: Holiday Sale
- Herbal Wreath Workshop: Check website for dates.
- Library/children's Events: Check website for schedule.

The Hurley Heritage Society Museum, at 52 Main St. in Old Hurley, is open from 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sundays through Oct. 29. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

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, etc.

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 have chosen not to be on X (formerly Twitter) or Threads.

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